

## BRINGELLY BUZZ

1st December 2013

*Presentation  
Night Thursday  
12th December  
J.E.H.S.*

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# Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

The week's news has been punctuated with the disappointing decision of the Federal Government to renege on their promise of funding schools in a more equitable way, taking in school complexity and socio-economic status of the community.

It is especially unfortunate as I had already been discussing and making decisions of 2014-2015 school planning, school staffing and whole school support for students. Schools are indeed complex organisations with the many families and their diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, diverse learning needs of students, the changing curriculums teachers are being professionally developed in, changing use of technology for both students and teachers and the need to manage the social emotional needs of the students and their families.

As I write this, the State and Federal Governments education ministers are meeting in Sydney to discuss the Federal Government decision. If you want to express your point of view you can write/ email/tweet/ to the Federal Minister to disagree with the decision.

### Presentation Night



I welcome all families to attend the annual presentation night on the 12th December. It will be held at John Edmondson High School hall, starting at 6.30 for 7 pm. Children will be given further instructions closer to the date.

### Transition to School

The transition to school programs are nearly completed for this year. There are 19 new Kindy children for 2014. On Thursday 5th December the last *Little Steps To Big School* day / graduation will happen with a morning tea being organised. Parents are asked to bring a small plate to celebrate.

•This week the Year 6 students have also been taken to a MADD performance at John Edmondson High School. This was a musical performance and allowed the students to be part of the audience and to enjoy the musical and drama experiences JEHS has to offer.

### Reports to Parents

Teachers have completed all their class assessments and are writing reports for the year. The reports will be given to students on Monday 16th December. If you are concerned about any issue please contact your child's class teacher before then so an appointment can be made for an interview.



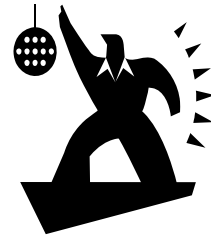
### Numeracy Success

I have been looking at test results in numeracy for the major research topic Bringelly teachers have been involved in this year. This work is currently funded under a Federal government National Partnership with NSW Education. One aspect of number was targeted and children were assessed on this to compare their development between May and November. Most of the children who were selected as finding mathematical concepts difficult, have increased their level of understanding and made solid progress. A full report will appear in the school annual report. This type of analysis allows a school to directly plan and manage training for teachers and school funding towards resourcing and programs. It is doubly disappointing when after a solid year of work focussing on issues of learning proposed funding for additional teaching time, support and teacher training is now not to be available.



**Mrs Keegan's Christmas disco Friday 6th December 7.00pm—9.00pm**

After many requests from her class to have a disco Mrs Keegan agreed and so a school disco with a Christmas theme will be on under the cola. Drinks, lollies and chips will be served. The money raised will be used for a listening post and books for the stage 2 classes. A few teachers will be on hand to supervise but parents are also very welcome to attend.



**School Resource Pack and School Contribution**

The vouchers for the school resource pack and contribution have been sent home. Parents are invited to begin payment after 1 December, which is the start of the school financial year.

Sharyl Scott  
Principal

**FEATHERDALE RECOUNTS BY STUDENTS**

Yesterday K-2 went to Featherdale Wildlife Park. I saw a kangaroo, emu, peacock, owls and an eagle. My favourite animal is the kangaroo and an emu. The emu looks like this – have long legs and they go very fast. An emu can not run backwards. A kangaroo can also run very fast but they can not run backwards either. A koala looks cute and their claws are very sharp. They have to eat poo for six weeks and then they can eat gum leaves. *Bailey 1/2M*



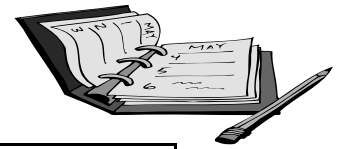
Yesterday K-2 went to Featherdale Wildlife Park. I was so desperate to see the owls. I love the baby kangaroo. He was eating the emus stinky and yucky poo! The penguins were so cute! We went to the learning burrow and saw 4 animals, 1. Koala 2. Snake 3. Tawny Frog Mouth 4. Lizard. I learnt that a male bird has more colourful feathers than the female birds. Lots of animals are walking around loose. *Aleina 1/2M*

On November 27th K-2 went on an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park. We saw a lot of animals. We saw a cassowary, bunnys, echidna, wombats, some different colour birds, owls, some penguins and lots of other animals. I like the emu. I also saw a baby emu. It was a lot of fun. *Mya 1/2B*

On Wednesday the 27th of November and we went with K/1H, 1/2M, 1/2B and we got there on a bus to get to Featherdale Wildlife Park and my teacher was Mrs Foster and Mrs Tedesco. When we got to Featherdale we got into groups then we looked around Featherdale and seen animals which where wedge tail eagles and a double headed lizard. At one hour and twenty five minutes we went to the learning burrow. At the learning burrow we seen a koala and a snake and a frog mouth bird. We seen bats, and bilbys. We seen a kangaroo and emus. There were heaps of people. At the learning burrow we had to sit on wooden seats. We were there for three hours which is very long. *Mitchell 1/2B*



*Dates for your Diaries*



<b>Monday 2nd December</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
<b>Friday 6th December</b>	<b>Disco Last day for PSSA</b>
<b>Monday 9th December</b>	<b>Year 6 Farewell</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	<b>Responsible Pet Program</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	<b>Years 3-6 Bowling</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	<b>K-2 Movies</b>
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	<b>Presentation Night J.E.H.S.</b>
<b>Monday 16th December</b>	<b>Reports sent home</b>
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term for Students</b>



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words*

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words using  
letter sounds*



## Oz Tag Report.

A team of boys and girls from Bringelly took part in the Tiger Tag Day held at Camden. The seniors couldn't come because they had camp.

### Our team was -

Manual, Hudsyn, Frank, Tony T, Douglas, Adam, Nick, Angellina, Zoe, Damian Georgia, Reanon and Emily Soro.

We played 4 games on the day. We won our first game 9 points to 2. We were so excited! We played our second game and won 8 points to 3. We couldn't believe it! Then we won our next two games as well! We were really hot and tired but we were so happy to have won all of our games. The best part was that almost everyone scored. Adam and I got 8 tries each and Frank got 7! Georgia saved the day in our last game and scored a 2 point try. This week we got to go to the South West finals because we won our division. The finals were much harder and unfortunately we only won 1 of our games.

We tried really hard though and played well as a team. Our team would like to say thank-you to all the parents for driving us, bringing us nice cold water, putting up the tent and telling us to stay in the shade so we didn't get sunburnt. Thank-you to Mrs Tedesco for being the loudest cheerleader ever!

Thank-you Mrs Murphy for organizing it for us. I can't wait to play it again next year. I hope we get to the finals again.



By Hudsyn 3/4K

## Christmas Gift Appeal



As Christmas approaches and we are all making our Christmas gift wish lists, it is a good time to think about those people who are not as fortunate as we are.

The Salvation Army assists many families facing difficult situations, which may not be able to buy gifts for their children at Christmas. To get into the true spirit of giving this Christmas, Bringelly Public School will be participating in a Christmas Gift Appeal to help provide gifts for The Salvation Army to distribute to needy families in our area.

If you would like to participate, it's easy!!

- Purchase a small gift suitable for a child from 5 years to 15 years of age.
- Place the gift in a Christmas gift bag, **unwrapped.**
- **Seal the bag with tape. Attach a tag indicating if the gift is for a boy or girl, and the appropriate age.**
- **Bring the gift to school.**
- **Someone from 3/4K will come to each class every morning to collect the gifts.**

We will be collecting gifts from:

**Wednesday 4th (Week 9) until Thursday 12th December (Week 10).**

They will be given to a representative from the Narellan Salvation Army on the Thursday.

This is a great opportunity for our children to really assist other children to have a happy Christmas.

Thank you for your support.  
Mrs Keegan

