



# Principal's Report

**BRINGELLY BUZZ**  
8th April 2013

## Office

## Hours

8.30am

till

11.00pm

## Re-open

12.00 noon

till

3.00pm



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. It is a short term of 9 weeks and with many activities. The formal assessments of NAPLAN start this week and I would like parents to drop and leave the school promptly to allow the school to be quiet and settled in the mornings. The tests will be taking place in the library and in Mrs Sullivan's room.

### School Photos

The whole school turned out in full school uniform and I would like to thank the parents for the cooperation in this request. The school Captains, Vice Captains and Ambassador wore the school blazers which looked very smart. I wish to remind parents that these can be purchased from the school uniform store for your own child for general use.

### School Update

This term the school has reached 162 students on the roll. The increase has allowed the school to be classified differently with a non-teaching principal. I have relinquished my teaching time in Year 5/6. Mrs Sullivan has become the full time teacher on the class and we welcome her additional skills in the Friday program.

The office administration time has also increased and following protocol expressions of interest were called for from staff who had had consistent employment in the office area. Mrs Cazalet and Mrs Borg applied and both have been employed as administration officers in the school. We welcome their enthusiasm bringing with them additional experience from past administration positions.

Mrs Billingham is taking leave for the next two weeks and Mrs Keegan will be acting assistant principal. Please see Mrs Keegan if there are any student welfare issues, or myself, by firstly making an appointment through the office.

### 2014 enrolments

Already parents for kindergarten 2014 are enrolling their children. An orientation program of Little Steps to Big School will be organised

when we know the number of enrolments. If you have a child turning 5 before July next year can you please come to the office for an enrolment package.

### Mothers' Day Gifts.

I want to thank the mothers who have helped buy, wrap presents and help with the raffle. The gifts this year were well received and I would like to think all mums and grandmothers had the very best of Mothers' Day 2014. I had a lovely calm day in my garden with the warm autumn weather to relax in. Congratulations to the winners of the Mothers' Day raffle collected by their children yesterday at midday assembly. From left to right: Reanon Borg, Jessica Alessi and Brock Davis.



### New National Partnership.

Bringelly School has been included in a new National Partnership between the Department of Education and Communities NSW and the Australian Federal Government. Called Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership schools can select either literacy or numeracy areas to professionally develop teacher skills. We have decided to take advantage of this great opportunity for increasing our skills in the area of numeracy. The objective of the program is to improve the performance of students who are falling behind in literacy or numeracy, as well as looking at the ways to scaffold learning for all students. It will mean planning a whole school approach to improve student outcomes in literacy and numeracy. This will involve various collections of data and assessment and looking at best practice through teacher professional learning.

As with the previous research and professional learning Bringelly has undertaken in the last 5 years a whole school approach is the best to cater for our students in our Bringelly setting. There will be times that all classes will be taught by relief teachers as teachers are involved with planning as a whole school staff. Parents will be notified in advance when this is happening in term time. All classes will be planned and managed as per usual, guided by their day to day teacher on these occasions.

**Walk to School Day - All about having Healthy Lives.**

**Walk to School Day is happening on our Gala Day 24 May 2013. On this day Year 3-6 will be walking down to the oval and all students K-6 will be involved in sport. Walk to School Day is part of a national day to think of healthy lives and also about road safety.**

I have been on gate duty several times over the last two weeks and most of the students are patiently waiting for their parents. I want to thank the families who have decided to park down the road from the school and walk up, lessening the congestion at the gate. Statistics sent through to me this week by the Department of Education are very alarming. If asked I would have had no idea the number was so high.

“ Road related crashes are the leading cause of death and serious injury for children in NSW. Over 730 children age 5-16 have been killed or injured in our region over the past few years.”

I ask parents to please carefully remind children to wait until you have collected them and not rush into the road, or away from the school gate unless dismissed by the gate teacher.

Maintenance.

The administration has been given a face lift with a new coat of paint and repairs have been made to replace a rotten wooden bannister on the verandah of the 3/4B class. A new air conditioner has been placed into the Y1/2B class ready for those very cold mornings. The new classroom is nearing completion and last week a new cement pathway has been poured ready for the class is to move from the library in two weeks time.

Premiers Reading and Sports Challenges

The school is involved in both challenges. We are running for cross country training and also continuing with our Zumba classes. Mrs Bright is organising books to go into classes for the Premiers Reading Challenge but every child can enrol through the Premiers Reading website and begin their own reading log. This needs to be completed by

August so start NOW.

*Sharyl Scott*

**Parent Tips**

**Primary and High school**

**NAPLAN – a skills snapshot**

If your child is in Year 3, 5, 7, or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests on May 14-16. And despite what you may have heard there's no need to panic or start an intensive study program with your child.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

**Assignments due?**

Is your child unsure how to work to a deadline? Teach them how to find the end date and work backwards to plan their preparation activities. These assignment starters on popular topics also help kids to kick-start their projects.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

**Primary school**

**Fire station open day**

Kids could have their dreams come true and get to climb up on the big red truck. There will be activities, show bags and a chance for kids and their parents to meet their local firefighting heroes on your local station's open day.

Find out more: [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au)

**Get the maths on risk-taking**

Kids can't cram maths, especially concepts half understood; the foundations must first be in place. Listen to broadcaster and maths fan Adam Spencer on loving maths for our kids' sake and what to do when it's all too hard.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/the-sum-of-us>



**Learn to Swim School Holiday**

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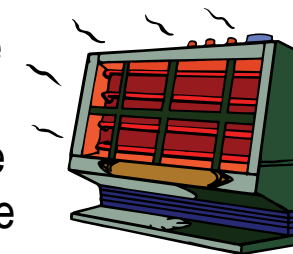
**[www.diveinswim.com.au](http://www.diveinswim.com.au)**

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL FRIDAY 24 MAY 2013**

The annual National Walk Safely to School Day will be held on Friday 24th May 2013. We ask that your child participates and we ask that parents park near Bringelly Oval and have the students walk up to the school still supervised by the parents.

**FOR SALE**

The school has 2 brand new in the box Gas/Electric Pure Fan Forced Heater's of the Belmont range. They are 3.5kw Black/Stainless Steel we looking to sell them to the person who offer's the best price. Please contact the office with your enquires.



**CROSS COUNTRY MONDAY 20TH MAY 2013**

The annual Cross Country Day will be held on the 20th of May **NOT** the 27th as the dates have been changed. The P&C will be holding a meal deal day which the notes will come home soon. All parents are welcome to come watch your child participate on the day. We may even hold parent and staff events if the day runs to plan so get your joggers ready.



**SICK BAY ASTHMA**

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma they need to carry their own Ventolin inhaler's. The office DOES NOT carry spare Ventolin puffers for students who forget to bring their own supply.

Students are also advising office staff that they are asthmatic and puffers are needed when the student has not been diagnosed as asthmatic. If a child has been diagnosed as asthmatic then an Action Plan should be provided to the school as a matter of urgency.

- First Aid Administrator.

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## Dates for your Diaries



May Tuesday 14th- Thursday 16th	NAPLAN Year 3 and 5		
Monday 20th May	Cross Country		School Oval
Tuesday 21st May	Nitbusting Day		School Facilities
Wednesday 22nd May	Chess Competition		
Friday 24th May	Gala Day		K-2 Horsley Park P.S 3-6 Bringelly Oval
Monday 3rd June	1/2M Assembly		

•If you have not put your child's note and money for Gala Day K-2 at Horsley Park P.S can you please return your child's note and money to the front office by Monday 20th May.

•All staff have now been trained for asthma treatment. Any child who has asthma whether it may be severe or mild, requires an action plan and the child must bring in their own puffer and spacer that can be kept with the student at all times. The school cannot provide spacer's due to health restrictions.

### STUDIO 7

**DANCE TIMES**

**1st Session Under 6's 3.15pm**  
**2nd Session Under 9's 4.00pm**  
**3rd Session Under 12's 4.45pm**



Tuesday afternoon's during school terms in the food services unit.

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