

**BRINGELLY BUZZ**  
24th May 2013

*Office hours  
8.30am—3.00pm*

*Closed between  
11.00am—12.00pm  
for lunch.*

*As there is no cash  
kept on the  
premises change is  
not available.*

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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents,  
What a sporty and successful fortnight Bringelly has had!



### Gala Day

Unfortunately for the second time running we have had to cancel the Gala Day. The weather hasn't been kind to us at all. Disappointment was felt by the children who have practised their chosen activity, the teachers who have planned the events and draw and the P&C who had organised the food and volunteers to help on the day at Bringelly Oval. The Horsley Park P&C at Horsley Park school where organising the K-2 students lunch. Although parents said they were very pleased with the amount of water that fell which filled near empty tanks, the ground was wet enough for PSSA sport to also be cancelled as the Liverpool sports grounds were declared closed.

The next Gala Day will be on 2 August in Term 3.

### Oz Tag

The final game for the Green Valley Public School sports Association summer season was played on Friday. The results were Bringelly senior team were the **Premier Oz Tag** in the senior division. Our junior team were the **Premier runner-up Oz Tag team**. Congratulations to the boys for their enthusiasm, energy and great teamwork. They have been coached during lunchtimes by Mr McCroary who has also



organised the transport and been an umpire on the day.

Thank you to the increasing number of mums and dads' who have supported the team with supplying fruit for half time, transporting the boys to the fields and generally being the cheer squad. As this is the first time Bringelly School has entered the public school sports held every Friday it is a fantastic result.

### Chess

Yesterday eight chess teams from the Cowpasture group of schools came to Bringelly to compete in the annual chess day. Mr McCroary has been very busy training the Bringelly team at recess for the past term. The event was held in the library and while might expect only senior students to be involved, you would be wrong. After a competition in each school the final teams were those children who proved winners in their own school and very good at strategic thinking. The youngest competitor was in Year 2 and the oldest were in Year 6. Bringelly chess team were Dominic Gattellari: Year 6, Wade Dunn: Year 6, Jack Smart: Year 6 and Manuel Hatgiantounio: Year 3. All competed extremely well and at the end of the day after counting the final points Bringelly won the competition. Congratulations to all the chess teams who Mr McCroary said competed very well and with great skill.



**Cross Country Carnival Monday 20 May**

What a great turnout of parents and friends to watch the children run the event. The day was sunny and warm and many parents enjoyed the school shady spots while having a picnic. Everyone got into the spirit of the event and 15-20 parents entered the parent race. I won't tell how many came the next day with minor aches and pains from their unaccustomed exercise??



Thank you to the many P&C who helped with the chicken and salad wraps and cake stall. The children all took part and were particularly loud in their war cries for their houses. Well done everyone! The sports Captains led the way and helped set up the event. Thanks you to the fine coordination and planning by Mrs Woolgar, Mrs Hillhouse and Mrs Kunkler.

I also wish to acknowledge the support from Coles at Harrington Park who donated fresh fruit and bottled water for the students to have after their race.

**Sircle App**

The school will begin trialling an app which all smart phones can connect with to display the school calendar, school notes, newsletters, messages to individuals or year groups. The cost will be \$0.00 to parents but this would allow the schools messages to be received by you quickly and efficiently. I will be meeting the representative of the company 'Sircle' this week along with executives of the P&C and Mrs Gillett so we can arrange the information used on the app to be relevant for Bringelly School.

**Resource Pack.**

At the beginning of the year many families paid for the resource pack which included the text books for maths (\$15.00), and handwriting, (\$12.00) the Mathletic Licence,(\$20.00) stationery such as pencils, pens, glues, and exercise books, homework books (\$45.00)and reading folders(\$7.00) for the different grades. A small amount is the general school contribution (\$20.00) which is lower than recommended at \$39.00 for each child and used for such items as paper and additional classroom supplies or art supplies( \$15.00) however most goes to the equipment your children receives in their packs. The resource pack has not been increased in 6 years although prices have crept up and built on the cost already provided from general school funds. With an whole school excursion included the total cost is \$146.00 so the resource pack is well worth the \$100.00 requested.



However, it came to my notice that senior students who were given their entire book pack at the beginning of the year to take care of, have lost or destroyed their equipment and are now asking for the school to replace pens, rubbers or rulers for them to work with. Unfortunately the school has not the financial resources to do this if the equipment supplied is not cared for. Parents will have to replace these items as required this year.

There are some families who have not enquired about financial assistance or spoken to me but still have not contributed to their children's resources at all and I would respectfully ask the families who have delayed the payments for the resources to follow up payments at the school office as soon as you can. Your support for the resources allow your child to have access to the full educational program we offer. For example they do not receive their textbooks or mathletic passwords unless they have paid and this is linked to their school and homework program. Any costs incurred by your child an invoice will be sent home.

**New classroom**

Mrs Keegan was very pleased to have the keys given to her for her new room. The children were very excited to have their own space. Mrs Bright and Ms Kunkler has spent a lot of time reorganising the library and preparing for the Premiers Reading Challenge. The P&C have purchased the short throw projector for 3/4K which will provide the class with an interactive whiteboard access like every other class in the school. I thank the P&C for their strong support for the school's programs.



**School Camps**



The year 3 / 4 students will attend an overnight camp at Teen Ranch on the 23 & 24th October . The cost will be \$160 for all activities, food and overnight accommodation. This is the third camp held at Teen Ranch and the experienced leaders provide an excellent first time camp for our students.

The senior camp this year will be to Canberra to link with the studies on democracy and science. Bankstown Coaches will be providing the transportation and with overnight accommodation at Rydges Eaglehawk, activities, food and transport the cost will be \$290 each child. The camp will be from Wednesday 9 – Friday 11 October, 2013.

Notes for both camps will be sent home shortly requiring medical forms to be sent back and with more information

about both camps.

*Sharyl Scott*

# STUDENT AWARDS

K/1H	Isabella Harland-Smith & Jack Haines
1/2B	Tahlia Moore & Gerogina Cini
1/2M	Zanaya Vickers & Bailey Cave
3/4B	Amail Elfaki & Anthony Pascuzzi
3/4K	Emily Soro & Izabella Michalak
5/6M	Imman Al-Najam & Bradley Asbury
5/6S	Briana Lawrence & Mohammed Hamid
WELL DONE - YOU ALL MAKE US VERY PROUD!	



## Dates for your Diaries



Thursday 30th May	Debating Workshop
Friday 31st May	District Cross Country
Monday 3rd June	1/2M Assembly
Thursday 6th June	NRL visit
Monday 10th June	Public Holiday
Friday 14th June	PSSA Season 2 Starts

**REMINDER**

**P & C thermal lunch bags are still available for \$10.00 each.**

**Please don't forget to return your canteen surveys.**

**Thank you for your on-going support.**

## Cross Country Action Shots



## Chess Champions



During Term 2, 3/4B is studying Cycles in our World. So far, we have looked at the lifecycles of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and arthropods. Some examples are elephants, tigers, ducks, sharks, lizards, alligators, axolotl, and ladybugs. Next week we are sharing our family trees.

As part of science, 3/4B are observing many cycles. Each student is growing a seed in cotton wool. We are also growing plants in a pot. Mrs Mantas will help us make sundials to track the cycle of the earth around the sun and Miss Barrington will help us track the cycle of the moon around the earth.

## 3/4B CLASS NEWS

3/4B have been very musical!  
We play the beat with triangles, bongos and drums.

We play the metre with guiros, egg shakers and the rainmaker.

We played the melody with glockenspiels, the keyboard and the organ.

It was so much fun. Sorry for being so noisy Mrs Billinghamurst.



Easter Hat Parade



Tony and Manuel at The Rocks excursion last term.

Abbey-Rose, Kasey and Georgia using 2D shapes

