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park across the
school driveway
when dropping of
your children.
Thank you for
your co-operation.*

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents,
After three attempts we finally had the Cowpasture Group Of Schools' Gala Day. Years 3-6 were at the Bringelly Oval and with the growth in school numbers particularly from Middleton Grange and even Bringelly there were over 400 students attending the Gala day.

The day did not start well as we had the sad news that thieves had broken into the new Bringelly Soccer Club facilities stealing equipment and supplies. The club has worked hard at increasing the quality of the facilities they can provide for the community. It is hard felt when the disrespect of others, abuses the pride and sense of ownership a community has developed through their sheer hard work and determination. The members of the soccer club are closely associated with the school and the use of the grounds, although Liverpool Council grounds, are supported by the club by them allowing the school use their equipment and canteen.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were very busy. The day ran well with the three sports of Oz Tag, Netball and Newcomeball being played. Thank you to the many mums and dads who helped in the canteen with funds being raised for the Year 6 Farewell and for the school. The bacon and egg rolls were scrumptious and everyone enjoyed the sausage sizzle as well. The coffee machine was well used and proceeds from sales went to the soccer club.

I was particularly impressed at the smooth operation of the Year 6 students Adrian and Jessica who sold the many cakes outside the canteen. Well done both of you.



John Edmonson High School Volunteers

The day could not operate without the volunteers of Year 10 students from John Edmonson High School. Every year for Gala Days the school has been very collaborative in providing referees. The event allows the senior students an opportunity to practice their skills in organising and umpiring as part of their physical education studies. This year the 18 students were brought in their school bus to the field and picked up again. The students were very helpful in keeping the day running smoothly and very well mannered. Their presentation is a compliment to the school. I thank Mr Graeme Bond the Head Teacher of Physical Education for his help.



Cowpasture Connections

During these past two weeks all staff have been involved in what we have dubbed "The Cowpasture Connections". Sometimes professional development for teachers is most valuable when talking to colleagues, have techniques modelled and then practiced in your own classroom, and to have an opportunity to observe what other teachers have organised in a similar environment in what you are practicing as a classroom teacher. These past two weeks once during school and one afternoon after school, each teacher has attended a practical workshop organised by teachers from the *Cowpasture Group of Schools*, (Badgerys Creek, Austral, Leppington, Horsley Park, Rossmore, Middleton Grange, Kemps Creek and Bringelly).

The workshops have been focussed on various teaching strategies, education programs, students leadership, use of technology and Literacy and Numeracy. This is the second year Cowpasture Connections has been tried and has been successful in teachers having opportunities to talk with other teachers on a very practical level.

Middle Schooling Program

The transition to high school can be a difficult one for maturing students and so the organisation of a Middle School Transition program has begun between John Edmondson and the feeder primary schools. Bringelly is one of these and this Friday, high school teachers will come to visit and join in with four of our classrooms to observe what happens in a primary school. Mrs Sullivan and Mr McCroary went and visited the high school and joined in English, Maths and Science classes to see the different teaching styles, organisation of the school and be able to speak to the Year 7 teachers. Next Tuesday there will then be a meeting at Leppington Public School for all the teachers and the Middle School committee to review what has been observed and make a plan on what we as a school, can do to better prepare students for high school.

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Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool

(PLASST) - 2013 Trial

I am pleased to advise that during the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of students. PLASST stands for Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

To assist with the delivery of the trial, the Department of Education and Communities has contracted an independent analytics and program management provider, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). PwC will also analyse the data collected from the trial and recommend adjustments to the tool before it is made available to all NSW public schools in 2014.

The trial will take place between July and September 2013 and involve up to 550 selected schools.

Teachers will complete a questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students and submit their responses online. All data will be held in a secure web

database designed specifically by PwC for the trial. The data supplied to PwC through the trial will not provide any names of individual students.

Students will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed during the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's possible involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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Gala Day 2013



Book Parade 2013
Kindergarten

STUDENT AWARDS

K/1H	Isabella Harland-Smith, Jared Lawrence
1/2B	Georgina Cini, Olivia Jurcan
1/2M	Nathan Hatgiantounio, Zayne Ryder
3/4B	Jaden Deveigne, Georgia Pogson
3/4K	Brody Soper, Damian Hall
5/6M	Heath Milford, Jack Smart
5/6S	Wade Dunn, Jackson Takacs, Justin Opena
Library	Kasey Moore, Breanna Dewson
WELL DONE - YOU ALL MAKE US VERY PROUD!	



Dates for your Diaries



Monday 26th August	Dance
Wednesday 28th August	Years 1 & 2 Excursion to Campbelltown Bike track
Friday 30th August	Last Day for PSSA

NEW CLASS



When: **Wednesday**
21st August @ 6:00pm

Where:

Kemps Creek Public School Hall
100 Cross St, Kemps Creek

1st class FREE *Opening Specials*

website: <http://fleurhardy.zumba.com>

Phone: 0409 765 844



**Other
Classes**

MONDAY
7pm - Austral

WEDNESDAY
10am - Rossmore

THURSDAY
6pm - Rossmore



Bringelly Public School

20 TH ASSEMBLY 2PM

21 ST ATHLETICS DAY

ENROL NOW FOR

KINDERGARTEN 2014

1300 880 021

School Security