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Principal's Report

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Today I visited the Year 3 and 4 Camp at Teen Ranch. The children and teachers have had a great time being challenged through canoeing, giant swings, confidence and obstacle courses. I arrived as they were about to have lunch and have a small rest before the afternoon activities.

I believe the challenge of outdoor education pushes those small boundaries allowing the children to understand they do have courage and physical abilities beyond what they would normally use. They have to work in teams and problem solve together. To accommodate others and share during the camp is also a great experience and for some a real challenge.

The group has been very lucky with the weather, as it has fined up from early in the week and we were concerned it would be too cold for the pool activities and canoeing. It was great to see how much fun the children were having, even during rest time when they were playing a simple game of cricket together or sitting with friends talking in the shade of a tree.

Thank you to the staff and parents who gave up family time for an overnight camp: Mrs Murphy, Ms Phongphila, Mrs Keegan, Chaplain Quzon, Mrs Burns and Mr Cave.

Partnership Award for the Community of Schools

On the 26th of October there was a very formal evening held at the V-Max Cinema at the Events Cinema complex in Campbelltown. It was part of the Ultimo Operational directorate which joins together all the Sydney and South West Sydney Schools for the NSW Department of Education.

Bringelly Public School along with the public schools of Kemps Creek, Middleton Grange, Rossmore, Leppington, Horsley Park and Austral were recognised on the night for the commitment to not only the students in our schools but also to the vision and directions of the school as a whole. These staff work as effective teams developing school cultures that we can rightly be proud of. The Macarthur Network Education Director, Mrs Tasker, awarded the certificate to all the very proud seven principals on the night which we were happy to receive on behalf of all our staff, students and their families. Our wonderful group of Schools called the Cowpasture Group of Schools have worked together for 13 years now developing programs in sport, performing and visual arts, Aboriginal Education, Debating, Chess, student and teacher leadership and professional learning.

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Child Protection

We would like to thank the Green Valley Police for investigating an incident that occurred last week with two of our students after school (3.45 pm) at Rossmore. The police have investigated and spoken to the boys and witnesses before details were made public. All classes have had stranger danger discussions as we would do for Child Protection lessons. If any parents have concerns can you please contact the Green Valley Police or myself at the school. I want to assure parents that we followed directions from the Police on this matter and the students parents were quickly advised.

Attendance Issues causes difficulties settling for the day.

I want to stress the need for children to arrive at school on time. Sometimes there is a line outside of my office door of 5-10 children signing in for the day 10-20 minutes after school has started. This is unacceptable for several reasons. A lesson we all need to learn in life is to be on time. This habit affects punctuality late in life when getting to work, social events, catching transport and not letting down others who expect you to turn up to special occasions. It is an important habit for children to learn early on in their life so they are not letting others down, people can respect and have the expectation that they will be where they say they will be and they can be relied on.

- As class lessons begin at 9 am children will miss out on the introduction then feel unsettled as they are unsure of what they need to do.
- 2. The 8.30 9 am time allows them to settle for the start of the day and have a social 'chat.' All children need to form their friendships and to share any special news with a friend. By always arriving late they have no time to form these important relationships which help sustain their school

life.

- 3. Children need to prepare to start their day by unpacking their bag, ordering their lunch or returning their readers. If they are late it means they are again missing out on class time and teacher instruction while they sort themselves out.
- 4. Constant lateness increases in time and there are students who are regularly late which if we calculated the total time they would have had weeks off school.

So I would like to strongly urge all parents to make sure your child has plenty of sleep, eats a healthy breakfast and has the energy to come to school on time and to follow instructions. If it is you who are late perhaps take the same advice. In 2014 school data showed we were well below state average for attendance and this year I would like this to improve in Term 4.

School Major works

Several school construction projects are currently being planned and scoped that will increase the opportunities for students to be academically and physically challenged. We have a culture that delivers a high level of quality teaching and learning, to encourage all involved in the school ongoing performance. Our school vision is to have highly engaged learners who are curious about the world around them. We also want to provide a safe and enjoyable environment to extend and develop the whole child.

After consultation with staff and parents I am excited to announce the following projects.

Instalment of Air-Conditioning in Food Service Area

With the closure of Badgerys Creek Public School, Bringelly School was fortunate to receive two additional and new air conditioning units which have been installed this week in the Food Service Area.

A huge thanks to Mr Bono for his generous contribution of skill and labour to fit these. This will allow this area to be used in summer and for small groups for music, art or community activities. With the forecast of hot weather this aerating and fertilising the fields have been summer we will be grateful for the improved facilities.

Wetland and Woodland Education area

With our fantastic backyard of school Cumberland Woodland and natural wetland a committee of parents and school staff is about to meet to begin planning an education centre where the children can investigate Australian Temperate Wetland life, establish a school and community garden area and take the opportunity of exploring the specialised woodland and bird and animal life that inhibits our school backyard. When agreed the plan will be circulated. This project is a long term project for the school so will commence in stages depending on financial or in-kind support.

Any family or individual in the community who would like to contribute labour, materials or support in kind, can contact the school so you can join us in our backyard adventure. We have already formed community partnerships with the Bents Basin Reserve National Park Rangers. We are also hopeful that the Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Education Centre in Penrith will also join us in this large project.

Addition to Multi-Purpose Court

The Multi-Purpose court is in need of repair as the road side of the court is higher and needs to be levelled out. To improve the condition of the court and to stop the build-up of dirt again, the plan is to lay a 100m athletics track on the side with a drainage feature. This will provide the school with a purpose built area for our athletes, develop sprinting skills and improve our lovely court area generally.

Sports Ground Conditioning

Mr Meilak and his team (Jim's Lawnmowing) have

been spraying the weeds and bindi on the grass areas in the school grounds.

The conditions on the sports fields after a dry winter and many small feet have also meant necessary. The area where the kindys play is uneven so part of the work will even this area up so the trip hazards will be eliminated. We are hoping now for some spring rain to make the fields green and beautiful.

Important information:

- The canteen will be closed Wednesday the 4th of November but will be back open on Thursday.
- Reminders for students to bring in their money for the car wash meal deal. It is \$5 for a sausage sizzle and a drink.



If you are interested in attending this event they have offered all Bringelly students a chance to come up on stage and a look at the instruments they used.



4th Nov	Year 6 car wash
16th Nov	School Assembly
24th Nov	Tiger Tag

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