

Dates for your Diaries



10th Aug	Athletics Carnival
2nd—8th Sept	Book Week
3rd Sept	Character Book parade—Grandparents Day

BRINGELLY BUZZ

July 2015

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

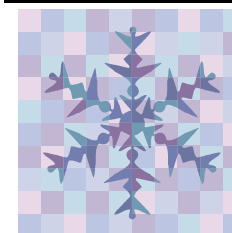
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Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Our school is very dependent on families giving time and energy to our whole school events, not only in generous support on the BBQ and cake stalls but also to come and watch the students involved in sports, performances and class activities. Thank you to all the families who shared time with us in Education Week, whether you visited a classroom or came to the assemblies. It was wonderful to see such a large turnout of parents and extended families. The students and staff are appreciative of the strong support for the school and the students' achievements.

During the past week there have been several very positive comments from members of the wider community who have complemented the students behaviour at PSSA sport and also when visiting the school. I would like to pass these positive comments on to all our families. We all do our part to achieve this strong sense of belonging and cooperation and are proud to be proactive members of the Bringelly community.

"The students show great sportsmanship and respect for each other and they are the best team we have played in this respect" – Teacher from another school.

"I feel so welcome walking into the school and the students and teachers all have made me feel so welcome" - Parent.

"I love coming into the school as I love the grounds and the open spaces" – Visitor.

Senior Camp

The day before the seniors have left for Canberra and the Snowy Mountains as part of their Senior Camp experience, I have heard there has been

snow on the beach in Hobart. This winter has been extraordinary varied in temperature and conditions. The teachers accompanying the 38 students attending the camp are Mrs Billingham, Mrs Keegan, Mr McCroary. At the last minute Mrs Borg has been asked to also go on the camp as Chaplain Quzon was suddenly a dad of very premature twins and needed to stay with his new family. We wish all a great time in Canberra and at the snow.

L.E.A.P I have been part of the *Leaping Educators Around the Planet* program for the past 2 weeks with the visit of a New Zealand Principal to Bringelly School. This is a program designed to provide an opportunity for educational leaders to engage in professional dialogue about common concerns and diverse issues facing school leaders around the world. The New South Wales educators involved this year hosted people from Canada, Scotland, Ireland, England and New Zealand and will be travelling in September to those countries as well as Finland and U.S.A.

The Acknowledgement to Country and Smoke Ceremony performed by Uncle Steve Williams last Monday, welcomed visitors Ms Jo Emerson from Longburn School, near Palmerson North, North Island, New Zealand. Education Director Mrs Tasker and John Edmondson High School Principal Mr Weatherstone were also welcomed to the school for the assembly. Uncle Steve spoke to the children and welcomed Ms Emerson to the Durug Nation's country. The Haka performed by the senior boys were taught by Quzon and looked frightening and the very cute looking Year 1/2B students sang multi-cultural songs and played percussion instruments. The students were fantastic and all performed very proudly.

Through the involvement of our Aboriginal program we have made a strong connection with Uncle Steve and the Aboriginal Education Officer for the Department of Education Mrs Brown who will be working in the future with the students about Aboriginal culture.



At Bringelly X Factor on Wednesday we watched some creative, energetic and fabulous performers. I can honestly say that I'm not talking about the staff performance although we did have great fun learning the routine from Mrs Keegan. I'm sure the students had fun performing and congratulations Mrs Billingham and the Year 6 students for organising the event. We thank our judges Mrs Gillett and Mrs Edwards.

The LEAP visit was organised to experience a variety of diverse school educational settings from small to very large schools around Sydney. We learnt about ways to increase students engagement, student welfare systems, different ways to assess students, effective management of resources and professional learning for teachers. Ms Emerson visited all classrooms and spoke to students and teachers about the learning happening at each age level and listened and learnt about what we are trying to achieve at Bringelly School to meet students' needs. Last Thursday Ms Emerson and I drove down to visit a Canberra school to learn about a specialised type of learning system called Walkers Learning Approach. This system is based on learning through Investigation from Kindergarten to Year 6. Teaching in the ACT is very differently organised and it was the first time I had visited a school in Canberra so it was a very interesting visit for us both.

In September I will be travelling to New Zealand to share the experience in Longburn School and I want to learn about how New Zealand schools organise their reading programs and sustain them and how to manage education programs aligned to improving student engagement in their own learning. If you haven't seen the new Year 6 classroom please come and have a look. The organisation is based on a system like the one in Canberra and Mrs Billingham has begun Project Based Learning with her Year 6 with great success!

L.E.A.P has provided a professional experience sharing an exchange of views with another Principal from a very different background that I have spent time reflecting of my own management and professional skills. Please ask questions about L.E.A.P if you see me. I would welcome discussing the program and what it has to do with Bringelly School.

Public Speaking

At Bringelly School we have achieved excellent results this year in the Cowpasture Debating competition and demonstrate excellent speaking and rebutting skills. In public speaking we also achieve highly and the Public Speaking finals, last Thursday on Open Day for Education Week was no exception. Invited Judge Ms Courtney Cross, a Public Speaker award winner and now studying at University of Sydney, judged the event and was very complementary about the standard of the speeches. We congratulate all contestants and especially the Stage 3 winner Douglas Cazalet, Stage 2 winner Olivia Jurcan, Year 1 winner Annie Mai and Year 2 winner, Jack Haines.

Ms Cross said the scores were very close but the impromptu speeches were the deciding factor. It is now an area we need to practice more; to think more quickly on our feet!

Athletics Carnival

The Bringelly School Athletics Carnival is on 10 August. All students will take part and all need to bring hat, wear sports gear and sports shoes. The P&C will be again be cooking.....they will make up a meal deal of BBQ sausage on a roll with a drink on the day. \$5.00

Books Light Up Our World

Book Week

2nd September – 8 September

Book Week is fast approaching and the school will have a character parade, the P&C will have **BBQ** on the day and a **Winter School Raffle**. Please see the P&C executive or contact the school office if you can offer **prizes** for the raffle. **Volunteers are asked to help run the BBQ.** The children will be asked to come to school as their favourite **character** and the library will be open for the Book Fair to buy before and after school. On Book Fair Day we will also celebrate **Grandparents Day** and we hope many children can bring their grandparents to school to help them in class or just watch our fun parade and share our BBQ.

BIRTHING KITS

2005 – 80 kits to Madagascar

2006 – 600 kits to Papua New Guinea

2007 – 800 kits to Papua New Guinea

2008 – 600 kits to Africa

2009 – 600 kits to Afghanistan

2010 – 600 kits to Ethiopia

2011 – 600 kits to Morocco

2012 – 200 kits to each Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Ghana

2013 – 200 kits to Dakar

2014 – 200 kits to Uganda

BREAST CARE CUSHIONS

**All go to local hospitals for breast cancer patients*

2010 – 195 cushions

2011 – 180 cushions

2012 – 130 cushions

2013 – 132 cushions

2014 – 100 cushions



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Come along to Zonta Macarthur's annual Birthing Kit and Breast Cushion Workshop.

We are looking for volunteers to help us assemble birthing kits to assist women in developing countries have a safer childbirth. We are also seeking sewing & wrapping volunteers to assist with our breast care cushions which get distributed to local Macarthur women undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Since 2005, Zonta Macarthur has sent 5000 birthing kits to many developing countries. With the help of Macquarie Fields TAFE we have distributed over 700 breast care cushions to local hospitals.

When: Saturday 08 August 2015

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Where: Wests Leagues Club, Leumeah

SPONSOR a birthing kit – they cost \$3 and for each kit sponsored, you can go into the draw for some great prizes.

Tea/Coffee and Afternoon tea will be provided for a donation.

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Little Steps to Big School Program



Is your child ready to come to BIG School?

Please come with your child and experience our wonderful community school, meet their special Year 5 buddy and teachers to 'leap start' their 1st year.

- *9 weeks of transition programs for 2016 start to school
- *Child care provided for 0-4 year olds
- *Pre-school program for new enrolments with how to begin school activities
- *Parent Program for new parents with guest speakers
- *Speech and Occupational Therapy
- *Meet the Bringelly School Staff

When: Each Friday for 9 weeks

Time: 9-11 am at Bringelly Public School

Dates: 9 October - 4 December 2015

Please contact the school for information and registration.

Bringelly Public School would like to thank the *Benevolent Society* for sponsoring the transition to school program.

Home School Liaison Visit

This week, our home school liaison officer, Mrs Cross has audited the students attendance, for unexplained absences and late arrivals. If parents wish to be made aware of how many absences their child has had this year, you may contact the school for this information. Children with regular late arrivals will be receiving a letter informing them of the concern. Parents are requested to provide medical certificates if the absence is over 2 days. Teachers will follow up prolonged absences with a personal phone call to see if the school can assist in anyway. Good attendance ensures your child will do well at school.

Scholastic Book Club is Back

We are very excited to offer the students the chance to order from the Scholastic Book Club again. Please note that orders are only online via the new LOOP application which can be accessed via the internet or app. The information is on the following pages and magazines will come home to the students on a regular basis.

Author Visit

The students really enjoyed our Author Visit last week with Lisa Shanahan. Thank you to all the students who attended this valuable incursion.



Sharys Scott

Student leadership team

On Tuesday 16th of June. The SLT held a spider fundraising day. We sold ice cream spiders for a dollar each. We raised \$147 for our student leadership team projects. Our first project was to fund birthday cards and ice block vouchers for every student at our school.

Thank you all the student leader team parents for providing supplies for this project.

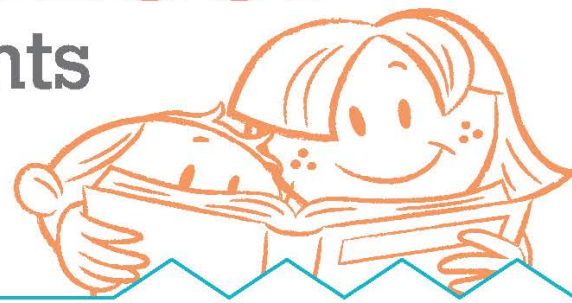
Puppies for Sale

Please call 0412202786 if you are interested in buying one of our beautiful gentle giants. No papers, all have been vet checked vaccinated and wormed every two weeks since birth.



Introducing

Book Clubs LOOP
 for Parents



AVAILABLE
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LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online**
Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.



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 READING
 WORKSHOPS**



READING WIZARDS!

Practical strategies and advice to help bring parents and children together in reading.

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Creating the right environment for your child doesn't need to be difficult.

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Come join us and learn how you can simply and easily turn your child's world into a literacy rich environment



Dates:

Tuesday August 4:
Session 1: Why is reading important?

Tuesday August 11
Session 2: How children learn to read

Tuesday August 18
Session 3: Reading Programs at School

Tuesday August 25
Session 4: Reading at Home: What can parents do?

Tuesday September 1
Session 5: Reading at Home: Supporting students who struggle

Tuesday September 8
Session 6: What to read & Parent showcase/sharing session

Time: 9:15am-10:00am
 Tea and coffee catch up 9:15am-9:30am

Formal Sessions begin @ 9:30am
 For more information contact Rossmore Public School on (02) 9606 5551

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Craig Narres Shirley Becker

