



BRINGELLY BUZZ

April 2016

Principal's Report

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

**Office Hours
8.30 till 11am**

**Re-open
12 noon
Till 3pm.**



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Dear parents,

Firstly, on behalf of the Bringelly School community I wish to acknowledge the passing of two well known elders from our Bringelly community and pay respect to their lives.

Mrs Gattellari (Snr) passed away last week. She was well known and respected in the area and the family have been involved in the community and our school for many years, as children and grandchildren have passed through our gates.

Mrs Valarie Rogers, a student here from 1925- 1932 was the longest resident and student at Bringelly school. She helped plant the gum trees at the schools 130th anniversary, with the youngest students enrolled at the time . Mrs Rogers also helped plant the Ironbark Grove of trees in 1931 that we will shortly commemorate with a plaque and memorial. Both women were community minded and generous. We express our sympathy to both families.

Education Programs

This term has seen some of our new 2016 programs introduced, with teachers being trained in a mathematics program called TEN. Also a reading comprehension program called Focus on Reading. Both programs will be the topics discussed at the teachers' professional learning day on the 26th of April.



ANZAC Wall being built

On the 28th April, the ANZAC ceremony will take place at school. It will be the very first ceremony with our ANZAC Memorial which is to be completed during the holidays. Mr Rossiter and Mr Di Mascio will be building the two brick walls for the memorial along the pathway leading to the assembly cola. PGH Brickworks have donated 900 bricks for the walls and Boral concrete has donated concrete for the foundation. Mr Rossiter will begin digging the foundation on Monday 11th April, ready for the concrete to be poured and Mr Di Mascio will be building the walls the following week. I am very grateful to both men for volunteering their time and skills. The students from Mr McCroary's class have been involved in this ongoing project for four years now. They have researched the soldiers from the Bringelly / Rossmore area that were involved in WW1. Plaques will be added with each soldiers name on the completion of the wall.

Playground Markings

If you have been in the school this week you will have noticed our fabulous new and very colourful markings on the concrete for hop scotch, handball and a trail for jumping and bunny hops for agility. The company @play will be adding to these with some other designs by the library, after the memorial walls have been completed, so the markings won't become damaged. Last year the Year 6 students fund raising paid for the courts and hop scotch. I'm sure they would agree they look fantastic. It is a joy to see the children hopping along the path or doing the hop scotch on their way through the cola area. The material for the markings is specially made and designed in Denmark. It's heated on so it won't fade or easily be scuffed off.

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Kids Matter

Training in the Kids Matter program, which is directed to enhancing the wellbeing and mental health of students, has reached the third level for staff. In Term 2 we will introduce a social skills program called Friendly School, which will be taught to all students by the class teacher on a once a week basis and skills will be developed over each week. There will be a parent and student survey. Also there is a Friendly school site parents can look at on the web.

This last week, there have been several situations involving our community which have impacted on particular children. Parents can register on the Kids Matter site for a newsletter about mental health and wellbeing which provides guidelines on how parents can manage family situations.

Please remember if there is a concern about how well your child is coping you can ask for Quzon, our school chaplain to have a talk to your child or you can make an appointment with our school counsellor.

Cops and Kids

A group of enthusiastic students and Mr McCroary went to Hoxton Park oval on Thursday 7th April to meet other schools in the annual event arranged by the Green Valley Police Youth Officer. The Bringelly team met Thomas Hassell in the quarter final and lost by 3 tries to 2. Well done team for getting to the quarter final and putting up a competitive fight.

2015 School Annual Report and 2016 School Plan

The 2015 School annual Report is now on the school web page and parents can read our achievements over the past year as well as the progress in our targeted areas.

The school management plan for 2016 is also uploaded for you to read. If you have any questions please ask! The plan and report have both been collaborative with input from the school teams, students, and parents.

Important Dates for Term 2

27th April, all students return for the Autumn term.

28th April, ANZAC ceremony. We have special guest, Mr Cannell, who currently serves in the Australian Navy.

4th May, School Cross Country event. The Bringelly P&C are organising a meal deal and need volunteers to help on the day.

6th May, Cowpasture Gala day. The K-2 students will be transported to Leppington Public School. Years 3-6 will be walking to Bringelly Oval. PSSA teams will play their normal competition sports draw. Kemps Creek Public School will be hosting the BBQ for the senior Gala day and will send out a note in week 1 next term. The K-2 Gala day food note has already gone home. Extra notes will be at the Bringelly school office.

Mother's Day Gift

The P&C have organised a Mothers Day gift and a note has been sent home. Please decide quickly so the gifts can be ordered.

Holidays

At the end of a long term and heading into the autumn break I want to wish all families a safe holiday on behalf of all the Bringelly School staff.

Sharyl Scott

Year 5 Gold Rush Writing

Samples of Students Journal Entries

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Dear Diary,

One month ago I started to mine in Australia. The first couple of weeks were fun but when one month hit it was really hard. My friend Scobie got murdered, that made me really scared.

Most people came to mine and after a few weeks they found it hard, so they left. But I am here for my family, we are very poor. My husband just died of cancer. Now I am a widow with four kids. That makes it hard; right now I am living in a tent.

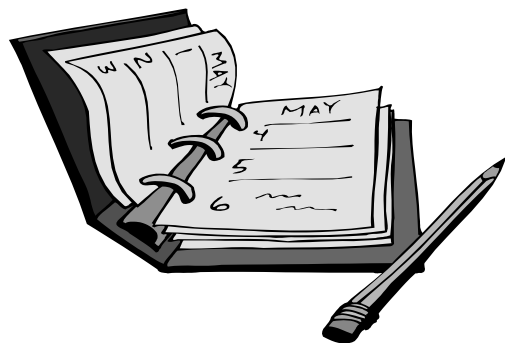
I can't afford to stay in a hotel as I only have £252. I hope I find some gold soon. I really need the money, but I am the unlucky one.

I am really happy because they are making us pay £1 a year, before we were paying so much money, just for gold mining.

Anyway, I have to go back to mining so I can get money for my kids and I.

Sincerely,

Lilly



Dear Journal,

I came back from America. I have just started mining for gold in Ballarat, Australia.

I haven't had any luck with any gold. The government made us pay for a licence to mine for gold.

We are getting ready for the mini-war. Scobie was murdered. We burnt our licences and burnt the hotel down. Today we had a war. We lost 38 men and the military only lost 3 men. Now we can mine for gold for a fee of £1 a year for a licence.

From, Damon

Award Winners



Sydney Tower Excursion



Cops and Kids





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WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW households with dependent children to cover the costs of their energy bills. In 2015-16 the rebate gives:

- up to \$150 credit on energy bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- up to \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in an on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme and receive electricity from the on-supplied operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- be a resident of New South Wales; and
- be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long term resident of an on-supplied residential community, or a resident of an on-supplied retirement village, or a resident of an on-supplied strata scheme; and whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence; and
- have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2014-15 financial year, and have received a payment in respect of that eligibility.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

You'll need to have:

- lodged your tax return for 2014-15 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you're not required to lodge a tax return; and
- received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2014-15.

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** - it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** - download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme where you live.

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

If you have a DHS Health Care Card, you may also be eligible for the Low Income Household Rebate.
Visit our website for more information.



Autumn Affair
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VIP NIGHT TICKETS ON SALE NOW

<p>Exclusive VIP Night SATURDAY APRIL 30</p> <p>\$50 VIP TICKET EXPERIENCE</p> <p>INCLUDES CATERING BY 'THE CHEF & I' CHAMPAGNE ON ARRIVAL LIVE MUSIC VIP OFFERS & GOODIES COCKTAIL BAR & BREWERY CURATED SHOPPING PHOTO BOOTH CREATIVE STATIONS</p>	<p>Market Day SUNDAY MAY 1st</p> <p>9AM - 3PM GOLD COIN DONATION</p> <p>A COLLECTION OF CAREFULLY SELECTED CREATIVES AND ARTISANS PLUS GOURMET FOOD & DRINKS JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHERS DAY</p>
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Dates for your Diaries

Thurs 28th April	ANZAC Assembly 10.30am
Wed 4th May	Cross Country Carnival—Bringelly School
Fri 6th May	Gala Day— K-2 Leppington Public School & 3-6 Bringelly Oval