



BRINGELLY BUZZ

March 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,

Successful Parent Meeting

Thank you to all the families who came to the Teacher and Parent evening meeting on 2nd March. The P&C were on hand to cook the BBQ and open the canteen. Teachers have reported they had 30-40% of parents come and parents unable to attend have had letters sent home about the different class routines. The invitation to the Bringelly Rural fire Service was appreciated and families were interested in having an opportunity to be advised how to plan for a bush fire emergency. It was wonderful to observe how many of the children knew how to read the fire danger sign.

Emergency Drill Successful

On Thursday 3rd March the school had an emergency fire drill. All children, Bringelly School staff and all parents on the premises took part. All teachers had completed the roll call with all children sitting on the multi-purpose court in just over 3 minutes. The Macarthur Zone Operations Manager for the NSW Rural fire Service Brendon Doyle was the official observer along with 5-6 of the Bringelly Brigade at different areas of the school. They watched the way the children quickly and quietly walked to the evacuation point. Kerry Sweeney the Macarthur area's Education Officer spoke to the children about the importance of being prepared in case of an emergency, especially a fire. Mrs Sweeney has already taught lessons in fire safety to the Year 3 students this term and will be returning to talk to Year 6 students.

Earthmoving

Thank you Mr Haines for the fantastic job last week. He had a crew smoothing out the dirt around the multi-purpose court. The weather forecast shows we may have rain next week and the grass seed has already been bought to sow the newly smoothed edges. This will diminish the dust onto the court until the next stage of our plan for a running track can be actioned.



Website and School app

Please check on the school website and school *single* app (community / bringelly ps) so you will get notifications of events and reminders of upcoming events. The Bringelly School facebook page is well used by parents and linked back to the website as well.

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GRIP Leadership Day.

Mrs Billingham, Mrs Bui and Mr McCroary accompanied the 24 school leaders to the GRIP Leadership day last Monday held at the Homebush Sports Centre. This day is part of our whole school leadership program. This year Mr McCroary has been provided additional time on a Friday to work with the students as part of the Eco-International Schools Leadership focus. The skills in mentoring others and taking initiative allows students to work with the SRC representatives from the other classes, select activities they can plan and action. Mrs Brown will be taking 4M during Friday mornings.

Harmony Day 21st March.

Harmony Day this year is on the 21 March. All students can come to school wearing something orange. We will have a special assembly with a guest speaker from the Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Centre in Penrith. Notes about the day will be sent home closer to the event. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly which will be held under the cola from 9.30am.

CHATTERBOX Speech Pathologist

Christine Byrnes is the Speech Pathologist from CHATTERBOX in Oran Park and Penrith who is working with the class teachers and our support staff this term. If you are concerned about your child's speech or language development please contact the office and ask for an appointment.

Premiers Reading Challenge Tips For Parents for 2016

Please read the tips we have provided for you that are straight from the Premiers Reading challenge website. K-2 children should have 30 books read to them and Year 3-6 children should be aiming for over 20 books to be read during the year. Go to the internet and type in PRC 2016 and the page will pop up.

Storm and Tree Damage

A big thank you to Al's Tree Service for assisting the school with the fallen tree branch which fell on our uniform shop Monday afternoon.



Tips for parents and carers for participating in the Challenge

Find out the name(s) of your school's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) coordinator(s) and how they plan to administer the Challenge.

Familiarise yourself with the [PRC website](#). Logon is not required to view the [Booklists](#) or read the [Rules](#).

Visit the new [Premier's Reading Challenge Support website](#). It allows you to search for information about the PRC and also [contact the PRC team](#).

Set reminders for Challenge [opening and closing dates](#) in your and your child's calendar.

Find out your [child's logon details](#). For public schools, students' logon will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school.

Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/characters/ information. Read to or with your child if she/he is participating in the K-2 Challenge.

Help your child to add books to her/his Student Reading Record **regularly**. Log on and go to: Student Reading Records > enter books by ID or Title or Author. To [enter a Personal Choice book](#), select the 'Add a Choice Book' tab > enter part of the title or author > select 'Search'. If your book appears as an option, select 'Add'. If it does not appear, scroll down to the 'Still can't find a book?' section > enter the full title and author > select 'Add'.

Check your child's [Challenge history](#) – log on to the website, go to Student Reading Records and select tab 'My Information'. If Challenge participation at a previous school is not listed, contact your child's PRC coordinator.

Contact your child's **PRC coordinator** if:

- **Your child has any difficulty using** her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
- **You are concerned that your child's name is spelt** incorrectly in the PRC website.

Your child's online Student Reading Record (SRR) must have the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by **the student closing date**. School PRC coordinators have an extra week to validate the SRR. **Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.**

In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child's SRR. Contact your child's PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child's SRR has not been validated.

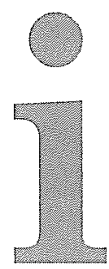
Sharyl Scott

say cheese

School Photo Day is Tuesday 29 March 2016

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office
- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our Office prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.
- Sport/Specialty Photo Orders will be organized after photo day on a separate form.



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6th Annual Sydney Classic & Antique Truckshow
on 29th May, 2016 (See website for more details)



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Our girls relay team who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival on the 15th March 2016. They did not place but beat their time from the District Carnival. Well done girls. You make Bringelly proud.



Dates for your Diaries



Mon 21st March	Harmony Day Assembly - 9.30am
Wed 23rd March	Pink Stumps Day
Thur 24th March	EASTER HAT PARADE - 9.30am

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