



BRINGELLY BUZZ
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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 and Carers,

This week was Public Education's Education Week.

Bringelly have been celebrating our students' achievements and success in a variety of fields and activities. We invited parents and the community to share with us for L3 Literacy in Kindergarten with Mrs Hillhouse, morning routine in 1B with Mrs Brown, creative arts with Ms Thorn, morning routine with Ms Carson in 2C and tree planting, classroom and environmental education with Mrs Keegan and Mrs Cannell in 3/4K.

Our Life Skills program as demonstrated by years 4, 5 and 6 as well as classroom activities and S.O.L.E (self-organised learning activities) with 6B.

Mrs Woolgar introduced parents to our new numeracy program for kindergarten to Year 3 students.

Families then enjoyed a picnic with their children for lunch. During lunch Mrs Brown organised an orienteering activity for those that were interested. Orienteering is our newest venture into providing a variety of physical activities for a range of children and to encourage participation in a lively and healthy way. We are very excited that many of our students are interested in trying this.

Education Weeks largest activity is the Cowpasture Gala Day at both Bringelly Public School for K-2 and at Bringelly Reserve for 3-6. This involves nearly 1000 students and about 100 accompanying teachers. Due to the rain this week, the Gala Day has been postponed. A new date will be determined in the near future.

Bringelly P&C, Mrs Hall and Mrs Cini will be organising the food for both locations. A tremendous effort is only made successful by the volunteers. It will be a great opportunity to showcase our school and fundraise for new resources.



2017 Kindergarten - Enrol NOW for Transition to Big School

It is hard to believe how fast the year has gone as I begin to organise the 2017 transition to school program for the new Kindergarten students. The fantastic Benevolent Society has offered to provide their amazing program to support children arriving for their first school year at Bringelly. Mrs Hillhouse will be the kindergarten teacher for 2017 and we have been discussing with the Benevolent Society what could be included in the Moving to Big School Program.

First, we need you to enrol your child for Kindergarten so we know to contact you and provide guidance on how your child can begin school in the most positive way possible. We will then contact you about enrolling in the transition program and give you all the details about it. A speech pathologist and occupational therapist will be here to assess each child, as well as talking to parents and Mrs Hillhouse. A trained pre-school teacher will lead the program and support will be on hand for parents to go to parent sessions while their younger children are cared for by a trained child care worker.

So **please** come and see us or if you know anyone in the school area who would like to come to Bringelly School tell them about the transition to school program. Ask them to come up and have a talk about their child before they make any decision about schooling. We are happy to give them a tour of the school and to talk about supporting a child in the early learning years and beyond.



Environment Grants

Mrs Cini, President of the Bringelly P&C worked with Mr McCroary last week to write a proposal for a State Government Grant. The idea of the grant is for sustainability and environment. The focus on science and the hands on responsibility of caring for the gardens is becoming obvious at Bringelly. The small gardens the students are caring for are gradually expanding using their own signs and old features as garden sculptures. The stumps that were cut down are being used for sitting with friends at eating times. The grant focusses on making our already protected area a special area for investigation and learning. Some of the items requested in the grant are purchasing garden equipment, fencing material for fencing off the garden area, making a designated pathway using natural materials, providing a fence to keep the goats from eating the small wetland areas we are trying to establish, signage for identifying tree and plant species, binoculars for classes to spot birds and science equipment for testing. Thank you to Mrs Cini and Mr McCroary for the effort in writing the proposal.

Liverpool City Council has again supported us for Tree Day and they are also interested in helping with a grant as well. I have written that proposal to gain rotating compost bins and garden seating so Mrs Cannell can give demonstration lessons and to just enjoy our environment. Fingers crossed we gain both grants. If you want to help or can provide support please contact the school.



School Uniform Blitz- Standards of Dress

I would like to remind families of the uniform policy at school. All students are expected to exhibit good grooming and personal cleanliness. We have a school uniform and the strong expectation by the school community and staff is that the uniform is to be worn by every student. The standard of presentation of students in the school has declined and so I would like to ask parents to **please** ensure your child always looks proud to be part of Bringelly Public School by wearing the full uniform. We have a lovely uniform and at a reasonable cost. We do have a second hand uniform pool as well if parents are finding costs difficult.

It was disappointing on Monday, as I watched many children stand and receive awards at the 2C assembly and most of the students were not wearing full school uniform. It was a proud moment as we congratulated them on their achievements, but what a motley crew they looked. A parent sitting beside me commented on the variety of wear, so I felt compelled to mention this in the newsletter, as I have been thinking the same thought.

The P&C have all the uniforms available in the uniform shop and the winter uniform is warm, comfortable and easy to clean. Many of the girls, particularly in the senior years have only leggings on and wearing them as long pants with different coloured tops to cover them. Whether the girls have decided this is fashionable, it does not make this acceptable. Hair ribbons were also many colours, socks were not white, grey or black and the shoes are also not regulation school shoes. The few girls who are wearing the dress with tights, black shoes and a jumper or jacket look lovely. The boys are also wearing many shades of blue in track pants or different trousers that are not part of our uniform, as well as socks, jumpers and shoes.

I understand Bringelly is a cold place in winter and other clothing is required when children have lost their clothing or left it at school. I ask parents to send in a note if a change of uniform is required. Please also check your children's clothing to see if they haven't taken home someone else's clothing. There is also a mass of jumpers and jackets left in the classrooms and at lost property that families may wish to look through.

Please ensure your child has their hat with them each day as we have the policy of **No Hat No Play** at recess and lunch. If you are unsure of the clothing code please look in your handbook or come and pick up a clothing description at the school office. I would like to report in the next newsletter that we have become more conscious of our appearance.



Payments

A notice has been sent home about the changes in the school's receipting of money. Parents need to be aware we are required to stop taking payments from week seven of this term. All payments must be made for camps, excursions, swimming scheme and PSSA. If this is a concern for you please contact the office.

Cowpasture Concert Tickets Available

Tickets for the performers' families will be on sale this week. It is important to buy them as soon as families can, due to the new school financial system next term.



Targeting Early Numeracy (T.E.N)

Mrs Woolgar has been coaching all teachers in the early aspects of number after attending specialist training earlier in the year. We would like to talk to parents about the program. If you were unable to come to Education Open Day to find out how we teach children the aspects of counting and recognising the relationships between numbers please ask to speak to Mrs Woolgar and we will try to have another parents' session more suitable to you. Understanding numeracy and how children learn numbers is important for avoiding difficulties that your child can experience in later stages at school

KARI



Naidoc Day

We sincerely would like to thank the Kari Aboriginal Resources for subsidizing our buses to allow our Aboriginal students to attend Naidoc Day on Thursday 21st July at Middleton Grange Public School. All the students enjoyed the day.

Sharyl Scott

Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities. There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

the students name, and
class and reference number OR
the students name, and
date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Naidoc Day



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.

- 7 weeks of transition programs for 2017 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
- Free Speech and Occupational Therapy assessments
- Meet the Bringelly School Staff

When: Each Thursday for 7 weeks

Time: 9-11 am at Bringelly Public School

Dates: 13 October - 24 November 2016



Contact Bringelly Public School now for more information and enrol early so information can be sent out to you.

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

Dates for your Diaries

15th August	Snaketails
18th August	Elizabeth Farm Excursion K-2
22nd August	School Assembly

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