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## BRINGELLY BUZZ

September 2016

### NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

**Office Hours  
8.30 till 11am**

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



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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we hosted the Cowpasture Group of Schools Science Day. Students from Austral, Horsley Park, Rossmore, Leppington and Kemps Public Schools had a fun and science filled day under the excellent tutorage of Mrs Cannell. Students were experimenting with the solar oven and bugs caught while netting in the dam. The students were delighted to see moorhen chicks and the nesting areas of some of our many birds through Mr McCroary's expertise in bird watching. Feedback from the visiting schools were very enthusiastic about the day.

### School Garden Workshop

Last Wednesday over forty teachers from government and non-government schools came to Bringelly Public School for a School Garden Workshop. This workshop, written by Mrs Cannell had the backing of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Mt Annan Botanic Gardens and the Environmental and Zoo Educational Centres. (South West Area Health ran a session on healthy eating and how to use the vegies from your garden.) Jane Davidson, curriculum adviser discussed curriculum links. Teachers travelled from many parts of Sydney to visit our unique school environment. They were shown how to build an insect hotel and a spiral herb garden. Aunty Carol, the Aboriginal Education Officer came to welcome all visitors to Country and teach our visitors about bush tucker cooking. Bringelly is proud of the unique environment we have within our school grounds and these activities demonstrate how our site can be used for the wider community as well as our own Bringelly students. We wish to thank our community businesses who have supported the school. Bunnings Crossroads, for garden donations, Redback Pet and Stock Feeds for

straw bales and PGH Bricks for 320 bricks to build the spiral herb gardens.



Holly Parker read the Acknowledgment to Country for the Garden Workshop last Wednesday.



We wish to thank the P & C ladies for catering the School Garden Workshop Day. Teacher participants commented on the wonderful lunch provided.

### Tell Them From Me Survey

A permission note titled **Tell Them From Me Survey** has been given out to students in years 4 -6. This survey asks the students what they think and feel about school programs and opportunities. Bringelly has been involved in the survey for two years now and it provides a window into our school culture. We can use this feedback to improve education programs and the delivery of them, as well as plan to change school management of welfare or education programs. There is also a parent survey and I invite parents to complete this survey. Parents can link into the survey through the following link.

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## New Shed

The new science and maintenance shed has now been built with the generous support of Boral who provided the concrete for the shed apron. The community support from Boral and the Australia Volunteers helped us clean our outdoor learning area is very much appreciated.



Boral has also sourced and provided ten interlocking concrete blocks to be used for a bird watching platform. However, we need to pick these up from Penrith. If anyone would be able offer a flatbed truck with a crane on it, please contact Mrs Scott.

## District Athletics

Congratulations to Zoe Noble, Keira Ryder-Moriarty and Manuel Hatgiantounio who gained places in the District Athletics and have gone onto the Regional Athletic championships held last Wednesday.

## Swimming Scheme

The week passed quickly, and as you will read further on in the newsletter, what a success the swimming scheme was. Thank you to Mrs Keegan and Mrs Bui who took the students everyday to the pool and made sure they all returned back to school on time and with all their belongings. Congratulations to Mrs Keegan who completed and passed with high distinction her AUS SWIM teaching course. We now have our own resident swimming teacher.

## Administration Change Over

Thank you to all our families who have helped the school office finalise payments early so that we can transition over to the new administration system that is due to start on the 17th October 2016.

*Sharyl Scott*

## Swim Scheme

Mrs Keegan and Mrs Bui are very proud of all the 53 students that attended this year's swimming scheme. This was the highest number of students we have ever had! We had great improvements by all students. They learnt how to float, tread water, dive and much more. They had such fun in the water and it was a great week of learning. We highly recommend that students continue developing their swimming skills. The weather is getting much warmer and we are sure the students would love to show you what they have learnt. Please keep reinforcing the swim safety messages to your children and we look forward to next year's swimming events.



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