



**BRINGELLY BUZZ**

October 2017

**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE**

**Office Hours  
8.30 till 11am**

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12 noon**



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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4.

At this time of year we are starting to plan for the next three years in our strategic directions programs. It is important to ask what educational directions are important for your child and what type of structures you believe a school should have to promote a place of learning which is successful and rewarding. To seek your opinions we are devising a survey which we will send home. Below are a few ideas.

- The importance of student's wellbeing and engagement and what is important to your child's life at school.
- The school as an excellent place for learning and what your opinions are of the programs we have at Bringelly Public School.
- How the school communicates with families and what they believe the school can provide to help their child.
- Input into how the school can support your child/children.

We will also be asking the students leaders to help out each morning by asking you questions relating to these topics. You will see them with a clip board and paper for the next few weeks asking parents their thoughts and ideas for the future direction of our great school.

### Staff News

I would like to welcome back Mrs Keegan from her extended long service leave. She had a wonderful tour of Europe with her husband visiting relatives and exploring the other side of the world. Her class had the opportunity to facetime with her while she was away and wondered at the technology for communication! Mrs Billinghurst will also return next week from her long service leave. The Billinghurst family travelled throughout the USA and also video

conferenced with the Powerful Owls during the trip. Welcome back to Bringelly, we look forward to hearing all the news from your holidays. A huge thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Bright for covering those classes so well without any interruption to the students learning.

### Little Steps to Big School

Our transition to school program started last Friday with 15 new students for Kindy 2018. This year Mrs Brown is running the transition program activities with Mrs Hillhouse, while Mrs Scott has organised the Parents' Program. This Friday, an Occupational Therapist will speak to the parents and observe the students for their fine motor control skills and general movement. The program has been running for many years now at Bringelly and brings confidence of school for the new students. We want a successful start to school and feedback from previous families have always been very positive. If you know any family who has a child ready to start in 2018 please let them know, they can still attend and should enrol now.

### Gala Day

Last Tuesday all children K-6 were involved in the Cowpasture Group of Schools Gala day. Kemps Creek ran a very successful K-2 Gala Day with multiple games and activities. At the Bringelly Oval nearly 500 Year 3 – 6 students were playing netball, soccer or neucombe ball. The referees were a group of Year 10 students from John Edmondson High school. We thank them for their continual support in our school events. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the teachers and staff that are involved in preparing for the Two Gala Days per year. It is an enormous task but so rewarding when you watch the children play and compete against other students from our neighbouring schools and enjoy playing team sport.

### Cowpasture Concert

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, Mrs Cazalet, Mrs Bright and Mrs Borg took 21 Bringelly students to the Marconi Club for the Annual Cowpasture Concert. This annual event highlights the creative arts and invites the Cowpasture group of schools to enter Dance, Choir or Drama items for the concert. This year the Bringelly Choir entered the item "Moana Medley." The children were dressed in colourful sarongs with bright pink flowers in their hair. They sang, danced and used percussion instruments to the delight of the audience. I had the important job of being a part of the stage crew and enjoyed the challenge of being backstage. We were all impressed by the girl's exemplary behaviour and enthusiastic performance skills. I would like to thank the team for co-ordinating this wonderful opportunity for the students to perform in front of a large audience and I have promised to buy them team t-shirts next year! The choir is now working on the Dharawal verse of the Australian National Anthem and will perform at the next assembly.

### Leadership Workshop

On Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, 20 of our Year 5 students will attend a Leadership workshop at Austral Public School. This is also co-ordinated within the Cowpasture Group of Schools. The students will learn new skills and have a great opportunity to network and join in together to build up their leadership skills for their final year of Primary school.

### Movie Day

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of October the student leadership team are organising a Halloween themed Movie Day. This event is always popular and comfy chairs are moved from room to room to accommodate the Gold Class seats. Children can come dressed in Halloween themed costume for the day for a gold coin donation and movie tickets and refreshments orders have already flooded in to the office. All proceeds of the day will go towards the Student Leadership Team end of year whole school Picnic Day. Stay tuned for a report on the outcome of the event.

### Healthy Harold

The Life Education Van is coming to Bringelly P. S on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of November. This is a great incursion and aligns with the curriculum across all stages.



### Swimming scheme

Don't forget to hand in the permission slip for your child to attend the swimming scheme. Children from Year 1 – 6 will attend swimming lessons and learn important safety skills in the water during week six. There is no cost for the lessons and the only cost is the bus travel at \$50.00 for the week.

### Attendance

There is a large amount of children late to school in the mornings. I would like to stress the importance of regular attendance and especially the strain that regular late arrivals put on the students and their learning. Please see the eye opening table below of how much learning time is lost by regular absences. If your child is late in the morning please make sure you walk them to the office and sign the yellow slip. The slip cannot be marked on the roll with an approved reason unless signed by a parent. If your child is absent from school, please send a note to the class teacher explaining the reason on the day they return to school.

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

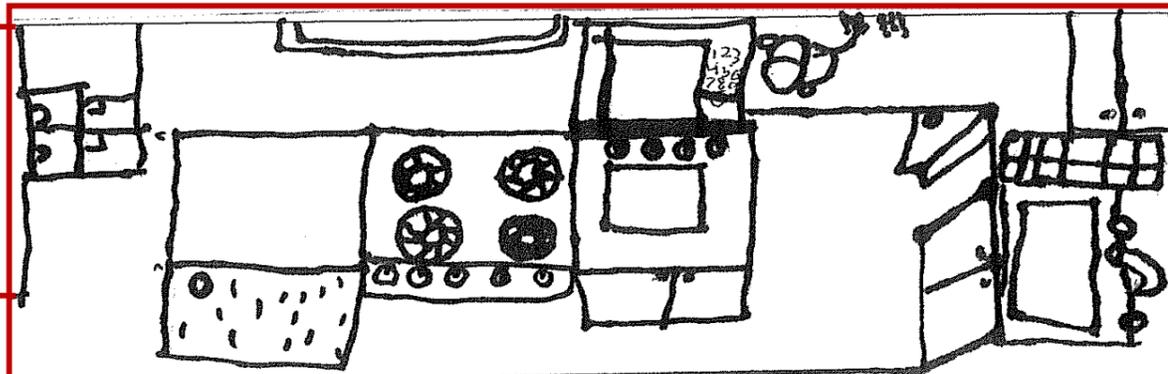
**School starts at 9.00am  
DON'T BE LATE!**

### Safety around our School

Parents are getting into the bad habit of pulling in to the staff carpark driveway and reversing out to turn around on Greendale Rd. This has resulted in a few near misses as other cars and trucks negotiate around you and students cross to get to the pedestrian gate. It is much too dangerous to turn around in this congested area. Please continue driving down Greendale Rd and turn safely further down near the fire station or the brick works where there is less traffic.

*Sharyl Scott*

From the EALD Team  
(English as an Additional Language or Dialect)



*My kitchen is a small but long room. There is a medium sized window above the sink. Under the sink there are some cupboards where we put cleaning stuff. On the left of the sink there is an oven on the wall. Above the oven there is a microwave. Next to the oven is the stove top.*

*It has four hot plates on it.*

*Next to the kitchen is a small room where we have two refrigerators. Across from that room is a long bench where we cut up vegetables and meat. Under the bench there are two huge cupboards. One has the bin inside it and the other has lots of bowls. I like to cook with my mum in the kitchen.*

### Fallen Soldiers Assembly

Today Bringelly paid our respect to our 4 former students who fought in WW1. Two of these soldiers were recognized as the centenary of their death fell on consecutive days in the school holidays.



*Cowpasture Concert*



**National Indigenous Rugby League Championships**

Congratulations to Dylan Watkins in Year 5 for playing in the Koori Cup last weekend.



**Bringelly Public School Banner Winners**



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13th November	Assembly - 4/5 Rosella's

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