



BRINGELLY BUZZ
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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term Three.

This week we have been celebrating Education Week, starting with open classrooms, a picnic and a choir performance at our school assembly on Monday. The school choir sang a beautiful song selected by our choir coordinators, Mrs Bright and Mrs Czalet. The strong voices were harmonious and lovely to listen too. Mrs Bright and Mrs Czalet both have extensive background experience in performance and music. Thank you to parents and extended family that braved the cold weather to come.

Naidoc Day

On Tuesday we celebrated Naidoc Day at Middleton Grange Public School. This involved all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Cowpasture Group of Schools. Each student was allowed to take a friend along with them to participate in the Naidoc activities. Mrs Billingham, Mrs Cannell and Mrs Borg are part of the Aboriginal Education committee and attended along with our students. Keira Ryder-Moriarty joined Sean, the Aboriginal performer in a traditional Torres Strait Islander dance on stage and Mrs Billingham, was impressed with Keira's high level of confidence. Well done Keira. Dylan Watkins and Keira also informed our Cowpasture community of school students about the yarning circle that is used within the Aboriginal Culture. This knowledge from our students has come from the successful Sista Speak and Bro Speak program. The other schools in the Cowpasture community are now interested in implementing these programs at their schools

Athletics Carnival

The weather was very kind to us for the annual Athletics Carnival on Wednesday. There were many parents and carers here to support our students on the day and we hope to have a large group of students attending the District Athletics on the 24th August 2017. Year 6 were also busy selling bottles of water during the day to raise funds towards the Year 6 farewell.

Thank you to the P & C this week for organising three Meal Deals over Education Week. We very much appreciate all your hard work.

Educational Assessment Australia

Several of our students have sat the Independent Educational Assessment tests in various subjects this year. I wish to congratulate two junior students for their level of achievement in Science. Aiden Di Mascio achieved a distinction and Hollie Keenan achieved a credit this year. They are both in Year 2. Congratulations to these students. In Year 6, both Skyler Johnstone and Alecia Tedesco performed very highly in graphics and multimedia questions. Well done to all the students who participated.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Our annual Tell Them From Me Survey for students, will be happening in the school this term. You will find information included on page 3 in this newsletter. Please take the time to read it. This survey applies to student engagement at school.

Community Grants

Thank you to Mrs Cini and Mrs Collins President and Treasurer of the P&C for spending a considerable amount of time seeking grants and completing the applications to apply for them. Mrs Cini, with the help of Mr McCroary are applying for school bubblers for the school so we will be able to fill water bottles and lower our consumption of plastic.

Avenue of Trees and Bush Regeneration

The row of gums along the Northern Road were planted for the school centenary in 1978. Mr Spencer (Al's Tree Service) has taken over the maintenance for the trees that he helped plant. You will see the trees have been pruned and heavy mulch has been laid underneath to protect them.

Lendlease

The Lendlease company have the contract to build the new alignment of the Northern Road. A representative came to meet with me this week, and engineers have done an inspection of the school buildings. I was told that the major power lines at the intersection will be moved to the new site in the coming weeks. I am unsure of what this means in regard to power interruptions for the school. We have a map showing the new road realignment at the front office. If parents haven't seen this, please drop in and have a look.

Parent Teacher Meetings

If any parents/carers were unable to meet with their child's teacher last week during the Parent/Teacher interviews and would like to arrange another meeting, please ring the school office on 47748271.

Book Parade

The annual Book Week celebrations will be run from 19th - 26th August and our Book Parade will be held on the 29th August 2017. The theme this year is Exploring the World.



Sharyl Scott

Athletics Carnival



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming up from the 24th - 29th August 2017 in the school Library. The book fair will be open before school from 8.30am and after school till 3.30pm.



The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

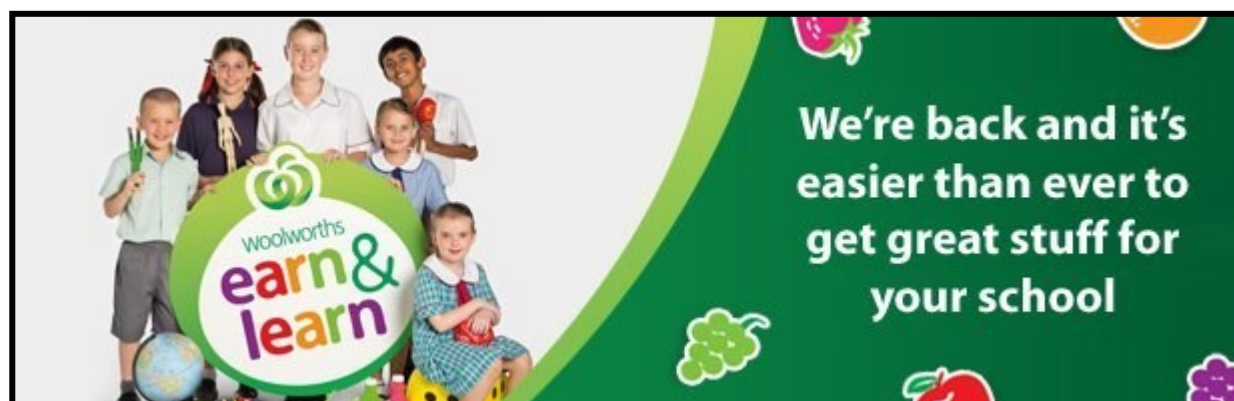
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 21 August and 13 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **14 August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Please find the Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form enclosed in this newsletter.



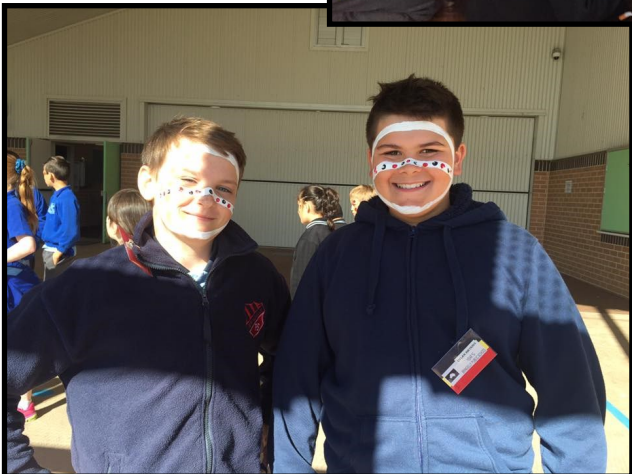
Earn and Learn is running from the 26th July to 19th September. We have a collection box outside of Oran Park Woolworths and also one in the office of Bringelly Public School. Collect your stickers and drop them in either box so we can get new resources for our school.



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7th - 9th August	Years 5 & 6 Canberra/Snow Excursion
21st August	Assembly - Year 5/6 Powerful Owls
29th August	Book Parade

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