Dear Parents,

This week the school was linked into the Premiers Sports competition and the Premiers Reading competition. Both competitions have been run in the school over the past 5 years. The state support for the academic and health of children is an important aspect of developing the whole child and their abilities.

Another very, very successful week….for sporting teams.

Bringelly has a high level of participation in both areas and particularly sport. The school is very lucky to have staff with a range of skills many of whom have themselves played sports at state level. This week Miss Kunkler began coaching the Green Valley district basketball team. The selection for the team was completed by a coach from another school and school captain Chloe Harper has been selected to be in the team. Chloe was very excited by her success and is enjoying the opportunity and we will be supporting her all the way.

Mrs Murphy is coaching the Rugby League teams for the GVPSSA and has accepted the position of team manager. Trials for the GVPSSA District Team were held this week and after selections over two days it was announced that School Captain Reid Murphy was selected to play by independent coaches from other schools in the open team which means he is playing against 12 year olds, and Hudsyn Murphy is playing in the Under 11 year olds. Mr Murphy has agreed to help coach the side. An excellent result boys and the school will be cheering you on.

Many of the Rugby League team boys were interested in trying out for Razorback Representative Squad. We thank Mrs Murphy for her considerable time in organising this competition and managing this team. Her husband Mr Murphy has volunteered to also help coach.

An exciting time for all when there was such a large group of boys trying out. Congratulations to Jackson Takacs, Heath Milford, Reid Murphy, Hudsyn Murphy, Adam Crichlow, Frank Alessi, Charlie Cini, and Damian Hall with all boys being selected for the squad. On the 11th of March Mrs Murphy will be taking the team to Razorback 7 a-side at Kirkham to complete. The photo of the Razorback boys will be in the next newsletter.

Green Valley Public School Sport on Fridays. 47 students travel every week to take part in the schools district sports carnival. Mrs Murphy with ex-state rep Mrs Borg coaches the girls soccer, taking a junior and senior team which involves 21 girls. Mr McCroary is an accredited coach, coaching the schools Oz-Tag junior and senior teams and the teams have been practicing ball skills and strategies in recesses and lunchtimes.

I loudly applaud and thank the Bringelly P&C for the sponsoring the girls’ sports outfits and they looked fantastic as they all were led to the bus this Friday for their first games.
Trees in the school grounds
I am aware of concern in the community about the trees in the school property after the terrible accident in Pitt Town school. I have contracted Al Tree Service to inspect and write a report about the condition of the trees in the playground. I have been instructed by the Department of Education and communities to send this report straight to the Departments Asset Management group who will coordinate with the company and the school of what to act on. The DEC have placed very clear guidelines down for schools and the tree companies with the safety of students and staff in mind. I will be able to inform the community of the decisions after the report has been completed by a qualified arborist.

Multicultural Day
On the 20th of March we are having a celebration. See the flyer on yellow paper that went home with your child for all the instructions. Please ring the school if you have any questions.

The Cowpasture Schools Gala Day and School Disco – 28th March.
For those children not involved in PSSA, sport activities at the moment are training for Gala Day on the 28th March. The K-2 children will travel to Middleton Grange and the Years 3-6 children will walk to Bringelly Park for netball, newcomball and Oz tag. This will be the same day as the night of the school disco so I hope the children have still enough ZOOM to come that night from 5.00pm - 8.00pm. The P&C are running the school disco for a fundraiser so please support them by coming along or volunteering.

Bringelly procedures and reminders
School commences at 8.50am or when the bells goes. Children must be at school before this time. If a child is late they need to attend the office with a parent to sign the late note. The absences are recorded and if too many occur the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) will contact you.
School finishes at 2.45pm. Please collect your child by 3.00pm as staff have to leave to collect their own children. If you are going to be late please phone the school office, Your child can then be left at the office to be supervised by a teacher as office staff are not allowed to supervise children. Thank you for your cooperation.

When the bell goes for school to begin there is no longer an assembly. Please drop your child off and give them time to reconnect with their friends before school. Do not drop your child off before 8.30am. There is not a teacher on duty until then and students are at risk.

Canteen — the canteen is open Monday to Thursday. It is CLOSED on Fridays. If an order is placed on a Friday, the parent will be contacted to bring recess/lunch. **Volunteers are still needed.**

School Payments—must be the correct money in an envelope with your child’s name, class and what the money is for and a permission note if needed. NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN OUT. EFTPOS is also available. A surcharge will apply. There will be no cash out available.

The Uniform Shop is run by the P&C ASSOCIATION and EFTPOS is now available from the P&C.

Volunteers—all volunteers MUST sign in at the office where they will be given a volunteers tag. This is a WHS (Work, Health & Safety) requirement. THERE ARE NO EXEMPTIONS.
Cookie Dough orders have been sent home. Please return orders with the money to school between 15th March and 20th March.

Disco will be going ahead on Friday 28th March. More information will be sent home closer to the day.

We are once again having an Easter raffle and we are asking for donations of Easter eggs, chocolates or anything else that would be suitable to be put into our baskets. These will be made up for prizes for the raffle. Tickets will be sold at the disco and raffle books will be sent home to families soon.

Sticky Beak canteen wallets have been ordered and we should have them back at school early in Term 2.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th March at 6.30pm either in the library or Mrs Scott’s office depending on how many people attend.

The P&C would like to extend a huge thank you to Lawrence Transport for committing to a sponsorship back in 2013 for our girl’s soccer team.

The P&C would like to thank you in anticipation of continued support throughout 2014.

Thank you to Mrs Grover, one of our grandmothers, for her generous donation of books for our library.