As we come to the end of Term 2, we reflect on all the wonderful events we have had and the fantastic results our students have achieved. All of the students have participated in the Gymnastics program this term with the company Be Skilled Be Fit. They are a local company who provided the equipment and taught our students the gymnastic skills as required from our PD/H/PE Syllabus. Most students who attended each week were assessed on the skills they were taught and an individual report was written for these students. These reports will be sent home with the Semester One Reports in week 2 next term. Parent Teacher Interviews will also occur that week. A note will come home after the holidays to book in a time to see all the teachers.

The Dance Group and Choir have made an excellent start to their items for the Cowpasture Concert which is on the 16th October at the Marconi Club. Lots of time and effort from the children and Mrs Murphy and Mrs Keegan is what makes this Concert so worthwhile. As I write this newsletter, we had a graffiti artist come to the school to paint the backdrops for our items. Mrs Murphy organised this and the P & C paid for the spray paint. The artist, Chris, did not charge us for his time so that was very generous of him. The end product is fantastic and all the children were very impressed.

Swimming Scheme is week 2 next term, so I urge you to send your children so their swimming skills improve. The cost of $55 is for the bus and entry to the pool, NOT the lessons. The lessons are free and are provided by the Department. There are still places available for students in years 1-6 to attend.

During the holidays, Naidoc Week is celebrated from 6-13th July. Our Cowpasture Naidoc celebrations will happen the first Thursday back on the 17th July at Middleton Grange PS as we have had the last 3 years. All Aboriginal students and their friend plus our School Ambassador attend this day. Permission notes have gone home to the relevant children. Our PSSA teams have excelled again. Our netball teams led by Mrs Keegan have been training hard. We have won some of our games with large improvements being made each week. It is a great achievement the success we have had in the Green Valley PSSA Competitions since re-entering PSSA last year. We appreciate the parent’s support with paying for buses each week.

Many of our senior students are also involved in Debating with Mrs Sullivan and Tournament of Minds with Miss Phongphila plus our regular students who always work with Mr McCroary on his environmental projects.

The many opportunities we offer our students here at Bringelly only occur because of the dedication of the staff.
We have had many successful Year 6 Fundraising events this term. Bringelly’s Got Talent and the Mufti Day was a fantastic day. The children really enjoyed the teacher’s item. The teachers enjoyed surprising the students and having some fun with them. The Year 6 students have worked hard by organising a Treasure Hunt, Guessing Competitions and Raffles. The P & Cs Soup Day also raised money to go towards the Farewell. Next term year 5/6 will be holding their Market Day and a Car Wash.

Currently Mrs Scott is enjoying her long service leave and has sent us some photos. Mrs Scott will be back at school on Tuesday 15th July. I will be more than happy to return the Principal’s chair and go back to teaching Year 6. I wish to thank Mrs Keegan who has been fulfilling the Assistant Principal role. It is always difficult to do a relieving position but Mrs Keegan has done a wonderful job.

Some reminders for all parents :-
School starts at 8.55am. We have many students who are late to school every day. I understand it is cold but it is a disruption to the class when students arrive late. It is recorded in the roll as a partial absence.

The Hone School Liaison Officer regularly checks our rolls. If the students are late, they need to be signed in at the office by a parent please. The yellow slip is then given to the class teacher.

All children are to be picked up by 3pm at the gate. ALL parents are required to come to the gate so the teacher on duty can see who each child is going home with. If you are going to be late please ring the office before 2.30pm so the teacher on duty is told this message. There are quite a few students who are picked up late quite frequently, so I ask that after school arrangements be made with an after school facility or you arrange another family member or friend to pick them up.

Payments for all school activities need to be paid on time. It is quite stressful for the office to finalise buses or entry to certain places when some students have not returned permission slips or money. There are cut off dates for all activities and the office will not be accepting anymore late payments or I’ll pay tomorrow reasons.

There are still quite a few outstanding payments for book packs and gymnastics. Please pay these amounts to the office as soon as possible.

I wish everyone a safe holiday and enjoy staying home and keeping warm.

Simone Billinghurst
Relieving Principal
Mrs Keegan would like to thank all parents who donated plastic bottles for the school. We had an overwhelming amount brought in. So thank you parents again for your kind generosity.

**REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Reports and parent teacher interviews will take place week 2 of Term 3.

Notes will follow in regards to parent teacher interviews, these interviews will take place over the whole week depending on what times and days your child/ren teachers are available.

We ask you to return your notes ASAP when received to ensure that your times and dates are secured with the class teacher.

**MRS SCOTT TAKES ON AMERICA**

We are so glad Mrs Scott is enjoying her break in America. Mrs Scott has sent us some photos that she has asked the office to put in the newsletter. Here is one with Daisy Duck at Disney World Florida. She’s having a qwacker of a time.