Dear Parents,

HARMONY CELEBRATIONS
On Tuesday the whole school celebrated Harmony Day. The atmosphere of the school was buzzing as children dressed in orange arrived for a day planned with performances and a food festival.

Firstly thank you to all the families who cooked the huge variety of dishes for Harmony Day. There were dishes from Malta, Italy, Poland, Samoa, Lebanon, Iran, New Zealand, Australia, England, Germany and the Philippines.

Our formal assembly was opened with an acknowledgement to country by Uncle Ivan (Dharawal) and then a welcome by Uncle Greg (Mulgoa, part of the Durag nation). The Aboriginal children did a fantastic dance of emus and kangaroos accompanied by PJ Jensen. Thank you to the Campbelltown Aboriginal Community services for their help with our celebrations.

Irish dancers, a dance from the Philippines by Sharmaine Rudd and Aleina Beaman (3M) and a hair raising Haka by a group of senior boys, completed the day. Thank you to Chaplain Quzon for helping them learn their performance.

HOLIDAYS
The school will open on the 20th April for a professional training day for staff only. The Office will be open for payments and inquiries. The uniform shop will be open from 9.00—12.00.

All children begin Term 2 on the 21st April.

On behalf of the staff of Bringelly School I wish all families a lovely Autumn break from the busy school routine. Please look at the school website or app to follow some of the upcoming events.

Sharyl Scott.
P.E.P (Pupil Enrichment Program)
Term 1

So what's the most fun you could have on a school day?

Last Friday, the PEP group (Aleina, Riesa, Samantha, Katelyn, Nich. Cody, Coby, Nathan, Manuel, Hudsyn and Adam) got to visit the Camden Show. We were there to see the scarecrows that we had entered into the scarecrow competition but we jammed packed lots of activities into the day.

Firstly we watched the piglets, wearing little racing stripes as they ran around the obstacle course squealing. Nick was picked to choose a name for one of the piglets — he came up with Usain Bolt because he was super fast.

Next we had lots of healthy things for lunch (NOT!) and then went for a ride on the Cha Cha, dodgem cars and The Haunted House — luckily we all kept our lunch in our bellies!

We were looking forward to hearing the judge’s decisions on our scarecrows. We had put so much hard work and time into our creations so we thought we deserved some recognition. Each group came away with a mention in the scarecrow judging. Rapunzel received 4th prize, Cat in the Hat received 5th place and our Spongebob got a Highly Commended. We were told by the lady working on the stand that Spongebob got the people’s choice award because people were lining up all day to have their photo taken with him! We did really well amongst some very hard competition and we have got some ideas for how to improve our designs for next year’s show — (hint - Mrs Keegan!)

The best part of the day was going on some rides and witnessing Mrs Keegan and Mrs Billinghurst testing out a certain silver pole and of course the show bags!!

We are so grateful to have the best teacher in Mrs Keegan—she helped us so much with our scarecrows and then took us for the best day at the show! Mrs Keegan you really are so awesome!

Thank you for coming with us too Mrs Billinghurst and making us all laugh! Thank you to all our parents for letting us go and giving us fun memories of a really fantastic day.

I'm pretty sure that's the best fun you can have on a school day!

Hudsyn Murphy, 5M

Thursday 3rd April

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 20th April

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21st April

Students Return Term 2

Tuesday 21st April

Year 5/6 students Anzac Service at Penrith

Office Rules and Procedures

As the school is growing the office is getting very busy and inundated with a lot of payments and paperwork, which means we now have to enforce more rules and procedures. When paying for any excursions or items at the office we require the correct money put into an envelope with the corresponding slip and it is to be put into the slot in the front foyer. All deadlines on excursions and items will now be enforced so ensure your child has made payment before the deadlines or your child will miss out. If money has been received after the deadline the office will send your payment home with your child with a note stating you missed the cut off date. CHANGE will NOT be given at the office until we have processed the money, then change will be given to the eldest child. All spare notes will be hanging on the pin board opposite the front office.

Also, please update the office if your contact details or medical information for your child change. We must have 2 emergency contact people in case of an emergency when we cannot get in contact with parents. If in doubt whether your details are up to date, please ring the office. It is vital that medical information is up to date so we can give the best care for your child in an emergency.

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.

Special thanks to all the people who are helping to cover our new library books and readers with clear contact. Thank you…Mrs Hall, Mrs Borg, Mrs Edwards, Mrs McCabe, Mrs Cazalet, Mrs Bono, Ms Jenkins, Ms Alejo, and Mr Melik.

Happy Easter