### Important Dates

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**Principal’s Report**

Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion was a great success from all reports and how lucky are they to have met with the Federal member, Ms Sussan Ley. Another highlight for Mrs Tait, was the wonderful behaviour of our students, great ambassadors for our school and a delight to take away. I am very excited to see the follow up activities from the students.

On this excursion our students undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs, focusing on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

**Welcome to Lily**

This week we welcome Lily Gander to our school. Lily is joining our Year 6 students and we know she will enjoy her time at BPS and build some friendships to take her into high school.

**Talent Quest**

Mrs Frueond is once again having practice sessions for our talent quest auditions. Every Monday and Wednesday at lunch time, we hear and see lots of young people creating and displaying their skills in all areas of the creative arts. I am not sure who is having the most fun, Mrs Frueond or the students. It is a great fun learning time for all who are participating.

**Computer Roll Out**

Mrs Bec Ware, our technology guru, is super excited, our roll out of department computers arrived yesterday. This roll out happens every 4 years. We have received 10 netbooks, 2 desktops, 1 laptop and a new monitor. All these acquisitions will continue to further help develop our students’ skills in technology and provide a great platform for teaching and learning.

**PSSA Changes**

Last Monday the Finley PSSA region met to finalise changes to our network. As you may be aware our network has grown to include more schools. Mulwala, Urana, Oaklands, Savernake and Lowesdale now belong to our PSSA group which already includes Berrigan, Finley, Barooga, Tocumwal and Jerilderie. Savernake, Urana and Lowesdale will combine together as a small schools group within our PSSA, enabling them to use resources from the three schools to run carnivals, select representatives, etc. All members of the Finley PSSA were positive and can see our region continue to flourish.

**'Aspire Me' School Spectacular Excursion**

Three of our Year 5 students have been selected to participate in the Deniliquin network, 'Aspire Me' School Spectacular Excursion. Congratulations to Cassandra Renneberg, Isabel Alexander and Max Cameron. These three students will join 29 other students from across the Deniliquin network and travel to Sydney to see the performance of the 2014 School Spectacular. This performance is amazing, watching over 3,000 NSW Public School students performing. As well as watching this performance the students will participate in drama and dance workshops, tour the Opera House, art galleries, plus explore Sydney our state capital. This is a fantastic opportunity for these three students.

**School Photos**

Next week, on Thursday, our annual school photos will be taken. All students will receive a labelled envelope which needs to be returned to the school with correct money inside. More information can be found in this newsletter and any queries can be answered by the front office staff. All students must be in full summer school uniform and all students will be in the class photos.

**Merit System**

For our new families a quick explanation of how the merit award system works. At every Friday assembly each teacher gives out a set of merit awards to students in their class. When the students collect 8 merits for the current year, they bring them into the office and they will receive a Principal Award at a special assembly. Students receive merits for a wide range of reasons including all areas of school life.

**Year 1/2 Recycling Excursion Recount**

Last Tuesday we went to Paul’s Demolition. It was a recycling place. We saw aluminium, brass, lead, copper and steel. We went inside the shed and had a look at wheels, doors, old bottles and lots lots more. There were old tractors, fork lifts and other equipment. Paul, Mrs Stevenson and all the kids got onto the weighbridge, we weighed 620kg. We all said thank you to Paul and Val. They handed out lollies to everyone.

Bree McNamara

**P&C Meeting**

A reminder our P&C will meet tonight at 7.30 in the library. Come along and support our P & C which supports your students.

**Gayle Andriske**

**Principal**

**Notes required to be returned**

- School Photo – CORRECT MONEY IN ENVELOPES PLEASE
- School Voluntary Contribution/P&C Donation
- Text Books

If you require copies of these notes please contact the office

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**How You Can Tell When It’s Going To Be A Rotten Day;**

- You have an appointment in 10 minutes and you just woke up.
- Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

*To be continued……*

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**Tuppal Food & Fibre Festival Excursion**

*Slide show running in the foyer…*
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:

- Gracie Rice for having a go at tricky writing independently.
- Charlie Magill for being Champion Learner for the week.
- Miley Driscoll for using correct spacing and punctuation when writing.
- Jackie Sharp-Shorney for being a fabulous help to me in Kinder/One. (not in picture)

Mrs Stevenson:

- Xavier Fox for fabulous hitting & running in t-ball.
- Archie Cameron for a great recount on recycling. Well done.
- Lachlan O’Dwyer for excellent ‘groups of’ in maths.
- Brody Penrose for fabulous writing with spaces.
- Lara Willemsen for fabulous maths work in ‘groups of’.

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:

- Lucy Phillips for great work & organisation Ballarat Project.
- Jennifer Ackerly for great effort & organisation Ballarat Project.
- Shae Fennell for excellent effort in ‘First Fleet’ assessment tasks.
- Abi Litchfield for excellent effort in ‘First Fleet’ assessment tasks.

Mrs Tait:

Year 5/6 on Canberra Excursion

Mrs Sneddon:

- Hamish Cameron for attention to detail in Ballarat project.
- Tess McLennan for excellent effort working on Ballarat project.
- Lacy Turner for good work with ‘displacement’.
- Emily Johnson for excellent publishing of recount.
- Jason Yeo for good listening skills in Maths. (not in picture)
Canteen Roster - Term 4

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- Thank you to all our canteen helpers. Please remember if your day(s) are not suitable to organise your own swap and please notify the office.
- Please do not order snacks, lollies or icy poles with your lunch orders.
- PLEASE NOTE: Students are NOT to bring food to school for lunches etc. that requires heating up in the canteen, as this is an OH&S issue.

P&C News

P&C Meeting
A reminder our P&C will meet tonight at 7.30 in the library. Come along and support our P&C which supports your students.

School Notices

School Photos
School photographs will be taken on Thursday, 13th November 2014 commencing at 9.00am. Each child has been given a named individual/class group pre-pay envelope. At this stage group photographs to be taken are: Family Groups, School Captains, SRC, Sports Captains, Riverina Representatives, Swimming and Athletic Champions. Pre pay brochure/envelopes are available from the school office for those requiring group photographs.

- PLEASE HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY IN THE ENVELOPES AS THEY ARE NOT PROCESSED AT SCHOOL, THE MONEY IS HANDED STRAIGHT OVER TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS.
- ALL BROCHURE/ENVELOPES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY NO LATER THAN MONDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2014.

Community Notices

Shane Atkinson Nurse Audiometrist
Shane Atkinson Nurse Audiometrist will attend Berrigan Community Health Centre on Monday 17th November 2014. Any concerns about speech, learning or behaviour, please ring Tocumwal Hospital to make an appointment for your child to have a hearing test on 0358742166. Child must be free of cold at time of test and at least 6 weeks following a cold.

Junior Tennis
If anyone is interested in playing in a junior tennis competition in Berrigan, we are having a casual hit this Thursday 6th November at 4.00pm at the Berrigan Tennis Courts to organise teams. This will be for anyone who can hit a tennis ball – you don’t need to know how to play a game. Contact Jo Cameron 0458501808.
Women's Strength Building Group

Building resilience to support ourselves and our families

Join us for a workshop that will help you deal with everyday stress. Learn how to take better care of yourself whilst caring for those close to you and around you.

The workshop will cover:
- Understanding stress and finding ways to deal with it
- Changing our thinking to change how we feel
- Activity: Scheduling the value of pleasure in managing stress
- Self-esteem and being OK with me

Facilitators: Laurene Liebenberg & Jannette Dunton

Date: Monday 24 November 2014
Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Where: Berigan
Cost: It’s FREE! Morning tea and lunch provided

For bookings and information, RSVP: Numbers limited & bookings are essential

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive starting soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $67 for school-aged children and $48 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit
www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02

NSW Office of Sport
Government Sport & Recreation
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BERRIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 17 September 2014

Meeting open: 7:38pm

Present: Carolyn Alexander, Gayle Andriske, Kelli Litchfield, Keith Phillips, Meredith Stevenson, Kathryn Morrow and Doug Cameron

Apologies: Kristy Pyle and Jeremy O’Dwyer

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting were read as a true and correct copy, moved Carolyn, seconded Kelli.

Correspondence: Nil

Reports: Principals: Presented and moved by Gayle, seconded Kathryn.
Treasurers: Carolyn presented and moved her report seconded Gayle.

Business Arising:
1. Softfall – Keith to co-ordinate delivery and spreading of softfall.
2. Luxury Candle party plan – was decided not to go ahead with this.
3. Lunch Bags fundraiser – Kristy to get back to us with information.

New Business:
1. Drama Camp – to be held at Berrigan Public School in first term next year – great fundraising opportunity for P&C as they are to provide all meals for 2 days.
2. Teachers Forum – to be held again at Berrigan Public School – Terms 2 and 3 next year.
3. Outdoor tables and benches for the playground – Meredith to look at some options for new table settings.
4. A request has been made to stock the canteen with cooking utensils for classroom cooking.
5. Weather shed needs to be repaired.

Next meeting: 15 October 2014

Meeting closed: 8:28pm