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Wednesday, 17th December 2014

‘The Bell Ringer’
**Principal’s Report**

Thank you and good luck, not goodbye, Mrs Brockie. Mrs Brockie has taken a position at Finley Public School. We are not saying goodbye because we are confident that Mrs Brockie and Berrigan Public School paths will cross again. Mrs Brockie has been an asset to our school teaching Year 1/2, as well as conducting writing groups for Years 3/4 and 5/6. We are grateful for her input into our school and know Finley will benefit from obtaining her services.

**Presentation Night**

Congratulations to our 2014 school leaders; Kaila Luscombe, Rory Thornton, Dana Karakai and Sam Morrow, you did a magic job, hosting our Presentation Night. Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who came to help us celebrate our achievements of 2014.

As I said on the night; Each and every student in our school has a right to feel proud of the progress they have made in 2014. Special guests, ladies and gentlemen, staff, girls and boys of Berrigan Public School.

Tonight, is the night we celebrate and recognise the achievements of our Berrigan Public School students in 2014. Each and every student in our school has a right to feel proud of the progress they have made in 2014. I can say very confidently there is not one student who hasn’t made positive progress this year.

Not all students will receive awards tonight but that doesn’t mean we don’t value the effort and progress they have made in 2014. The teachers are extremely proud of their students as the student should be of themselves.

We are extremely lucky as a school community, to have staff who are so committed to their profession and their students. Staff, who demonstrate real ownership of this school and its students; this is very evident in the amount of time they spend on developing programs, lessons and events that will develop, engage and extend each and every one of our students.

I would like to thank our teaching staff; Mrs Gillie Arnold, Mrs Kathryn Tait, Mrs Meredith Stevenson, Mrs Robyne Sneddon, Mrs Jo Cameron, Mrs Gemma Brockie and our 2 reliable and dependable casal teachers Mrs Emma Phillips and Mr Tom Archer.

Increased data is proving what I truly believe, that the major influence on a child’s learning and education is the classroom teacher. Thank you to our teaching staff for your dedication, commitment and for providing our students with the best learning experiences you possibly can.

The other staff who need to be recognized are our wonderful SASS team. Led by Mrs Barb Fox; this team provides wonderful support to our teachers enabling them to concentrate on the important process of teaching. Thank you Mrs Barb Fox, Mrs Simone Fox, Mrs Jenny Fruend, Mrs Bec Ware, Mrs Kerrie O’Dwyer, Mr Steve Dalgliesh and Ms Nellie Loats; you all do a magnificent job and you are very valued members of our school.

At this point, I also need to recognise Mrs Alli Yelland who was a crucial member of this team until she decided being a grandmother, mother and hairdresser entrepreneur was a new direction for her. We wish her all the best in her new endeavour.

The other body that needs our thanks and recognition is our very supportive P&C. Led in 2014 by President Mr Keith Phillips, this committee works hard to fund raise and support our school, providing extra funds and resources and give our school more chances to provide opportunities for our students.

This year saw a chance for the P&C to cater for network professional training sessions, involving schools from our Finley district. This was a very successful venture, and as all staff will tell you, evaluations on the training always revolve around how good the food was. It was excellent and the positive feedback enables the school to continue to provide a venue for further training sessions and a chance for the P&C to raise funds.

Outside this body we have many parents and individuals who help at our school, whether it be helping with daily reading, craft, excursions, scripture, gardening, maintenance-the list is endless. We, the staff and students, sincerely thank you because with your help we are able to provide lots more opportunities for our students and your children.

As a school we have had many challenges and achievements in 2014, these have been recognized in our weekly newsletters, compiled very competently by Simone Fox. Simone continues to update our school web site and Bec Ware has moved us into social media with the introduction of our Facebook page.

For some families it is time for you to leave our school community because your youngest child has completed their primary education, or new horizons have opened up. The staff and I wish you and your families all the best and thank you for everything you have done for our school and students.

To our Year 6 students ‘Good Luck’. You take with you many wonderful memories of your time at Berrigan Public School, but you are also about to build some new memories. Remember don’t forget the old ones but look forward to the challenges of building the new ones. Life is a learning journey; enjoy it, engage in it and remember the Berrigan Public School motto ‘Play your Part’, do that and make the most of each and every day.

In closing once again, I’d like to thank our extraordinary young people for allowing us, the staff, to have the best job in the world, teaching and learning with them. I’d like to thank the parents for entrusting us with their child’s learning and I’d like to thank my staff for taking up the challenge and doing a marvellous job.

To all of you, have a lovely Christmas, enjoy your family time and I look forward to working with you in 2015, which I’m sure, will have its own set of challenges and rewards.

**Carols by Candlelight**

A reminder, our students have been asked to combine with St Columbus students to sing at Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 20th December. Thank you to Mrs Cameron who will organise our students on the night.

**Carols commence at 7pm - Santa**

- Apex Park
- 5.30pm till 9.30pm - Lions BBQ 6pm – BYO Chair
- Raffle & Candles & Glow sticks available - Spinning Wheel

**Gayle Andriske**

Principal
Canteen Roster - Term 4

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Canteen Roster - Term 1 2015

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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 Notices

P&C Presentation Night Raffle Winners
Our P & C Presentation Night Raffle was once again a huge success and each class did a fantastic job bringing in items for their individual classes. The winning class this year was Year 3/4 and we hope you all really enjoyed your ice-cream.

The winners of the raffles were: Kinder/Year 1 Plastic Hamper – Garry Seamer; Year 1/2 Fabric Hamper – Helen Tanner; Year 3/4 Tin Hamper – Barbara Fox; Year 5/6 Glass Hamper – Kelli Litchfield. Thank you very much to all the families who generously donated, the P & C were pleased that the majority of the winners were actually present to collect their prizes. On closing the P & C would like to wish our entire school community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

Community Notices

School Holiday Program to be held at Cobram Lawn Tennis Club.
Dates: Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th January, Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th January.
Time: 9am - 12pm each day
Ages: 4 - 17 year olds. Catered with via a modified learning environment
Cost: $25 pp/day
Enrolments are being taken online via our website: [www.keystonetennis.com](http://www.keystonetennis.com)

‘Noonameena’ Retirement Village Inc. - Gardener
‘Noonameena’ Retirement Village Inc. requires the services of a gardener. The position is for approximately 23 hours per month. If there are any interested people out there could you please contact Jill Loats - 0358852259.
Congratulations to the following recipients for 2014:

**P&C Community Appreciation Award:** This annual award is for a parent, carer or community member who has contributed to our school in 2014 and the award is to acknowledge our appreciation and thanks. Our recipient this year has been an active P&C member for 9 years, 7 of those on the executive. In the front office if we need to know something about the P&C or we want them to do something, the comment is - call Carolyn she'll know, she'll fix it, she'll chase it. – Carolyn Alexander

Active After School Community has introduced an annual award for the participants of Active After School Community. This award is to reward a student who is an enthusiastic, positive participant and a regular attendee. The recipient of this award was Blake Sorensen.

**Key Learning Area recipients were:**

**English:** Stage 1 – Outstanding Achievement in Reading – Caleb Thornton; Stage 2 – Positive Application and Improvement in all areas of English – Regan Fox; Stage 3 – Excellent Achievement in English – Cassandra Renneberg

**Mathematics:** Stage 1 – Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics – Jye Litchfield; Stage 2 – Persistence and Positive Progress in all areas of Maths – Keia Towler; Stage 3 – Excellence in Mathematics – Bailey Thornton

**Creative Arts:** Stage 1 – Excellence in all Areas of Creative Arts – Repeta Murphy; Stage 2 – Positive Development and Enthusiastic Approach to all Areas of Creative Arts – Piper Mills; Stage 3 – Excellence in Creative Arts – Annabel Middleton

**H.S.I.E:** Stage 1 – Contribution to Discussions in H.S.I.E – Seth Henderson-Cooper; Stage 2 – Enthusiastic Input and Achievement in H.S.I.E. – Benjamin Ackerly; Stage 3 – Excellent Input into H.S.I.E. Topics – Blake Sorensen

**Science:** Stage 1 – Enthusiasm and Achievement in Science – Xavier Fox; Stage 2 – Excellence in Scientific Reasoning, Design and Technology – Shae Fennell; Stage 3 – Excellence in Science – Lachlan McLennan

**P.D.H.P.E:** Stage 1 – Outstanding P.E and Sports Skills – Michael Bainbridge; Stage 2 – Enthusiastic Input and Achievement in P.D.H.P.E. – Nicholas Arnold; Stage 3 – Effort and Achievement in all Aspects of P.D.H.P.E. – Dana Karakai

**Class Awards recipients were:**

Year 5/6: Positive Attitude and Effort in all Learning – Josh McQualter; Diligence and Academic Achievement – Kaila Luscombe; Positive Approach to all Learning – Alexandra Trives; Enthusiasm and Positive Academic Progress – Max Cameron

Year 3/4: Academic Excellence in all Areas – Shae Fennell; Positive Application Skills and Consistent Academic Achievement – Phoebe Holmes; Enthusiastic Effort and Strong Academic Achievement – Abi Litchfield; Consistent Academic Achievement and Positive Application Skills – Hamish Cameron

Year 1/2: Positive Attitude and Achievement - Kyra Lindner; Enthusiasm and Academic Achievement - Lachlan O’Dwyer; Academic Excellence in all Areas - Lara Willemsen; Excellent Attitude and Achievement - Tess Middleton
Kindergarten Graduation Certificates and Books: Achievement in Science – Logan Agnew; Achievement in P.E – Andrew Bainbridge; Achievement in Creative Arts – Charlotte Dickins; Academic Achievement – Miley Driscoll; Academic Achievement – Charlie Magill; Enthusiastic Effort in Art – Lillianna Meyer Vale; Consistent Positive Attitude – Lincoln Murphy; Consistent Positive Attitude – Gracie Rice; Academic Achievement – Isabel Sierra; Improved Confidence at School – Jason Yeo

Oral Reading Medallions: One of our school’s targets is to increase the amount of reading in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. We have introduced an ‘Oral Reading Program’ with set milestones of 25, 50, 75 and 100 sessions of reading. These milestones are recognised at school assemblies with a special merit award. Congratulations to our students who achieved these various milestones throughout the year. Students who have read for 150 sessions, including school and home, will be acknowledged tonight with a medallion. A special thanks to the parents and carers who have donated so much time to listen to the students: Lucy Phillips, Shae Fennell, Keia Towler, Jennifer Ackerly, Phoebe Holmes, Rory Thornton, Allyssa Thornton, Bailey Thornton, Blake Barry, Cassandra Renneberg, Jackie Sharp-Shorney.

The Special Awards recipients were:

- Lodge Loyalty-Quiet Achiever Award: Girl recipient – Dana Karakai; Boy recipient – Rory Thornton;
- Leadership and Citizenship Awards: Berrigan Shire Award for Citizenship – Lachlan McLennan; Junior Citizenship Award – Lacy Turner; Young Peer Fellowship Award - Regan Fox;
- Drama Awards: Isabel Alexander, Cassandra Renneberg, Sam Morrow;
- Gillie Arnold Visual Art Award: Mitchell Spunner;
- Lions Public Speaking: Lucy Phillips, Sam Morrow;
- Margery Nicholas Environment Award: Cassandra Renneberg;
- NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge Medal: Josh McQualter;
- Doug Cameron Sports Encouragement Award: Darcy Pyle;
- Riverina Representatives Medals: Representing Riverina in Swimming – Lucy Phillips; Representing Riverina in Athletics – Sam Morrow;
- School Sports Shield: Momalong; ’All Rounder’ Award: Bailey Thornton;
- Sports Person of the Year: Sports Girl – Lucy Phillips; Sports Boy – Sam Morrow; Dux of the School: Lachlan McLennan;
- Year 6 Graduates: Dana Karakai, Kaila Luscombe, Lachlan McLennan, Josh McQualter, Sam Morrow, Blake Sorensen, Bailey Thornton, Rory Thornton, Seth Willemse

Announcement of 2014 School Captains:
The moment we are all waiting for – School Leaders for 2015. I will ask our 2014 Captains and Vice Captains to present badges. This year, Year 5 students were given the opportunity to nominate for the positions of 2015 captains and vice captains. The students presented campaign speeches to the school students and staff. Then the students and all staff voted. It was a very close election and this demonstrates the calibre of the candidates. The school captains for 2015 are: Girl School Captain – Annabel Middleton; Boy School Captain – Max Cameron. The vice captains for 2015 are: Girl School Vice-Captain – Isabel Alexander; Boy School Vice-Captain – Mitchell Spunner.
Active After School Community Award
Lodge Loyalty - Quiet Achiever Award
Leadership Award
Young Peer Fellowship Award
Junior Citizenship Award
Monologue Award
Monologue Award
Drama Awards
Gillie Arnold Visual Art Award
Thank you to Mrs Jenny Freund for all your hard work, organising “Berrigan’s Talent Quest” 2014.

The students that participated obviously didn’t mind giving up their lunch time to practise their acts. And what wonderful acts they were.

Well done, all involved.