Important Dates

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**Principal’s Report**

How lucky were our three Year 5 students who travelled to Sydney last week on the Aspire Me School Spectacular excursion. Not only did they get to go and see the School Spectacular performance they had a jam-packed 2 days.

On Thursday Cassandra, Isabel and Max went to the NSW Art Gallery to see the PopTo Popism exhibition, followed by a walking tour that took them through the Botanical Gardens and the grounds of Government House. From there they explored the waterfront and headed to the Opera House for a tour. From the Opera House they headed to the rocks for a 2 hour dance workshop, followed up with a brisk walk across the Harbour Bridge. After dinner they headed out for a game of ten pin bowling. Day 1 was huge and they followed up on Friday with a 2 hour drama workshop, followed by a walk through the Rocks to Circular Quay to catch a ferry to Manly. At Manly beach the students were involved in some sand art sculpturing, followed by a fast ferry ride to Darling Harbour for dinner then off to Schools Spectacular. The students were blown away by the size of the stage even before the performance began. Watching up to 3,500 students perform was amazing. The 3 hour performance is something these students will not forget. The show included everything singing, instrumental, dance, aerobics and all artists were Public School students from all across NSW. It was one amazing showcase of talent.

Miss Kempton has asked me to publicly thank Barb Fox for all the lead up and follow up work she did in finalising the excursion. Any excursion is a lot of work but when it involves 32 schools, it is a huge job to co-ordinate all the information, money, phone calls etc. I would also like to reinforce Vicki’s thanks because Barb saved me a lot or of work and time.

**Berrigan War Memorial Swimming Pool Donation**

Last Friday Sue Chisholm and David Woodward visited our special assembly and were presented with a cheque by Emma Phillips on behalf of our P&C. The donation of $500 to Berrigan War Memorial Swimming Pool is in appreciation of the wonderful job the pool committee does for our community.

**Year 6 Transition Day**

Our Year 6 students who are heading to Finley High School next year will have a taste of high school this Thursday. They will spend the day at the high school, travelling as they will next year. How quickly the year has gone, these Year 6 students will soon be the Year 7 students in the ‘big school’.

**Mrs Brockie’s Writing Group**

Thank you to Mrs Brockie’s writing group for sharing their writing with us in this weeks newsletter. Mrs Brockie works with this group of boys each week and also with a year 5 reading comprehension group. Next year we lose the services of Mrs Brockie as she will be working in Finley. It has been a great opportunity this term for our students to work in small groups on Wednesdays with Mrs Brockie and in term 2 & 3 our Year 1/2 had a similar experience. We will miss Mrs Brockie’s expertise at Berrigan and know that Finley Public School are the winners here. Thank you for your work this year and we will enjoy your last two Wednesdays.

**Principal’s Awards**

Congratulations to those clever students who received Principal’s Awards at last Friday’s special assembly. Recipients were: Shae Spunner, Bailey Thornton, Max Cameron, Allysia Thornton, Blake Barry, Cassandra Renneberg, Niclas Renneberg, Hamish Cameron, Darcy Pyle, Abi Litchfield, Keia Towler, Jessica O’Dwyer, Molly Rice, Caleb Thornton, Ryan Thornton, Jye Litchfield, Charlie Magill, Miley Driscoll & Gracie Rice, Lucy Phillips, Lacy Turner, Xavier Fox, Lara Willemsen & Lachlan O’Dwyer.

**Monologue Performance**

For a second year our Year 5/6 students have been working with Mrs Dickie on presenting a monologue. A monologue is an extended dramatic speech performed by one person. The students will perform their monologues on Monday 8th December, before our special morning tea. Parents and friends are invited to come and see these presentations as well as join us for morning tea.

**Thank You Morning Tea**

As is the tradition of our school we invite all our 2014 ‘helpers’ to school for morning tea on Monday 8th December. These people are very valued members of our school community; providing support not only to our students but also to the staff, giving that extra pair of hands, eyes and ears. As a school we always know we can call on our school community to provide us with help and support and this morning tea is just a small way we can recognise and thank you for that support.

**Presentation Night**

Next Wednesday night, starting at 7 pm, is our annual Presentation Night. This is a special night where we celebrate the achievements of our students in 2014. Please come along and celebrate with our students.

**Berrigan’s Got Talent - LunchTime FunTime Talent Quest**

Some very excited students are very busy practising for the BPS Talent Quest, being organised by Mrs Fruend during LunchTime. The big event will take place on Thursday 11th December at 11.30am. All parents and people special to performers are welcome to come along and watch and be entertained.

**Emailing School Newsletter**

As you may be aware as of next year the school newsletter will be emailed to all school families. Below in ‘School News’ you will find a form to be completed with your email address. Please complete this and return to Simone Fox for processing.

**Gayle Andriske**

**Principal**

**Notes required to be returned**

K/1/2 BBQ Permission Note
Swimming for Sport Permission Note
Newsletter - email address

If you require copies of these notes please contact the office

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**Quote of the Day**

“Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.”

Dennis P. Kimbro

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**Slide show running in the foyer...**

Spunner’s Dairy Farm & Helen Pyle’s Pet Visit
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:

- Charlotte Dickins for working well in class.
- Charlie Magill for her fabulous attitude and helpfulness.
- Ryan Thornton for following teacher directions.

Mrs Stevenson:

- Layla Towler for excellent manners.
- Repeta Murphy for excellent spelling skills.
- Jessica O’Dwyer for great spelling skills.
- Charlton Baxter for being a lovely friend.
- Lara Willemsen for amazing reading skills. (not in picture)
- Sam Morrow for listening to Brody read every day. Thank you. (not in picture)

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:

- Niclas Renneberg for excellent Homework record.
- Hamish Cameron for excellent Homework record.
- Jennifer Ackerly for excellent Homework record.
- Shae Fennell for excellent Homework record.
- Jebidiah MeyerVale for imaginative description in his text response. (not in picture)
- Jebidiah MeyerVale for excellent Homework record. (not in picture)
- Lucy Phillips for excellent Homework record. (not in picture)

Mrs Tait:

- Kaila Luscombe for a beautiful ‘Blue Vase’.
- Dana Karakai for excellent comprehension answers.
- Mitchell Spunner for terrific art – ‘Blue Vase’.
- Harley Willemsen for great input into discussion for contrast poem. (not in picture)

Mrs Sneddon:

- Charlotte Dickins for quick neat work in Maths.
- Annabel Middleton for always using lovely manners.
- Molly Rice for always using lovely manners.
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 Notices

Christmas Raffle Street Stall
The P & C would love some volunteers for the Christmas Raffle Street Stall on Wednesday 10th December. Time slots are from 7.00am till 1.00pm. If you are able to spare an hour of your time please call Kristy 0400 288 777. Raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter for each family to sell also. Thank you so much!

Canteen 2015
The canteen roster for Term 1 – 2015 is currently being prepared. If anyone wants to change their days or be added to the roster please contact Carolyn Alexander on Mobile: 0427 668 062. If we don’t hear from you we will assume you are happy to do the same day in Term 1.

Community Notices

Finley Farmers' Market
Finley Farmers’ Market, Saturday 6th December at the Finley Lake 8am till 12noon. Santa will be coming to Saturday’s Finley Farmers’ Market.....and so will lots of stalls with a Christmas theme. Food, toys, craft, music and children activities, something for the whole family.

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

School News

School Newsletter to be Emailed 2015
Please fill in your email address to receive 2015 newsletters;

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Name ..........................................................................................................
Invitation to
‘Thank You’ Morning Tea

The staff of Berrigan Public School would like to show their appreciation to the many helpers who have assisted us throughout the year. We would not have had such a successful year without you, and we would like to say, ‘Thank You’.

So, if you have driven children to various events, taken maths or reading groups, helped with the library, worked at sports carnivals, assisted with craft, helped with the school production etc. etc. please come along.

On this day our 5/6 will be presenting Monologues and you are invited to attend this if you wish.

**Date:** Monday 8th December 2014 at the school

**Time:** 10.00–11.00am Monologues
Year 5 followed by Year 6
11.00–11.30am Morning Tea

**RSVP:** Wednesday 3rd December 2014
Ph: (03) 5885 2209

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU HERE!!!
Super Santa Sled

Christmas is a magical, awesome time of the year. But how does Santa get all over the world in one night?

I think he goes over the speed limit in his super sled. It’s not like other sleds. It has a chute that opens with a lever. The chute can open and turn into any shape or size to suit the different presents.

The elves make big and small parachutes for the presents that can go into the children’s homes. There are little car copters that carry the presents to the Christmas tree. This helps the reindeers to not get tired.

By Callum

Santa’s Magic Dust

Christmas is an awesome time of year but how does Santa deliver all around the world in one night? I’m going to have a guess.

Well, I think that in the magic sleigh he has sparkly dust that makes the reindeer fly around the world. The dust is kept in a small bag. The sleigh has red and brown skis at the bottom in case the reindeer get tired. It looks like a boat and it has a front seat for Santa and a back seat for the presents.

By Kyden
Santa’s Cloning Machine

I wonder how Santa gets all around the world in one night….I think Mrs Claus clones his dead body into one million Santa blobs and the presents transform into blobs too. Then the first clone drives around the world and drops the blobs off at every house. These blobs are sticky, slimy and gooey. When they expand they are all normal size but they are unique. Some Santa’s are green, some are red, some are blue and some are really chubby. They all have the same goal to never miss a house.

By Shannon

Awesome Shrinking Dust

Christmas is fun but has anyone ever known how Santa gets the presents around the world in one night? Well, I'm going to have a guess.

I think that Santa has shrinking dust to shrink the presents down. The shrinking dust shrinks the presents and makes them big again. The dust looks golden, shiny, and dusty and it feels like water mist coming out of a hose.

When the presents shrink and expand a “BOOMP” sound is heard. I think the shrinking dust is what helps Santa get the job done quickly and easily. What do you think?

By Jeb
Presentation Night

Wednesday, 10th December 2014
7.00pm

Please bring along
- plate of supper to share
- folding chair
JERILDERIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C INVITES YOU TO
JERILDERIE RACECOURSE SUN 1st MARCH 2015
FIND Billabong Bog Run ON FACEBOOK

JUNIORS
8-14 YEARS
$30pp PREPAID
$40pp AFTER
13th FEB
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15 YEARS +
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hotmail.com

GATES OPEN 8-30 AM
FIRST GROUP RUNS
9-00 AM

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‘Aspire Me’ School Spectacular 2014

On Wednesday Max, Cassandra and I went to Sydney for 4 days! There were 32 people there from heaps of schools in the Riverina.

I was in a room with 6 girls and they were Emma from Oaklins, Billie from Finley, Tayla from Finley, Rose from Tocumwal, Cassandra and I.

On the Thursday, we were exhausted from doing 10 things, counting eating.

My highlight of that day was the Sydney Dance Company Workshop; we learned a dance to a song on the movie Alice in Wonderland and other dancing routines.

The next day we had the Schools Spectacular that night so my room was getting very excited but we had to get ready for the day.

Later on the day we went on a ferry to Darling harbour to have dinner and watch the Schools Spectacular at the Qantas Credit Union Arena. The Schools Spectacular was awesome, but I was very tired and we had to sleep on the bus to get to Berrigan in the morning for brekky.

Next year I want to go again, because it was one of the BEST camps, I have only been to 4 now but you will want to go again, when you go the first time.

By Isabel

I was so excited to be chosen to go on at the Aspire Me excursion. I had never been to Sydney before and couldn’t wait. The drama workshop was the best.

We learnt about using our whole bodies to show emotion and that you have to focus on what’s going on around you. The dance workshop was, um, interesting! At least it was held in one of the Dance Academy studios. I was amazed by the view from the Sydney Harbour Bridge but I was a tad scared so I couldn’t take any photos. The highlight was the actual School Spectacular show. It was awesome because it was live and not on TV with great lighting.

It was a great experience and I made lots of new friends.

By Max

After an 11.25 hour trip to Sydney, so many fun things happened. At the Opera House we had a German tour guide! We all made some amazing friends. The actual School Spectacular show was awesome. We came home tired but full of things to tell and say.

By Cassandra