Learning new skills and developing older ones!!!
Principal’s Report

Over the past term our students have been participating in Wednesday ‘arvo’ groups; the students have been having so much fun. The Year 6 students have been doing a writing program with Mrs Brockie; Years 4 & 5 alternated between Environment studies with Mrs A and iPad activities with Mrs Ware; Years 1.2 & 3 alternated between Miss Martin for music, singing and Mrs Tait for PD, health activities. The photos demonstrate the variety of activities the students have been enjoying, while learning new skills and developing older ones.

Amaroo Fete Performance
Thank you to those wonderful students who performed with the St Columba’s students at the Amaroo Fete. The students sang ‘Let’s Go Fly A Kite’ and ‘Ain’t No Mountain High Enough’. Along with Mrs Tait and Mrs Sneddon, who accompanied our students, we are very, very proud of all the students who participated in this wonderful community venture.

Hospital Visit
Following on from our performance on Saturday at the Amaroo Fete, our students will visit the Berrigan Hospital and perform four songs to the patients. I believe they have also been busy making Easter cards for some of the patients.

Parent Session on Home Reading and Fine Motor Skills
A big thank you to Mrs Arnold and Mrs Brockie who will be conducting an information session this afternoon for interested parents. Mrs Arnold will speak about strategies and tips to help with home reading, while Mrs Brockie will share activities to build strength and improve fine motor coordination. The session will be in Mrs Arnold’s room at 3.10pm.

ASR
Our 2013 Annual School Report has been uploaded onto our Berrigan school website. Please take the time to revisit the highlights of 2013 and see what progress we have made towards our school targets and programs.

Ecumenical Service
On Tuesday the school will once again visit St Columba’s for the Term 1 Ecumenical Service. It is our turn to provide morning tea. All parents and carers are invited to join us at 10.00am.

P&C Easter Raffle
This week we have attached raffle tickets to be sold, the raffles will be made from the donations students make. All students have been asked to bring in an Easter item for their class Easter Hamper. Thank you for once again supporting our P & C in their efforts to support our school.

Finley District Netball Trials
Congratulations to Kaila Luscombe, Dana Karakai, Britney Gaertner, Annabel Middleton, Lucy Phillips and Shae Fennell who have been chosen to represent our school at the Finley District trials. If the girls are chosen they will be part of the Finley team to participate in the Western Riverina team.

Knockout JeriBerries Cricket Game
Our first JeriBerries game will be on Thursday against Tocumwal PS. We will be playing cricket in Tocumwal at the Sacred Heart Catholic School ground. Our students have been practising at lunch time and we wish Aidan Fennell, Josh McQualter, Rory Thornton, Max Cameron, Mitchell Spunner and Bailey Thornton good luck when they combine with their Jerilderie counterparts to take on Tocumwal PS.

Peer Support Training
This week our senior students, both Year 5 & 6, have been working with Mrs Tait training to be Peer Support leaders and co-leaders. The training has been a solid day and a half program involving learning leadership and relation building skills. The students practised the art of active listening and working co-operatively in group situations. They acknowledge the importance of respecting the opinions of others and being friendly and supportive of each other. A bonus was a very nice lunch at the bakery last Monday. The program will begin next week and run every Wednesday afternoon next term. All the students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be placed into family groups and will work with their peer support leaders.

Drama Camp
Six of our senior students have been invited to participate in the 2014 ‘Aspire Me’ Drama Camp at Oaklands next Tuesday and Wednesday. Congratulations to Rory Thornton, Harley Willemsen, Kaila Luscombe, Dana Karakai, Annabel Middleton & Cassandra Renneberg who will participate in this wonderful opportunity. They will be part of a group of 45 students, coming from 13 different schools across the Riverina South West to work with three talented artists to develop their skills. The students will travel to Oaklands where they will work with Helen Dickie in the area of ‘Characterisation’, Alyce Fisher– with ‘Improvisation’ and Danielle O’Keefe using ‘Voice and Sound’. Our students are extremely lucky to have this opportunity. Mrs Tait and I will accompany the students, we are very excited about watching our students learn and develop in this very unique program.

Foyer Display
Congratulations to Year 5/6 on their work that is on display in the foyer. Their ‘Who Am I’ posters have created lots of comments and their descriptive passages about their kites flying in the air are magic. Also we have some great artistic creations from Mrs Brockie’s OT group. Please go and visit the foyer, have a look and read, it is really worth the effort.

Gayle Andriske
Principal

Notes required to be returned
P & C Lolly Order Form
P & C Raffle Tickets
Text Books
Emergency Contact Card
Local Area Excursion
Video Conferencing

If you require extra copies of these notes please contact the office.

Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.
Michael Jordan

Our new Kindergarten Children!!!

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Quote of the Week

Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.

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

Mrs Arnold:  
• Jason Yeo for being a neat, careful worker at school  
• Justin Milne for enthusiasm and effort during singing practice  
• Miley Driscoll for being a neat, careful worker at school  
• Gracie Rice for being a superb independent worker during Literacy Groups

Miss Martin:  
• Jye Litchfield for always striving to do his best! Brilliant work!☺  
• Chloe McQuater for always being friendly to others!☺ You are a star!☺  
• Lacy Turner for working hard during Literacy Groups!☺ Super!☺  
• Lachlan O’Dwyer for excellent achievement in Reading!☺ You are a star!☺  
• Kyra Lindner for always being happy and helpful!☺ You are awesome!☺

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:  
• Nick Arnold for clever sentence writing in Literacy activities  
• Ben Ackerly for working well on individual tasks  
• Lucy Phillips for a big effort to catch up on missed work  
• Piper Mills for increased confidence in solving maths problems  
• Abi Litchfield for fabulous results in Maths - Ares  
• Jebidiah Meyer for great independent work habits  
• Blake Harris for a very creative pencil tin

Mrs Tait:  
• Isabel Alexander for creating a beautiful carousel  
• Allyssa Thornton for clever use of similes in her kite description  
• Blake Barry for working hard to write an excellent kite description  
• Dana Karakai for an amazing use of language in her kite description  
• Max Cameron for his effective, thoughtful kite description  
• Aidan Fennell for clever and fabulous kite description  
• Annabel Middleton for an excellent job with her carousel  
• Bailey Thornton great multiplication work

Mrs Sneddon:  
• Jennifer Ackerly for excellent effort with handwriting  
• Nikita Willemsen for continued excellent effort in English  
• Aidan Fennell for settled behaviour in singing  
• Jack McGlory for being an excellent friend  
• Tess Middleton for excellent effort in singing practice
### Canteen Roster - Term 1 2014

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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.

### School Notices

**STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE**
Please find attached to the newsletter a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope encouraging donations of $2.00 or equivalent to go in the draw to win a $4000.00 family holiday to a destination of choice. Please read the envelope carefully, fill out the details and return to the school office by no later than Friday, 9\(^{th}\) May 2014. Full terms and conditions for this competition are available on their website [www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au). If you choose not to enter, please recycle the envelopes.

**NEwSPower COLOUR TO Win COLOURING COMPETITION**
Please find attached to the newsletter a Newspower Colour to Win Colouring Competition Entry Form for 2014. Please colour the entry in, complete the entry details and return to the Berrigan Newsagents by Wednesday, 16\(^{th}\) April 2014.

**SOS HELP NEEDED**
Kinder/Year One are looking for a Reading Helper on a Wednesday morning from 8.45am till 9.30ish. If anyone can help out please come and let us know.

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**P & C Pub Raffle – Roster:**

Please remember to arrange your own swaps if these dates don’t suit...

**04/04 Keith & Emma Phillips**

Full roster next week...
Community Notices

**Finley Farmers Market**
Buy your seasonal, fresh and local produce from the Finley Farmers’ Market this Saturday 5th April at Finley Lake from 8am to the extended time of 1pm. The market is proud to be a part of the Monster Weekend at Finley.

**Tocumwal Mother’s Day Classic**
The MDC is happening again in Tocumwal on Sunday 11th May at the Tocumwal Football Oval. Online registrations will be available soon at http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/events/regional. Come along and spend the morning with family and friends for a walk or run along the beautiful Tocumwal foreshore. Stay for a coffee and a piece of cake or even a sausage sizzle and face painting. Dress up in PINK to show your support for cancer research and possibly win a prize.
If your family, group or business would like to donate a small prize for the day, maybe in memory of someone special who has fought the cancer battle, please contact Anita Hunter on 0419550096 during March. More details will be forthcoming as the event gets closer.
If you would like to be involved in assisting with the organization of the event please contact Anita Hunter on 0419550096. We look forward to making 2014 an even more memorable event than 2013.
MULTI SPORTSCRAZY EASTER CAMP

Make new friends, try new things and discover your hidden talents!

Join us on a four-day fun-filled camp where you’ll try a range of sports and activities that provide loads of fun for the Easter school holidays. Including netball, touch football, tennis, basketball, crossfit, soccer (football), ultimate frisbee, AFL and more.

Our qualified coaches and instructors will make sure you get the most out of this fantastic holiday camp. All sports and activities are tailored for boys and girls and are guaranteed to provide loads of fun.

DETAILS

Date
Monday 14 April to Thursday 17 April 2014

Time
Camp commences at 12 midday on Monday and concludes at 12 midday on Thursday.

Venue
Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre (25km East of Wagga Wagga)

Age
10-13 years (boys and girls)

Cost
$250

Transport
Own transport is required

Program number
0067316

Berrigan Public School

Party Plan Night

Thursday 3rd April
Thursday before our first game

From 5.00pm

Come and browse a range of goods from:

★ Le Reve – perfumes & candles
★ Intimo – sleepwear, loungewear, underwear
★ Tupperware – homewares
★ The Body Shop – cosmetics
★ Cool Jewels - a collection of modern jewelry
★ Simjo’s – hanging gardens & stubby holders

As it is the Thursday before our first game, there will be a roast dinner & chips for the kids available from 6.00pm

Come and enjoy a dinner, a drink & a browse and support our netballers!
**Registration Night**

Thursday 10th April 2014

4pm – 5pm

Berrigan Sportsground

The NAB AFL Auskick program provides boys and girls with a fun and safe Australian Football experience that serves as an introduction to a life time of involvement in the game.

The program is not just about introducing children to Australian Football – it activates and develops within each child the desire for a healthy lifestyle and an association with our great game.

This is achieved through activities and programs for individuals, small groups and teams, and aims to assist in the development of personal and social skills.

**Benefits:**

- Free football
- Free backpack
- Free pump
- Team Zone merry-go-round
-.Program Participation guide
- Free t-shirt

**Get an awesome pack jammed full of gear when you register for NAB AFL Auskick in 2014!**

**Participant Information**

The 2014 participant fee is $50 per participant, which includes a participant pack and Netball Victoria membership.

- Gilbert Size 4 Netball
- ANZ T-Shirt

NetSetGO is Netball Australia’s only junior entry netball program. It has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation.

ANZ NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games and modified matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants.
RESPONSIBLE PET SAFETY
PROGRAM

Yesterday we met Shannon, Meg and Meg’s dog Andrea.

We learnt how to be safe around dogs and to always ask the dog owner if we can pat their dog. We also learnt a special handshake to pat the dog from the collar down, not on the head.

We know not to touch dogs if they are angry or scared and to not go anywhere near a dog that has a red and yellow collar.

We always stand 3 steps away but we always know - No owner, No leash, No touch!!

Some of us acted out being an angry, scared and happy dog and practiced our special handshake. We learnt that our dogs have a microchip in their necks in case they get lost.

We had fun learning, singing and acting!!!