Thank you and good luck, not goodbye, Miss Martin.

Important Dates

APRIL
10th Peer Support 1st Session K-6
11th Last Day Term 1
28th STAFF First Day Back Term 2
29th ALL STUDENTS K-6 First Day Back Term 2
Thank you and good luck, not goodbye, Miss Martin. Miss Martin has taken a position at Mulwala Public School. We are not saying goodbye because we are confident that Miss Martin and Berrigan Public School paths will cross again. Miss Martin has been an asset to our school during her 2 terms working on our 1/2 class. She has among other things mentored our SRC, organised our swimming carnival and helped Mrs Sneddon re-establish our school choir. We are grateful for her input into our school and know Mulwala will benefit from obtaining her services.

State Swimming
This week Lucy Phillips is participating in the State Swimming Carnival. We would like to thank the P&C for their support, Carolyn Alexander, P&C treasurer presented Lucy with a cheque.

Easter Raffle
Wow, what a fantastic response from our students and school community to the P&C Easter raffle. The hampers were amazing and some lucky people will be having a great Easter, compliments of Berrigan Public School students.

Hospital Visit
On Wednesday Berrigan students walked to the hospital to perform three songs to the patients who were unable to attend the Amaroo fete. The patients were really excited to see the students and were looking forward to our performance. They clapped and toe tapped along to the rhythm and demanded an encore. After the singing the students presented the patients with Easter cards they had made at school. The patients really enjoyed getting the cards and having a chat with the students. The students enjoyed the interaction with the patients.

District Representatives
Congratulations to Dana Karakai and Kaila Luscombe who were chosen in the Finley District Netball team. The girls will travel to Griffith on May 5th to trial for the Western Riverina Netball team. Good luck to both girls. Sam Morrow was also selected in the Finley District AFL team but was unable to participate because of family commitments.

Anzac Day March
Our students will once again be invited to participate in the Anzac March on Friday 25th April. Dressed in full school uniform our students are invited to meet Mrs Arnold at the post office at 8.45am. It is exciting this year because we will be marching behind our new school banner, donated by last years’ Year 6 students. Our captains will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Our school leaders will give an Anzac Presentation on Friday at our school assembly.

Forensic Science Day
Last Monday, Year 6 students travelled to Finley High School to participate in a Forensic Day with other feeder primary schools. Feeder schools are the primary schools where the Year 6 students will attend Finley High School. Mrs Tait said the day was excellent, well organised and our students were great participants and ambassadors for our school. In this newsletter the students have written a report on the day.

Touch Football
For sport, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 has been very lucky to have Mr Ashley Batten coming in each Friday to teach the skills of touch football. We appreciate and value the time and expertise he is giving our children. In this newsletter the students have written a report.

Holidays
On Friday we will all be going on holidays after a very long eleven week term. Students and staff are all looking forward to the break. Please have a restful, enjoyable break; enjoy your Easter eggs and we will see everyone on Tuesday, 29th April 2014.

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

Quote of the Week
You can’t win unless you know how to lose.
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Slide show running in the foyer...
Our new Kindergarten Children!!!
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:
- Andrew Bainbridge for perseverance when logging in to the computers
- Isabel Sierra for superb reading at the Parent Information Afternoon
- Jack McGlory for great improvement in fluent phrased reading
- Lillianna MeyerVale for wonderful reading practice

Miss Martin:
- Molly Rice for fantastic work in Literacy! Brilliant stuff! Super star!
- Layla Towler for enthusiasm during Easter activities! Impressive work! Super star!
- Michael Bainbridge for becoming more independent in class!
- Jack Steel for working hard to improve Literacy! Super star!
- Charlton Baxter for becoming more confident with his writing! Super stuff!

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:
- Shannon Spunner for great work in ‘Partner Reading’
- Blake Harris for great work in ‘Partner Reading’
- Niclas Renneberg for excellent Maths Homework during Term 1 (not in picture)

Mrs Tait:
- Mitchell Spunner for attentiveness and achievement in Maths - angles
- Rory Thornton for diligent effort in independent tasks
- Cassandra Renneberg for great reflection in writing on Peer Support Training
- Josh McQualter for enthusiasm in Peer Support Training activities

Mrs Sneddon:
- Lucy Phillips for effort with all areas of Literacy
- Jessica O’Dwyer for trying her best always
- Blake Sorensen for a caring attitude with all Kinder children
- Gracie Rice for a wonderful attitude in Maths
- Darcy Pyle for excellent effort and results in handwriting (not in picture)

Community Service – Amaroo Singing:
Isabel Sierra, Logan Agnew, Michael Sharp-Shorney, Ryan Thornton, Mia Cameron, Charlie Magill, Justin Milne, Miley Driscoll, Lacy Turner, Lachlan O’Dwyer, Archie Cameron, Charlton Baxter, Lara Willemsen, Jye Litchfield, Chloe McQualter, Caleb Thornton, Jessica O’Dwyer, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Xavier Fox, Seth Henderson-Cooper, Ben Ackerly, Nikita Willemsen, Shannon Spunner, Piper Mills, Abi Litchfield, Nick Arnold, Shae Fennell, Regan Fox, Hamish Cameron, Jennifer Ackerly, Darcy Pyle, Phoebe Holmes, Tyson Sharp-Shorney.
### 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.
- Please find below the first three weeks Canteen Roster for Term 2. Full roster will be attached first week next term.

### Canteen Roster – Term 2 2014

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### School Notices

**PLACING POPPIES ON WAR SERVICEMEN’S GRAVES**

We realise that this is in the school holidays, however if any children are interested in placing poppies on War Servicemen’s graves, please meet at the Berrigan Cemetery on Wednesday, 23rd April 2014 at 10.00am.

**WRITING GROUPS**

In Term 1, Year 6 have participated in "Writing Group" with Mrs Brockie. In Writing Group students learnt how to include imagery and enhance their writing through "Super Seven Strategies". They were also given the opportunity to improve their skills in proof reading, editing, and extending vocabulary. Particular focused lessons included the correct use of punctuation, speech marks and organising work into paragraphs. Students were also given the opportunity to make several improvements to their original writing piece throughout the term. This was achieved through self, peer and teacher critiquing of work. Please find attached some samples of students work. They were each given the same stimulus piece to start their writing.

### P & C Pub Raffle – Roster:

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

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Shane Atkinson – Nurse Audiometrist RN ENT
Shane Atkinson, Nurse Audiometrist, will attend Berrigan Community Health Centre on Tuesday, 6th May 2014 and Tuesday, 17th May 2014. If your child has had any ear infections in the past (6 weeks following). Any concerns about speech, learning or behaviour please ring Tocumwal Hospital to make an appointment for your child to have hearing test on Ph: 03 5874 2166. Child must be free of cold at time of test and at least 6 weeks following a cold. If any queries ring Tocumwal Hospital and leave a message for Nurse Audiometrist.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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.
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 lifetime 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 development of personal and social skills.

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

Benefits Pack Includes:
- Synthetic Sherrin football
- Awesome backpack
- NAB AFL Auskick cap
- Footy pump
- NAB AFL Auskick Footypedia
- Team Zone footy cards
- Team Zone mini album
- NAB AFL Auskick essentials guide
- Zaldee’s Rainbow Foundation shoelaces courtesy of embracia

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.

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

In 2014 the participant packs include:
- Gilbert Size 4 Netball
- ANZ T-Shirt
Your child is eligible for FREE dental treatment.

All children in NSW up to 18 years old can have free dental care at a Public Dental Clinic.

Staff will ask for your Medicare number.

Dental clinics are located at the Berrigan Community Health Centre and at the Deniliquin Hospital.

Appointments are available now - phone 1800 45 00 46

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Attention

All K to yr. 6 Kids

Knights of the King

You're invited to a celebration

Dates: 14th - 17th April 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Place: Finley Presbyterian Church

Details: www.presbyterian-tfb.com.au
TOUCH FootY!!!

On Fridays Year 3/4/5/6 has been learning how to play Touch Footy with Mr Batten. He has been teaching us for the last three weeks.

So far it has been great fun doing the drills and playing games. We have been practising rolling the ball and learning the rules.

By Bailey Thornton

Peer Support Training

On the 31st of March and the 1st of April Year 5/6 had Peer Support Training. A whole day of learning how to control your group for a terrific term! We were told to never give up on our group and give instructions slowly and clearly.

Year 5/6 got into two groups and we played a game. The aim of the game was to get the 50 cent coin down to the end of the line and back using the back of your hand. We had to co-operate as a group and encourage each other. Everyone is looking forward to leading their group.

Mrs Tait has been a great Peer Support Training teacher and has given us some great ideas.

By Kaila Luscombe

FORENSIC SCIENCE DAY

It’s a whole day of Science!!! On the 6th of April the Year 6’s went to Finley High School for the Forensic Science Day. We left at 9.15am and came home at 2.00pm. We were joined by other schools Finley, Tocumwal, Jerilderie, St Columba’s and more.

We got to the High School and waited 20 minutes for the other schools to come. They all arrived and we were all invited to go into the hall. When all of us walked in, there was a crime scene that had happened and we had to find out who the killer was.

After that we had to test what would happen if you put sugar, bi-carb soda and baking powder in water, vinegar and iodine. We had to see how they would react. Then we had to put our thumb and index finger on a piece of paper and see what type of fingerprint we had. Then we put lotion on our hands and we had to touch a bottle and then put black powder on the glass and see our print. After that we packed up and went home.

It was so fun today I can’t wait for High School.

By Dana Karakai
Toms Terror! By Kaila

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Gingerly he pushed the door open and stepped inside. The creaky floorboards rattled as Tom walked on the floor. The classroom smelt like rotten apples that had been squashed on the floor for a year. He started to feel as if it wasn't that terrifying and then BANG!! The door slammed as loud as a herd of elephants. Next he heard loud footsteps coming up from behind him. Tom turned petrified. He saw a hairy, brown, mouldy monster chasing him. He ran and ran. The monster came closer and closer. The terrified Tom picked up a wonky cobwebbed chair and threw it at the monster as hard as he could. The monster fell to the ground yelling "AHHHH!!!

Tom smashed the window with a chair. He jumped out of it and sprinted back in fear to his house where his lovely mum and dad were. His mum was cooking dinner and his dad was mowing the lawns. Shivering with fear, he told them everything that had happened at school. They didn't believe anything because it was coming out of their son's mouth and he always told tales. So Tom pleaded "Well, why don't you come and see the spooky, scary smelly school?"

"Fine, we will" said Tom's Mum confidently.

The next night, Tom's family and his fluffy, cute dog Jeffery walked through the misty air. As they got to the school they walked to the door. Tom was shivering and his mum and dad could not understand why he was reacting that way.

Tom walked through the wooden, rusty door with his family following him, including Jeffery the dog. They all survived walking through the door then BANG it slammed shut. The monster mouldy appeared. Jeffery tucked his tail between his legs. He disappeared and immediately reappeared. This time the fearless dog was wearing a police officer's uniform. The dog grabbed his gun and shot the hairy mouldy monster.

They all grabbed a chair each and smashed a window then they jumped out through and jagged glass. They raced back to their beautiful house. As soon as they all got home Tom's mum and dad told him they now believed him. Tom's family never went back to the old creepy school again.
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He heard a creaking sound like someone was running through the school. He followed the sound through the hallway. When he got to the end of the hallway he saw a shadow in the dark staring right at him. As he walked closer, the shadow opened a locker door and walked straight through and slammed the door behind him. Tom crept to the door and opened it. He saw a passage way filled with cobwebs. Tom grabbed a broom he saw on the ground and used it to clear the cobwebs. He walked through the dark, damp dungeon like passage way. It finally led out to the other side of the high school.

Tom suddenly heard a sudden smash of a glass window. Tom ran up the hallway to where the window had been smashed. There was glass scattered everywhere. He crept from where the window had been broken which led out to the football oval. He walked out to the centre of the oval because he didn’t know what else to do.

Tom looked at the football posts and suddenly a lightning strike hit the ground with a BANG! When the smoke had cleared a brown skeleton wearing an Akubra hat was staring right at him. It was scary. The skeleton fired a shot from his old vintage pistol. Everything went quiet. Suddenly another lightning strike struck in the same spot as the first and the skeleton disappeared.

Tom ran out to where the skeleton once was and there was no sign of anyone ever standing there. As fast as he could Tom ran back to where the glass window had been smashed. When he returned to what the thought was the broken window, the glass looked like it had never been smashed. It was still intact. He ran around the school to a side door. It started to rain. He ran inside to the centre of the school.

He looked down the hallway. It was dark. He saw the skeleton again and as it moved closer he heard loud footsteps from the skeletons boots. Tom ran. Finally he was out in the light. The skeleton pulled out his gun. Bang! Tom fell to the ground, bleeding all over the floor. The floor began shaking. It opened up and Tom began falling. Tom screamed, “Help, help, help!” and then everything went black.

Tom had finally awoken from his nightmare. He let out a breath of relief as he lay on his bed. He got up from his bed and went and hugged his parents. He said, “I love you mum and dad.”

By Lachlan
Tom’s Terror! By Dana

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Gingerly, he pushed the door open and stepped inside. Old and scary paintings hung in the dark and gloomy hallway. He walked in five steps and saw that the eyes in the paintings were looking at him. Tom got scared, his face went white. He started punching every painting in the house. Next Tom started walking around the dark and gloomy hallway. He stumbled upon some worn out stairs that were very old. He was curious to find out if something was up there. Tom walked up the stairs, suddenly the steps in front of him fell. He realised he now had to jump to safety. He had to get his timing right so he decided to count down “One, two, three, JUMP!” He jumped and just made it.

He climbed up the stairs and at the top he could smell raw meat. Out of nowhere he heard “GET OUT OF MY HOUSE YOU UGLY PERSON!” The floor underneath him fell. Tom yelled, “OUCH I think I broke my leg.”

Tom limped very slowly to the door on the other side of the scary and very foggy hallway. When he got to the door it shut in front of him. Tom cried, then he heard a little girls laugh behind him. Tom slowly asked her questions, “What do you want? I want to leave! What do you want from me?” The little spooky girl giggled. Tom cried again as he thought he was going to die. Then suddenly the little girl disappeared.
Continued...

Seeing the chance for escape, Tom turned around to see if he could open the door. It was still jammed shut. Angrily he yelled, “Why won’t this dang door open?”

He snuck around the house to see if he could find another way out. He came to some stairs that went down under the house. He limped down to a basement to find.......dead people hanging from the roof.

Out of nowhere appeared a man wearing a gas mask, long pants and a shirt with blood on it. The man carried a large butchers knife. Tom tried to run away but there was nowhere to go. The man got closer and closer to Tom! Tom felt his heart beating as fast as a steam train. He looked to see if he could run to find a weapon. He found a little knife and screamed “STAY BACK!” but the ugly man got closer and closer.

Tom started limping backwards to see if he could get away. From the corner of his eye he saw a gun. Tom grabbed the gun and sat behind a crate. Tom could hear the man coming towards him. STOMP, STOMP, STOMP! The man was now standing next to the crate. Tom was spooked, but he had to stand up. He shot the gun, Click, click, click. There was no ammunition in it. The ugly man giggled and says in a deep voice, “HAHAHAHAHAHAHA your mine now!”

Tom fell to the ground and fainted... Ten minutes later Tom woke to find himself in a metal chair. The man took off his gasmask and said “Say goodbye Tom!”

ZAP, ZAP, ZAP! Tom was fried. He is burnt and can just talk. Tom’s last words were. “Why did you kill meeeeeeeeeeeeee!”

The man giggled and said “Because I kill people for a living MOAWHWHWHWHWH. I love it and I want to do it FOREVER!”

Tom died and no one knows where he went it was scary not knowing what had happened. His family missed him so much and wanted him back but it wasn’t going to happen. They called everyone, put signs and posters up but no one called them. No one knew where he was and that was the last they ever heard of Tom.