Cross Country Champions

Important Dates

**MAY**

14th  
NAPLAN  
Football/Netball Trials at BPS  
AASC-Softball/T-ball

15th  
NAPLAN

20th  
ICAS – Computer Skills

21st  
P & C Meeting  
Football/Netball Trials at BPS

22nd  
Musica Viva 2pm

23rd  
Zone Cross Country – Jerilderie

27th  
Year 5-Environmental Visit – Wagga

28th  
Year 6-GRIP Leadership Visit – Albury

29th  
School Athletics Carnival

30th  
JeriBerri Football/Netball – Deniliquin

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*Berrigan Public School*  
‘The Bell Ringer’  
*Wednesday, 14th May 2014*

Principal: Gayle Andriske  
email: berrigan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Principal’s Report

Cross Country Results
Congratulations to all our students who were amazing in their effort last Friday when they ran our cross country. From Kindergarten to Year 6 the stamina and determination of our students did our school proud. A fantastic effort from all our individual champions - 5/6/7 year old champions Charlie Magill and Archie Cameron; 8/9 year old champions Nikita Willemsen and Darcy Pyle; 10 year old champions Lucy Phillips & Nick Arnold; 11 year old champions Allyssa Thornton and Max Cameron and 12/13 year old champions Dana Karakai and Josh McQualter. The champion house was Algudgerie. The first four place getters will travel to Jerilderie on Friday 23rd May, to compete in the District Cross Country, please note a permission note for these children will be given to them today. A big thank you to Mrs Arnold who organised our carnival; a very smooth operation and a great job encouraging her little ones!

Presentation for Alli
As you know Alli Yelland went on leave last Thursday and at morning assembly, much against Alli’s wishes, we had a small presentation. The P&C presented Alli with a beautiful pendant engraved with our school motto, 'Play Your Part' and Barb Fox presented Alli with a beautiful bunch of flowers on behalf of the staff and students. The staff is also taking Alli on a pampering weekend to say thank you. A highlight of the presentation was the speeches written and presented by our school leaders. I would like to share them:

'It is very sad for all of us today to say goodbye to Alli. She has been a friend and helped all of us. Alli has done many difficult tasks and her computer skills are out of this world. Alli is happy, helpful and humorous and when there is drama in the school she always sorts it out. So thank you Alli and we wish you good luck. This school won’t be the same without you.’ (Sam Morrow)

‘Farewells are never easy, most importantly when there is an emotional attachment with the person that is saying goodbye. I think I am talking on behalf of everyone Alli, when I say you have made an impact on all of us, in so many ways. We will miss you and your smile around the school.’ (Rory Thornton)

Daily Athletics Practice
Leading up to our athletics carnival, which will be held on Thursday 29th May, we have begun daily skills practice. All primary students, plus our 8 year olds from Year 2, will practise after recess each day, shot put, high jump, long jump and discus.

Reminder JeriBerriO’s Training
This Wednesday at 4.30pm the first of 2 training sessions will be held for the JeriBerriO’s AFL and netball teams. Year 4, 5 and 6 students who are playing AFL and netball are invited to trial. Craig Thornton, Mrs Tait, Bec Ware and myself will conduct the training at the school.

Library Visits
Our primary classes are visiting the Berrigan Library every Thursday afternoon. Year 3/4 and 5/6 will alternate each Thursday, and use the services of the library to compliment their HSIE units. Year 3/4 are studying 'The First Fleet' and 5/6 'The Colonisation of Australia'

Learning Connections PE Program
Next week the whole school will start a trial fitness program called Learning Connections. This is a morning exercise program to help children feel more focused, settled, calm and ready for learning. Participation in the structured movement and exercise promote the neuro-development necessary for the foundational requirements for effective learning. Learning Connections Programs work to organise the important parts of the central nervous system that provide the foundations for learning and overcome any retained primitive reflexes. Good organisation at the lower levels of brain development is essential for learning. Perceptual motor skills will not readily develop whilst there is a lack of integration at lower levels of brain development. Schools who have already implemented this program have found their students benefit in:

- Gross motor skills
- Fine motor skills
- Oral language
- Paper/pencil skills
- Ability to work independently, follow directions, attend quietly and complete tasks.

Mothers’ Day Morning Tea
What a turn out, on a rather ordinary day, weather wise. Over 60 special visitors came to our Mothers’ Day morning tea. Congratulations to our P&C, especially Kelli Litchfield who did a marvellous job cooking all those scones. Everyone present was extremely impressed with our singing presentation; the students did sound wonderful, and as someone commented the singing created a tingle all over your body.

Gayle Andriske
Principal

Notes required to be returned
Jerilderie Cross Country note
Athletics Carnival – Helpers Wanted
Stewart House Donations
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
Great champions are those who are driven to show the world...and prove to themselves—just how good they are.
Nancy Lopez

Slide show running in the foyer... Photos of the year so far..
Congratulations
to the following
‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:

• Gracie Rice for superb independent learning at all times.
• Ryan Thornton for consistent Cross Country Practice.
• Jason Yeo for his well-drawn Mother’s Day Poster.

Mrs Brockie/Mrs Phillips:

• Archie Cameron for improved focus in class.
• Brody Penrose for excellent participation during class discussion.
• Tess Middleton for Maths super star effort.

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:

• Niclas Renneberg for fantastic effort in writing with Mrs Tait.
• Ben Ackerly for fantastic effort in writing with Mrs Tait.
• Lucy Phillips for her creative addition to her procedural recount.
• Shannon Spunner for fantastic effort in writing with Mrs Tait.
• Hamish Cameron for fantastic effort in writing with Mrs Tait.

Mrs Tait:

• Mitchell Spunner for presentation of ‘the storm’ description.
• Josh McQualter for positive attitude to work and lovely neat bookwork.
• Dana Karakai for persistence and diligence in long division.
• Cassandra Renneberg for excellent description and presentation of ‘The Storm’.
• Blake Harris for persistence and fortitude in the Cross Country.

Mrs Sneddon:

No awards last week.
### Canteen Roster – Term 2 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.

### P & C Pub Raffle – Roster:

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

- **23rd May**
  - Baxter/Stu Pyle Families
  - 6th June
  - Pyle-Mills/Ackerly Families
  - 20th June
  - Morrow/Litchfield Families
  - 4th July
  - Barry/Holmes Families
  - 18th July
  - Driscoll/O’Dwyer Families

### School Notices

#### Cross Country Report
Last Friday our school held a successful cross country. Thank you so much to all the helpers on the day – recording, providing drinks and cheering us on. Much appreciated by us all. Congratulations to the following students who came first: Nikita Willemsean, Darcy Pyle, Lucy Phillips, Nick Arnold, Allysaa Thornton, Max Cameron, Dana Karakai and Josh McQualter. All competitors going to the Zone Cross Country in Jerilderie have received a note today.

#### Worm Juice
Year 3/4 have worm juice available for sale from front office for 50c per litre.

#### Start Moving Forward
This week in Peer support children will have an opportunity to discuss their personal qualities and strengths. The children will identify their qualities and acknowledge how they contribute to their achievements. Through activities children recognise they use their strengths to achieve success and can be encouraged to approach future activities optimistically.
Ask your child to describe their own qualities and strengths so you can recognise and acknowledge these.

#### School Athletics Carnival
Our School Athletics Carnival is Thursday, 29th May. Please refer to note sent home today to each student, as we require parent helpers on the day to make this day a continuing success. Please return your completed note to the school front office by Monday, 26th May 2014.
Shane Atkinson – RN ENT Nurse Audiometrist
Shane Atkinson, Nurse Audiometrist, will attend Berrigan Community Health Centre on Tuesday, 17th May 2014 and Tuesday 3rd June 2014. If your child has had any ear infections in the past (6 weeks). 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. Any queries ring Tocumwal Hospital and leave a message for Nurse Audiometrist.

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Do you care for someone and need to be reminded how to look after yourself as well?
Caring for a child, a parent, a family member, a friend or anybody close to us who has an illness or a disability or is frail and aged can take its toll on our own health

Join us for a special Carer’s event and learn some quick, fast relaxation strategies for everyday living
Learning to recognise our own stress and how to deal with it, taking care of our mental health and where and how to look for help if things get too much!
Followed by a special stress relief session of relaxation!

When is it? Monday 19th May, 2014
Time: 9.30 am to 12.00 pm
Where is it? Intereach Community Hub
Cost? It is free! Morning tea provided.

Bookings and Information:
Belinda Rodgers
Intereach Community Hub
Central Arcade, Murray Street, Finley
Ph. 03 5890 6200
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Centre for Community Welfare Training (CCWT) & Centacare South West NSW
Would like to determine the level of interest in bringing this specialised
Training to our local region

“UNDERSTANDING AND USING ATTACHMENT BASED RESOURCES WITH PARENTS”
Being held in Finley on 27 & 28 May

Who should attend?
Child and family workers, early childhood educators and childcare workers, teachers, school principals, child
protection workers, and anyone else involved in supporting parents and families.

What is the Cost?
The cost of the 2 day training package is $470, and includes morning and afternoon tea for the two
days. Normally the cost of attending this training would costs regional practitioners $450 PLUS
airfares, city accommodation and at least three days employee time out of the office. (Getting
there and back).

This course will help you:
- Understand the implications of early relationship experiences for children’s social, emotional,
cognitive and neurological development.
- Know what children need from their parents in order to feel secure.
- Establish the emotional needs of children who have experienced adverse early care.
- Support parents to be sensitive and attuned to their children.
- Feel confident to use attachment-based resources and concepts with parents.

This is an updated and modified version of Child Development and Attachment.
- There are now many resources available which help professionals and parents alike to
understand children needs and make sense of their behaviour. While they may appear simple,
these richly-layered resources are based on fifty years of attachment research which has
revealed how important sensitive caregiving is for optimal social, emotional, cognitive and
neurological development.

The first day of this course brings this research to life.
- Using case studies, video material and interactive exercises, it explores the key elements of
attachment theory and its implication for work with families and children. The second day
introduces a videos and paper-based resources professionals can use with parents. You will
have a chance to practise using the resources so that you will feel confident utilising
attachment concepts and resources into your day-to-day work with families, thus empowering
parents to understand and meet the needs of their children.

Express your Interest NOW!!!!

With Jannette Dundon, Family Support and Community Educator, Centacare on
03 5883 4870 or 0417 230 998 or email jdundon@centacarewagga.org.au

Don’t miss out on bringing this training to our region!
Without enough interest it will not go ahead.

Expressions close on 24 April 2014
MAINLAND FINANCE

BANJO & a Bushdance
SATURDAY THE 24TH OF MAY
JERILDERIE RACECOURSE
THE STORY BEHIND OUR UNOFFICIAL ANTHEM
Waltzing Matilda
"THE MAN THEY CALL THE BANJO"
THEN GET READY TO DANCE & GRIN WITH
"CORA & THE CROP BOYS"
GATES OPEN 5PM - SUNSET DRINKS, BAR AVAILABLE, SEATED FOR 6PM.
COMPLEMENTARY SUPPER 8 - 9PM. FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT DANCE.
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Parents: complementary tickets are available for children. Please come to school front office for more information.
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BERRIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 19 March 2014

Meeting open: 7:35pm

Present: Carolyn Alexander, Gayle Andriske, Keith Phillips, Kelli Litchfield, Barb Fox and Doug Cameron

Apologies: Jo Turner, Kristy Pyle & Sharyn Holmes

Minutes: Minutes of previous Meeting were read as a true and correct record moved Carolyn seconded Gayle.

Business


Arising:

2. School Zoning – lady from Department of Traffic monitored children crossing Jerilderie Street on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Agreed there is a need for school zoning and will push to make it happen.

Correspondence: Nil

Reports:

Principal – Presented and moved by Gayle seconded Carolyn.

Treasurer – Presented and moved by Carolyn seconded Keith. Carolyn moved we reimburse the School $4,009.50 to pay for the nine new computers, seconded Kelli.

New Business:

1. Lolly orders will be sent out next week with school newsletter.

2. Trivia Night – to be held 21 June 2014 at the Berrigan Golf Club at 7:30pm. Doug to talk to Yasmin re supper.

3. Carolyn moved we donate $50.00 to Lucy Phillips for making it to Sydney for swimming, seconded Doug.

4. Mothers Day Morning Tea will be held on Friday 9 May 2014 at 10:30 for Devonshire tea.

5. Pavers Fundraiser – Barb presented a brochure on the pavers, she will look into it further and report back next meeting.

6. Gayle moved we donate $100.00 to Stewart House again this year, seconded Carolyn.

7. Cricket/Gymnastics – an opportunity has arisen for Milo Cricket coaching to come to the school second term for 4 weeks. Gymnastics is to be held again in 4th term. Moved Keith seconded Doug that funding be available.

Meeting closed: 8:30pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 21 May 2014