Congratulations Blake

Important Dates

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Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Blake Harris on his selection to travel to Stewart House. It is a fantastic opportunity for Blake and as a school, we are very lucky to be able to access this wonderful resource.

Every year 1,800 public school students attend Stewart House next to Curl Curl beach. During a 12 day visit the program includes excursions to Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Olympic Park, Taronga Zoo, Australia Museum. Sydney International Aquatics Centre, as well as art, craft, dance, fitness, PD/Health activities. A fantastic experience for anyone lucky to be nominated and chosen to attend.

Thankyous

How lucky is our school to have such a great supportive school community. I do have some very special thankyous to make. First to Kathryn Tait, who did a marvellous job as acting boss while I was ‘sunning’ myself in Cambodia taking 7,000 plus wedding photos!! Thank you to the rest of the staff for their support to Kathryn as well, a real team effort.

Next a thank you to Jeanette Outram who had a wonderful time teaching my Year 3/4 and they had a great time working with her.

Another thank you to our resident ‘garden and tree planting’ expert Maree Ryan for her continued support in our Environmental Garden and also another special thank you to the mystery elf who donated shovels, watering cans, gloves and hoses for our garden.

Our next thank you is to Charlotte Dickins, who through an unfortunate accident broke her leg, thus allowing us to fix our back step! Thank you to her grandfather Ron Ware and Uncle James; we have been able to ramp the back step leading to the playground. This is a fantastic addition, making it a much safer exit. Ron and James donated their labour and time to install both this ramp and one into the classroom, a huge thank you to both gentlemen.

Mrs Stevenson would like to thank the Thornton family for the donation of books for use in the Year 1/2 classroom. Kelli Litchfield, Jo Turner and their wonderful support team did a fantastic job catering to the training day last Friday in our school hall. Once again we had rave reviews about the food and venue, thank you ladies.

Bec Ware did a great job co-ordinating the training with Dot Dore, Principal of Urana. Bec and Jenny Freund attended the training with Scott Barnham from Think 3 who provided an informative hands on learning experience regarding the use of the new iOS9 update and apple configurator 2 and best practices involved to manage a fleet of ipads in the school setting.

Participants were able to observe techniques as Scott demonstrated and then put the techniques into practice using the latest Apple Macbook Air and iPad minis. The seminar was attended by approximately 28 ICT teaching staff and ICT co-ordinators across the region.

Another thankyou to Doug Cameron who did a running repair on our canteen door, replacing the gauze on Friday. Thank you Doug, the ladies are happy, the flies are not!

Books Free to Good Home

On Friday from 12 noon the Library will be open. Students will be able to choose books for free from the books that have been culled from our Library. There is a wide variety to choose from so come and have a look.

RAM

Our funding for next year has been announced and as expected our National Partnership money was finalised. This was only a 4 year program from the Federal Government and sadly our four years are up. This is a huge loss but with the relocation of funds by the department into schools we will as a school community, make the best decisions to use our money to help our students gain the best learning outcomes.

Meredith Stevenson

After 27 years in our school Meredith Stevenson is starting a new chapter in her life. Meredith will take 12 months leave next year before retiring from the Department. Meredith has been a great teacher, ambassador and community member for Berrigan Public School and school community over the past 27 years. The school has attached to this newsletter, an invitation to ask the community to help celebrate this wonderful achievement by attending a special farewell on Saturday 12th December at the Berrigan Golf Club from 6.30pm.

Aboriginal Cultural Day

All our students will travel to Deniliquin to the Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre this Thursday. This will be an opportunity for the students to increase their knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal culture, language, history as well as the importance of land and water in our lives. Aboriginal is a mandatory subject in the History Curriculum. We are looking forward to hearing all about the student’s experiences in next week’s newsletter. A big thank you to Mrs Jo Cameron for organising the day.

Year 3/4 Excursion

26 very excited Year 3/4 students are eagerly awaiting next Monday morning when at 7.45am they board the bus to travel to Borambola, for their 3 day sport and recreation excursion. The students will travel with Jerilderie Public School, myself, Miss Taylor, JPS Principal and Mr Knight, a teacher from JPS supervising.

Tennis Clinic

Tennis lessons are underway for all students from Years 1 to 6 with Jamie Haynes. His miniature nets, oversized tennis balls and rackets make skill development easy and so much fun. Have a look at our student’s comments and photos in the collage.

Children’s Week

Children’s Week has been celebrated in Berrigan Shire; one of the main events for Berrigan was yesterday’s Berrigan Challenge KidsFest Mud Run at the Recreation Reserve at 4pm. From all accounts the children had a wonderful time and can’t wait till next year’s events.

Gayle Andriske

Principal

Notes required to be returned

Year 3/4 Excursion – Borambola
Aboriginal Cultural Day Deniliquin
School Voluntary Contribution/P&C Donation
Text Books

If you require copies of these notes please contact the office

Quote of the Day

The sleeping fox catches no poultry.

Benjamin Franklin

Slide show running in the foyer...

The Magical Land of Oz
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:

- Gracie Rice for her fantastic work ethic in all areas.
- Sophie Agnew for fabulous Brain Gym participation.
- Xavier Chapman for great participation in Learning Connections.

Mrs Stevenson:

- Logan Agnew for working really well in maths.
- Charlton Baxter for a great pirate story with the BEST handwriting.
- Charlie Magill for improved reading & great practising at home.
- Brody Penrose for a great pirate story.

Ms Outram/Mrs Cameron:

- Nick Arnold for perseverance in multiplication.
- Mitchell Spunner for using time efficiently in writing activities.
- Aidan Fennell for successful time management in writing activities.
- Darcy Owen for a comprehensive ‘owl retrieval chart’.
- Regan Fox for well-presented owl retrieval chart.
- Cassandra Renneberg for great research in completing owl retrieval chart.

Mrs Tait:

- Tyson Sharp-Shorney for displaying excellent leadership in class.
- Darcy Pyle for consistent leadership in Buddy Reading.
- Hamish Cameron for excellence in work choice for his Remembrance poem.
- Hamish Cameron for ‘Sticking with it’ in Maths.
- Johnathan Barker for effort in learning connections.
- Shannon Spunner for excellent spelling & dictation results. (from last week)
- Abi Litchfield for excellent maths.
- Ariana Barker for always being on task.
- Matthew Fitzpatrick for his excellent contribution to his group Adobe Voice.

Mrs Sneddon:

- Molly Rice for effort with spelling.
- Regan Fox for persisting with difficult Maths.
- Amelia Packer for effort with Spelling.
- Michael Sharp-Shorney for always following instructions well.
- Sarah Agnew for excellent attention in class.
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.

School News

Old School Hats
If you have an old BPS hat lying unused at home we would much appreciate it being sent to the school. We are compiling a collection of hats that can be loaned out to students who repeatedly miss out on play because they don’t have a hat. Hats will be loaned out long term to students. Hats will stay at school for that students use.

Knitting Needles & Buttons / Empty 1.25 or 2 litre soft drink bottles with lids & Margarine/Butter containers
The school would like soft drink bottles with lids, margarine containers, knitting needles and any assortment of buttons for craft. If you are out and about in others towns often second hand shops have knitting needles and buttons for sale and we would be grateful if you could get any for our school.

P & C News

School Production DVD’s
DVD’s are now available of the school production ‘The Magical Land of Oz’ at a cost of $10 each. If you are interested in purchasing one please contact the school office.

Public Notices

Shane Atkinson Nurse Audiometrist
Shane Atkinson Nurse Audiometrist will attend Berrigan Community Health Centre on Wednesday 18th November 2015. Any concerns about speech, learning or behaviour, please ring Tocumwal Hospital to make an appointment for your child to have a hearing test on 0358742166. Child must be free of cold at time of test and at least 6 weeks following a cold.
ALL MONEY RAISED DONATED TO THE BERRIGAN SWIMMING POOL

ALL WELCOME
COFFEE/TEA/COFFEE ROLLS EGG & BACON
MORNING BREAKFAST FROM 8AM NOVEMBER 1ST
AFTER CUP RECOVERY

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Stepping Stones Triple P

Does your child have a disability?

In this post! Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. What if your child doesn’t love his or her daytime? Or your child is sad when the school bell rings? If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P session may be right for you.

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, The Berrigan Shire Council Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) invites all parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 to attend the following FREE Primary Care Groups Triple P Stepping Stones.

Where: The Finley Library meeting room, 223-229 Murray Street Finley 2713
You have the opportunity to attend either the day session or the night session. This accommodates for the varying needs of families.

Dates: October 28th
Time: 10am - 12 7pm - 9pm
Nov 4th 10am - 12 7pm - 9pm
Nov 11th 10am - 12 7pm - 9pm
Nov 18th 10am - 12 7pm - 9pm

A short survey (approximately 20 minutes of time) will need to be filled out prior to commencing the course.

Contact your local ECIS manager: Margaret Graham
Ph: 03 5950 1499
Mobile: 0407 595 982
Email: margaret@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au

Did you know you could get free children’s dental treatment in Finley?

We only get one shot once our adult teeth come through from the age of usually 6 or 7, and learning how to look after them early could save your children significant problems in the future!

Did you know that at Riverina Smiles in Finley, we participate in the Child Dental Benefit Scheme?

Eligible patients between the ages of 2 and 17 will receive up to $1000 over a 2 year period for basic general dentistry. To find out if your children are eligible, grab your Medicare number and give our office a call. Provided your limit is not reached, there will be no “Out of Pocket” expenses incurred.

The scheme will reset at the end of the year and any benefit left unused by the end of the year will be lost! Don’t waste it!

Give us a call on 03 5983 4832 to check your eligibility and make your appointment today!
POPPI POETRY COMPETITION

Open to all primary school students

- The Berrigan RSL Sub Branch is inviting all Berrigan primary school aged students to participate in the inaugural Poppy Poetry Competition.
- This year’s theme is “What Remembrance Day means to me.”
- Students are encouraged to write a poem on one A4 page.
- All poems will be displayed at the Berrigan RSL Sub Branch at the Remembrance Family Day on Sunday 8 November.

Winner to be announced at the Remembrance Family Day on Sunday 8 November

First prize is $50 cash and framed certificate.

Berrigan RSL Sub-Branch invites you to the:

REMEMBRANCE FAMILY DAY

Sunday 8 November
At the Berrigan RSL Sub-Branch
Jerilderie Street, Berrigan from 11am

Featuring:
Anthony Penhall & Ray Macartney
performing live!

Plus:
Jumping Castle
Face Painting
Spinning Wheel + fantastic prizes
Winner of the Poppy Poetry Competition announced

Lunch available - Drinks at bar prices
Entry by gold coin donation
All Welcome

Please join us for a Memorial Mass in honour of

Michael Connell

Sunday 8th November 2015
10:30am

St Columba’s Catholic Church
Corcoran Street, Berrigan

All welcome to honour & celebrate the life of Michael and support his family
The mass will be followed by morning tea
Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive starting soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe. Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

For more information or to make a booking, visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02

Tennis on Wednesday was fun we got to play tennis for one hour. Yay! I learnt how to control the tennis ball when I use backhand.
Zak Johnson

I enjoyed tennis and learnt to hit it towards each other, not to just whack it.
Callum Lindner

I now know some more tennis rules.
Jebidiah MeyerVale

I learnt how to hold the tennis racket properly. I loved bouncing the ball.
Sophie Agnew

Tennis was great fun. I really like Jamie our coach he is really nice.
Isabel Alexander
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Special Farewell
HONOURING

Meredith Stevenson

RETIRING FROM TEACHING

27 YEARS

Berrigan
Public School

SATURDAY
DEC
12TH

6:30pm at Berrigan Golf Club
Cost: $20 Per Person
Includes: Finger Food & special gift

Drinks available at bar prices.

Please RSVP by Friday 4th December to Berrigan Public School on 03 5885 2209