...Berrigan Public School...

‘The Bell Ringer’

Wednesday, 25th November 2015

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**Talent Quest**

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**Important Dates**

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Principal’s Report

Celebration Day- Tuesday 15th December
Our students have been very busy practising with Mrs Fruend to get ready for the end of year talent quest. As this is becoming an annual project of our wonderful Mrs Fruend we have decided to make it part of our end of year Celebration Day, a day celebrating the end of year.

Celebration Day begins with a Year 6 breakfast at the Berrigan Bakery for Year 6 students and staff. This will be followed by the 2015 Talent Quest. Due to the large number of participants Mrs Fruend will timetable the performance so parents and friends can attend if they wish.

Following the talent quest the students will be treated to a free sausage sizzle by the P&C, once again this is a very kind gesture from the P&C. After the sausage sizzle all students will head to the Berrigan pool for some organised activities. It looks like a great plan for a special student day.

P&C meeting
At last week’s P&C meeting I showed and explained our school funding for 2016. The school has been allocated its funds for 2016 and though our Federal Government Partnership money has finished; as it was a 4 year program and with the help of our wonderful P&C funding we should manage to keep the majority of our programs in place.

Some people say that the P&C shouldn’t have to fund wages but if we want to have specialised and extra services for our students we need to fund these ourselves and nobody doubts the benefits of these programs. For example the department will only fund our technology support officer for one day a fortnight and as you are very aware our staff and students are extremely competent using technology and this is a result of our two very supportive and knowledgeable technology gurus!

School Spectacular Excursion
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, four lucky students, Piper, Regan, Shae and Lucy are off to Sydney with 28 other lucky Deniliquin Network Primary School students to see the School Spectacular performance. I need to acknowledge the power of work Barb Fox has done in co-ordinating this excursion. Organising an excursion for one school is big but across 32 schools is huge. This is on top of her other office duties. Well done and thank you Barb.

Sadly this will be our last School Spectacular Excursion for numerous reasons; a major one being we will lose our mentor as she is retiring. Vicki Kempton, our Director, instigated this excursion with a comment 6 years ago, “I’d really love to take our students (those students being all the schools in the Deniliquin network) to see the School Spectacular Performance”. From that comment the Aspire Program came into existence and grew. Not only did our children get the chance to travel to Sydney, we have Aspire Camps across the network, including Drama, Art, Dance, Sport and next year this will include a Technology camp. Thank you so much Vicki for this legacy you leave us.

Thank You
A huge thank you to two of our families for two special donations: The Thornton family for their book donation that Mrs Sneddon will add to our Library and the Agnew Family have very kindly donated an interactive ABC chalkboard to the K/1 classroom. Mrs Arnold and K/1 are very appreciative.

Book Fair
Some very excited students have seen the great display Mrs Sneddon has set up in the library for this week’s Book Fair – “Under the Sea”. The book fair is open for three days Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Great idea for early Christmas shopping!!

Reminder- Swimming for Sport
As was in last week’s newsletter this Friday all students will begin a swimming program for sport. All students are required by Department policy to wear wrist bracelets identifying their skill level. Teachers will test students on Friday to ascertain their level.

Principals’ Awards
On Monday 7th December at a special assembly in the hall we will be presenting the Semester 2 Principals’ Awards. All students who have received 8 merit awards are eligible to receive this award. All merit awards need to be to the office by no later than 9.00am Wednesday 2nd December. As is often the case some students may be short the number of awards needed for this assembly but if they do collect the 8 before the end of the year their awards will be presented to them at a school assembly.

2015 School Leaders Speeches
Our Year 5 students have been invited to present a speech to the school assembly explaining why they should be elected to the positions of school captain and vice-captain in 2015. Their speeches will be given next Wednesday 2nd December at 9am. After the speeches all the school will vote and the announcement of our school leaders will be made on Presentation Night.

P&C Christmas Hamper Raffle Reminder
Colours for donations are:
- Something red for K/1
- Something white for 1/2
- Something green for 3/4
- Something blue for 5/6

Gayle Andriske
Principal

Notes required to be returned
- K/1/2 Sleepover
- Swimming for Sport
- School Voluntary Contribution/P&C Donation
- Text Books

If you require copies of these notes please contact the office

Quote of the Day
My opinion is that you never find happiness until you stop looking for it.
Chuang-tzu

Aboriginal Cultural Day at Deniliquin
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

**Mrs Arnold:**
- Lillianna MeyerVale for her beautiful frog design.
- Sophie Agnew for always being ready to listen.
- Grace Cameron for writing a great frog description.

**Mrs Stevenson:**
- Mia Cameron for helping out always.
- Jessica O’Dwyer for being a fabulous friend.
- Lara Willemsen for superb ipad maths work.
- Jeremy Packer for fab pirate map on ipad.

**Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:**
- Hamish Cameron for design alterations to our rubber band cars.
- Shannon Spunner for reliance to complete his “Great Escape” story. (from last week)
- Tess Middleton for great investigations and predication in Science.
- Abi Litchfield for design & creativity for her toy car ad.
- Kyden Wellman for great design of his toy ad.
- Jye Litchfield for amazing ipad skills in Maths Area.

**Mrs Tait:**
- Josh Anderson for persistence with adding mixed numerals.
- Allyssa Thornton for great adding mixed numerals and decimal work.
- Lucy Phillips for excellent work on ‘Theme’ assessment.
- Ally Trives for persistence with adding mixed numerals.
- Nicholas Arnold for excellent work on ‘Themes for G of G’. (not in picture)

**Mrs Sneddon:**
- Justin Milne for being ‘on fire’ with Mrs Fox.
- Piper Mills for settling to work in HSIE.
- Amelia Packer for always doing her best in English.
- Telirah Harris for a great idea and ending to ‘Escape’ story. (not in picture)

**VIP Award:**
Lachlan O’Dwyer & Miley Driscoll
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

Knitting Needles & Buttons / 1.25 or 2 litre soft drink bottles with lids & Margarine 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

Canteen Menu Update
Just a reminder that canteen prices and menu have changed, as of the start of Term 4 ie; 2 minute noodles are no longer available. Please check the up to date price list before you send your child to school with a lunch order. If you need a new price list please ask Mrs Fox in the school office.

P & C Christmas Raffle
Not long till Christmas, (where has the year gone), the P&C are busy organizing the Christmas raffle. For families new to the school, this raffle has a prize from each class room and is drawn at Presentation Night. Each class teacher chose a color for their class hamper and the P & C asks parents if they could please make a donation to the hamper in line with the theme chosen. Once again there will be a prize for the best class hamper.
In previous years we have had some wonderful prizes and some very lucky winners.

Items DO NOT have to be relevant to Christmas.
Kinder/Year 1 – anything red
Year 1/Year 2 – anything white
Year 3/Year 4 – anything green
Year 5/Year 6 – anything blue

Christmas Raffle Street Stall
The P & C would love some volunteers for the Christmas Raffle Street Stall on Wednesday 9th December. Time slots are from 7.00am till 1.00pm. If you are able to spare an hour of your time please call Leigh Jeffress on 0438957851. Thank you so much!
Public Notices

Year 6 Orientation Day
Thursday 3rd December 8.50am-3.15pm
Students will spend the day at school becoming familiar with the facilities, their new teachers and different subjects through a range of activities.

- **Students** are to come in their *current sports uniform*.
- There will be a complimentary BBQ lunch.
- Please remember to return *Excursion permission notes* with a **$50 deposit** before or on the day.
- **Book packs** will also be available for purchase from the canteen on the day for $50.
BDDA Christmas Market Night!

Friday the 4th of December 2015
In Chanter Street Berrigan.

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Presentation Night

Wednesday, 9th December 2015
7.30pm

Please bring along
- plate of supper to share
- folding chair