Important Dates

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Guess How Many Shells? & Class Colouring Competition.
**Principal’s Report**

In conjunction with our book fair this week the judges of the colouring in competition had a very hard time choosing the winners. The care that was taken and the colourful displays were a credit to the entrants. The winners were: Sophie Agnew-K, Brody Penrose-Yr 1, Annaliese Barker-Yr 2, Telirah Harris Yr-3, Emily Johnson-Yr 4, Zak Johnson-Yr 5 & Annabel Middleton Yr-6. The winner of the ‘Guess How Many Shells’ competition was Cassandra Renneberg with a guess of 132, 5 off the correct number 137. The Book Fair raised approximately $300 for the school library. Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair and we look forward to having another one in Education Week next year.

**Year 6 Parents’ Transition –Thursday 3rd December**

A flyer was sent home with our Year 6 class inviting students, parents and carers of Year 6 students, who are attending high school in 2016, to attend a Transition to High School Session. Year 6 Transition Day for Finley High School is on Thursday 3rd December. Students will make their way to school as they will in 2016.

**Year K/1/2 Fun/ BBQ/Year 2 Sleepover**

This Friday Mrs Arnold and Mrs Stevenson are giving up their Friday night to spend it with their students. All students will enjoy some fun activities and a BBQ tea before K/1 will head home and Friday night to spend it with their students. Mrs Stevenson will be staying the night at school with the students, but especially for our Year 2 students. Mr O’Dwyer Year 2 will spend the night at school. It will be an exciting time for all students. A big thank you to Jeremy for giving up his precious sleep!

**Monologue Performance**

Once again our Year 5/6 students have been working with Mrs Dickie on presenting a monologue. A monologue is an extended dramatic speech performed by one person. The students will perform their monologues on Monday 7th December, before and after our special ‘Thank you’ morning tea. Parents and friends are invited to come and see these presentations as well as join us for morning tea.

**Thank You Morning Tea**

As is the tradition of our school we invite all our 2015 ‘helpers’ to school for morning tea on Monday 7th December. These people are very valued members of our school community; providing support not only to our students but also to the staff, giving that extra pair of hands, eyes and ears. As a school we always know we can call on our school community to provide us with help and support and this morning tea is just a small way we can recognise and thank you for that support. Could you please let the school know if you are going to attend.

**Principals’ Awards**

On Monday 7th December at 12 noon at a special assembly in the hall, we will be presenting the Semester 2 Principal’s Awards. The cut off time for handing in your awards has now closed. Students with 8 Merit Awards can still hand them in to the front office, however their Principal’s Award will be presented to them at a school assembly.

**2015 School Leader’s Speeches**

Our Year 5 students were invited to present a speech at the school assembly, explaining why they should be elected to the position of School Captains and Vice Captains. Nidjas Renneberg, Zak Johnson and Blake Harris (by proxy) delivered their speeches to staff and students. Lucy Phillips, Shae Fennell, Regan Fox and Piper Mills will speak to the assembly on Friday about why they would be great candidates for the girl captain and vice-captain positions. After hearing the student’s speeches the school staff and students will vote. The outcome will be announced at Presentation Night.

**Meal Deal**

Next Tuesday 8th, is our Meal Deal. If you want to order a hotdog, a Christmas biscuit, apple slinkie, zooper dooper icy- pole and drink for your lunch don’t forget to hand in your order form.

**Year 6 Breakfast**

This week the Year 6 students received their invitations to the Farewell Breakfast, where Year 6 students sit down and break bread with the teachers. The in-coming Year 5 captains help Tammie and her staff, serve the breakfast at the bakery. It’s one of the ways Year 6 celebrate the end of Primary School. Could Year 6 students give their RSVP and their $10 to Mrs Fox at the office as soon as possible so that final numbers can be given to Tammie for catering.

**Presentation Night**

Next Wednesday night, starting at 7.30pm, is our annual Presentation Night. This is a special night where we celebrate the achievements of our students in 2015. Please come along and celebrate with our students. We ask families to bring a plate of supper to share when we have a ‘cuppa’ at the end of our night.

**Farewell Meredith**

Just a reminder, any parents wanting to attend Meredith Stevenson’s Farewell on the 12th December 2015 at the Berrigan Sporties; could you please let the school know as we need firm numbers for catering purposes. An invitation is attached to this newsletter.

**Kathryn Tait**

Relieving Principal

**Notes required to be returned**

**Swimming for Sport**

K/1/2 Sleepover

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

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**Quote of the Day**

Life is too short to be small.

*Benjamin Disraeli*

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**Aboriginal Cultural Day**

at Deniliquin
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:
- Jason Yeo for taking words apart successfully in reading.
- Phoenix Jeffress for outstanding home reading.
- Xavier Chapman for improvement in effort during Literacy Groups. (not in picture)

Mrs Stevenson:
- Logan Agnew for a loud, clear voice in news time.
- Jack Mcglory for being very friendly.
- Charlie Magill for being a lovely friend.
- Michael Sharp-Shorney for improvement in maths.

Mrs Tait:
- Allyssa Thornton for great note taking while watching ‘Hoot’.
- Jackie Sharp-Shorney for teaching Mrs Tait ‘tagxedo’.
- Darcy Owen for working efficiently in computers.
- Josh Anderson for teaching Mrs Tait ‘tagxedo’.
- Cassandra Renneberg for working efficiently in computers.

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:
- Kyden Wellman for consistently working well.
- Darcy Pyle for excellent effort with animation.
- Hamish Cameron for consistently working to a high standard.

Mrs Sneddon:
- Tess Middleton for excellent work in Spelling all term.
- Telirah Harris for a great idea and ending to ‘Escape’ story. (from last week)
- Josh Anderson for always having excellent manners.
- Caleb Thornton for excellent work in Spelling all term.
- Grace Cameron for working well in Maths all week.
- Lachlan O’Dwyer for making better choices in class.

VIP Award:
- Tess Middleton & Ariarna Barker
### 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.

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**School News**

**School Banking**
School Banking every Tuesday.

**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.

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**P & C News**

**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. This year 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.

Raffle tickets are being sent home today for each school family to sell. Thank you so much!

In previous years we have had some wonderful prizes and some very lucky winners. The raffle will be drawn at Presentation Night, Wednesday 9th December.

**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.

Raffle tickets are being sent home today for each school family to sell. Thank you so much!
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.

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**Finley Farmers Market**
Santa is on his way to the Finley Farmers’ Market next Saturday 5th December. While he is at the market there will be a candy cane scramble, lots of activities for the young ones including Christmas craft activities. Fairy floss and slushies are on sale too, as well as specially flavoured milk! Lots of Christmas gifts and decorations will be available at the market on the shores of Finley Lake 8am to 12noon.
Invitation to
‘Thank You’ Morning Tea

The staff of Berrigan Public School would like to show their appreciation to the many helpers who have assisted us throughout the year. We would not have had such a successful year without you, and we would like to say, ‘Thank You’.

So, if you have driven children to various events, taken maths or reading groups, helped with the library, worked at sports carnivals, assisted with craft, helped with the school production etc. etc. please come along.

On this day our 5/6 will be presenting Monologues and you are invited to attend this if you wish.

Date: Monday 7th, December 2015 at the school
Time: 10.30–11.00am Monologues by Year 5
       11.00–11.30am Morning Tea
       11.30–12noon Monologues by Year 6
       12noon–Principals Award Assembly
RSVP: Friday 4th, December 2015
Ph: (03) 5885 2209

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU HERE!!!
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
Year 3/4 Science Challenge

Mrs Swan set a challenge to create a bridge out of 100 straws and 50 pins. It needed to be a minimum of 30 cm. Here is our winning group, their bridge held a 1kg weight. This is what they had to say:

"We all worked together and that’s why it worked."

"Cal had the good ideas and we all helped do it”

"We used the straws straight and diagonally. The straws on the bottom helped make it stronger."

"We didn’t think it would work and hold that much weight!"

‘Aspire Me’

School Spectacular

On Wednesday the 25th we travelled to Sydney for School Spectacular! We hopped on the bus at 9.55am. We travelled to Urana and changed into our Aspire Me t-shirts. We had a lot of short stops and then we stopped at Gundagai where we had lunch and Shae met us there. After lunch we arrived in Sydney. We went to our hotel; it was in the middle of the bush! We had dinner, played a few games and went to bed! Next morning we had breakfast, got dressed and then we were ready for the day. We went into the city centre and we did heaps of things like; walked around the water front, had a tour of the Opera House and walked over the bridge. Our favourite activity was the dance workshop. We had heaps of fun on the first day but we had even more fun on the second day. We liked it better because we went shopping, did a drama workshop, sand sculpturing on Manly Beach and best of all it was School Spectacular. At 7.30pm we piled into the theatre but we had to give our cameras to Ms Kempton! It was really good and it was definitely our favourite part of the excursion.

After the School Spectacular we jumped on the bus. We travelled through the night and the next morning we had breakfast at the Berrigan Bakery.

By Regan, Piper, Lucy & Shae
Presentation Night

Wednesday, 9th December 2015
7.30pm

Please bring along
- plate of supper to share
- folding chair
Tabloid Sports & Cricket Clinic