**2015 House Captains**

**Algudgerie**

**Momalong**

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**Berrigan Public School...**

*The Bell Ringer*

*Wednesday, 11th February 2015*

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

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*2015 House Captains*

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*Algudgerie*
**Principal’s Report**

Congratulations to our eight new student leaders, our sports house captains and vice captains. Leading Algudgerie are captains, Allyssa Thornton, Harley Willemisen and vice captains Nick Arnold, Jackie Sharp-Shorney. Their Momalong counter parts are captains Cassandra Renneberg, Aidan Fennell and vice captains Alexandra Trives and Blake Barry.

Their first job will be leading their houses at the school swimming carnival. The captains have already been holding house meetings to practice the ever important war cries - a crucial event of the carnivals. We wish them all the best for the year as they join the school captains and vice captains leading our students.

**BPS Swimming Carnival**

As you are aware our swimming carnival is on this Thursday afternoon beginning at 3.00pm and finishing at approx 7pm. All students are expected to attend and will be under the supervision of the teachers. All parents are invited to come and watch our students participate. Students will walk down to the pool with their teachers from the school at 3pm. Kinder/1/2 will have afternoon tea before they go down, parents are asked to pack extra food for this. Mrs Arnold will co-ordinate a mini fun carnival for our younger students. Mrs Stevenson is co-ordinating the swimming carnival and is very appreciative of the offers of help she has received. Mrs Stevenson will be setting up from 2 pm on Thursday; any extra hands would be very welcome.

**A REMINDER** - Friday is a pupil free day, in lieu of attending the Twilight Swimming Carnival; no staff or student is expected to attend school on Friday.

**P&C Barbecue** - A sausage sizzle will be available at the pool, provided free by the P&C. We thank them very much and appreciate their generous offer. Students will have access to the pool canteen.

**Thank You**

A special thank you to all the parents who have helped with our intensive swimming program. The program has been a huge success and this is partly due to your wonderful support.

**P&C AGM and February Meeting**

Next Wednesday is our first P&C meeting for 2015, it will be preceded by the AGM. I would like to thank the out going executive for the past 4 years. This team has been a great asset to our school, ensuring we have funds to help to continue to improve the teaching/learning environment of your child. But like all things, it is time for some changes as people move on and the best way to thank these people for the wonderful job they have done is to ensure their good work is continued. Please give some serious thought to becoming involved in our school through the P&C. The meeting will be held in the library at 7.30pm.

**Good Luck**

Three of our students were nominated this week for Riverina trials. Good luck to Hamish Cameron who will trial for the tennis team, while Nick Arnold and Max Cameron will trial for basketball.

**Meal Deal**

Next Wednesday Year 5/6 will be holding a Meal Deal to fundraise towards resources for their Literacy program. Please return your order to school by Monday 16th.

**Scripture Lessons**

Our scripture lessons begin on Friday 20th February. Once again we are lucky to have the services of Father John, Iris Miles and Jill Petzke. A reminder that parents/caregivers in public schools have the right to have their children receive instruction in their preferred religious persuasion, where authorised teachers of that persuasion are available. In our school a special religious education program (SRE) is available at school and is run by authorised volunteers of approved religious persuasions, that being Father John, Iris Miles and Jill Petzke. Students continue in the same arrangement each year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change in writing. At any time, you have the right to change your SRE nomination or to withdraw your child from the nominated lessons. A written note to the principal will affect this change.

**Live Life Well@ School**

Mrs Tait and Mrs Cameron continue to co-ordinate the Live Life Well @School program. Over the next three weeks they will provide flyers labelled ‘A Quick Bite’ in the newsletter providing ideas for healthy eating. This week’s flyer is about looking for different ideas for lunch boxes. Also as part of this program all Year 3-6 participate in daily fitness together, which includes Mrs Tait's renowned 'Boot Camp' activities. K/1/2 also have their fitness program including Brain Gym in K/1. We are focused on developing fit, healthy, well informed students.

**Emailing BPS Newsletters Has Begun!**

If you have supplied your email address to Simone Fox, your newsletter will be emailed as of this week.

**Carpet Cleaning**

You may have thought whilst driving past our school on Monday afternoon that we were about to have a garage sale, with all the furniture on the veranda. However it was our annual carpet cleaning and thank you to all the staff for clearing the rooms to enable this to happen. It was a bit painful for the staff who have just set up their rooms but we all appreciate the clean carpets ready for 2015. A special thank you to Val and Leigh Jeffress, who put Mrs Arnold's furniture back before doing reading on Tuesday morning. We were very grateful as Mrs Arnold was away for Reading Recovery training in Deniliquin.

**Local Area Excursion & Emergency Contact Cards**

I can’t stress how important it is for these notes to be returned to the school. The Local Area Permission Note enables us the opportunity to take children to visiting attractions that happen in our town eg: opening of the Children’s Centre garden next Monday. Emergency Contact Cards are placed in the office for immediate access for all staff including casual staff. In case of an emergency we need to access these cards quickly. Please return to the front office if you haven’t already done so.

**Gayle Andriske**

Principal

Notes required to be returned
- Swimming Carnival Note
- Emergency Contact Card
- Local Area Excursion Note
- Video Conferencing Note
- Newsletter - email address

If you require copies of these notes please contact the office

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**Quote of the Day**

You can’t win unless you know how to lose.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
Congratulations
to the following
‘Students of the Week’

*Mrs Arnold:*
- Harry Steel for settling in well to school.
- Austin Ware for settling in well to school.
- Lucy Pyle for settling in well to school.
- Grace Cameron for settling in well to school.
- Rosie Phillips for settling in well to school.
- Sarah Agnew for settling in well to school.
- Charlotte Dickins for her fabulous leadership and helpfulness in K/1.
- Sophie Agnew for settling in well to school.
- Phoenix Jeffress for settling in well to school.
- Toby Loomes for settling in well to school.
- Maddie Rice for settling in well to school. (not in picture)
- Xavier Chapman for settling in well to school. (not in picture)

*Mrs Stevenson:*
- Jacob Kofoed for coping well with his sore leg.
- Jessica O’Dwyer for fabulous writing.
- Justin Milne for being a great helper at school.
- Charlie Magill for great working skills at her desk.

*Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:*
- Shannon Spinner for overcoming his fear and diving into the pool.
- Jye Litchfield for excellent effort in Maths Mentals book.
- Seth Henderson for great work in Maths groups.
- Jebidiah MeyerVale for sensational similes to describe himself.
- Emily Anderson for an interesting ‘stretched sentence’.

*Mrs Tait:*
- Isabel Alexander for great participation in spelling softball.
- Blake Harris for following up homework.
- Tai Davies for working very well in Maths.
- Shae Fennell for great Maths work.

*Mrs Sneddon:*
- Telirah Harris for excellent effort with Cinquain poem.
- Layla Towler for persistent effort with Cinquain writing.
- Phoebe Holmes for a nice attitude towards younger children.
- Logan Agnew for excellent effort in swimming lessons. (not in picture)
- Maddie Rice for excellent effort in swimming lessons. (not in picture)
**Canteen Roster - Term 1**

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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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**P&C Notices**

Next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February is the P&C AGM. The current committee are all retiring after 4 years in their respective roles. We are looking for some new faces and fresh ideas to join the committee and fill a couple of the vacant positions of Secretary and uniform person. P&C only meets once a month and meetings usually only go for an hour. We appreciate everybody works but these roles are not time consuming. Please consider joining the P&C so we can continue to contribute to extra resources for our children.

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**School Notices**

**Bookclub**

The latest order from Book Club needs to be returned to the school office no later than Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Please hand orders in to front office by this date.

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**Community Notices**

Cobram Amateur Basketball Association 2015 Autumn Registration Nights

Registrations for the Autumn 2015 season will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at the Cobram Sports Stadium Campbells Road for juniors and adults. The season is planned to start the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015. Registrations this season will again be done online and payment of fees will be via credit card at time of registration. Assistance for online registration will be given at the registration nights or complete the registration form via the attached link yourself. Registrations will close on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to allow time for teams and draws to be arranged. [http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-770-0-0-0](http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-770-0-0-0)

If you have any difficulties with registration please contact Rod Armstrong via email at jennrod@bigpond.net.au or phone 0418 148 942.

Registration fees: $60 for all players, which includes $40 for BVC affiliation & insurance. Free skill sessions will also be offered for younger children on Tuesday nights. This is aimed at children aged 6-9 years of age who are not playing, but is open to all children playing in the junior competition who may want to improve their skills. If anyone is interested please respond to Rod Armstrong via email or phone.
MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2015

OFFICIAL OPENING

The Berrigan Children’s Centre “Kindergarten”

Official Opening by The Hon. Sussan Ley, MP

When: Monday, 16 February 2015 at 11.00 am

Where: 17-19 Stewart Street, Berrigan

A light luncheon will be provided following the opening.

RSVP: Monday, 9 February 2015

FINLEY MODIFIED TRACTOR PULL

Saturday February 14th 2015 at Finley Showgrounds. Gates open at 3pm. Main event at 5pm.

The Finley Community Tractor Pull Committee Inc. are offering free passes to this year’s Finley Tractor Pull event to children under the age 16 years.
Berrigan Public School

Berrigan Racecourse Sun 1st March 2015
Find Billabong Bog Run
Juniors 8-14 years
Juniors 15+ years
Entrants $3000 Prepaid
An additional $1000 after 13th Feb

JERILDERIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C INVITES YOU TO
Berrigan Bog Run
9.00am
 Gates open 8.30am
First group runs
Tiffany 0423 055 055
billabongbogrun@outlook.com

FINLEY, JERILDERIE, OAKLANDS AND TOCUMWAL
Mental Health Forum
Sunday February 22 at 1.30pm
Berrigan War Memorial Hall,
Berrigan Chanter Street, Berrigan

The Lions Clubs of Berrigan, Deniliquin,
Finley, Jerilderie, Oaklands and Tocumwal
in conjunction with Lions International and
Beyond Blue invite you to a
For further information contact
5885 2519
For further information contact
Afternoon tea will be provided
Two Guest Speakers
Health professionals will be present for consultation
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BERRIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 5 November 2014

Meeting open: 7:45pm

Present: Carolyn Alexander, Gayle Andriske, Doug Cameron, Keith Phillips, Julie Sorensen and Barb Fox

Apologies: Kristy Pyle, Kelli Litchfield and Pete Arnold

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

Business Arising:
1. Soft fall – Keith to organize after harvest.
2. Drama Camp to be held 27 and 28 March 2014 at Berrigan Public School.
3. Outdoor Table settings – Meredith and Kelli to look at Playgroup equipment.
4. Weather Shed – Waiting for quotes to fix the shed or demolish.

Correspondence: Letter from ACNC re Annual Information Statement.

Reports: Principal – Presented and moved by Gayle seconded Carolyn.
Treasurer – Presented and moved by Carolyn seconded Barb. Carolyn moved we rollover Term Deposit which matures 24 November 2014 for a further term of 6 months, seconded Barb - carried.

New Business: 1. Brick Fundraiser – Hoping to go ahead with this early next year, Barb to do up brochures and report back to P&C at the next meeting.
2. Christmas Raffle – Kristy to co-ordinate, street stall to be held 10 December 2014.

Meeting closed: 3:40pm

Next Meeting: AGM Wednesday, 18 February 2015
A Quick Bite …

Are You Looking for Different Lunchbox Ideas This Year?

Try these quick and easy lunchbox ideas from our Mix and Match tip sheet. Go to our website to download more.

Just pick a fruit, vegetable, dip, main, snack, and water. You can mix and match each day!

Apple + Carrot sticks +
Salsa dip + Chicken &
avocado wrap +
Yoghurt + Water

Rockmelon + Snow
peas + White bean dip
+ Left overs + Rice
 crackers + Water

Strawberries + Baby Corn + Spinach dip + Mini Quiche +
Popcorn + Water

For more information visit
mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy