## Important Dates

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**2015 Swimming Champs**
Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Momalong, our 2015 Champion Swimming House. Wow, how close was it, 6 points, a great effort by both houses.

Congratulations to our swimming champions;  
Junior Girl - Jennifer Ackerly  
Junior Boy - Caleb Thornton 
11 years Girl - Lucy Phillips 
11 years Boy - Nicholas Arnold 
Senior Girl - Alexandra Trives 
Senior Boy - Max Cameron

It was a wonderful carnival, lots of great personal goals, with many students achieving feats they thought unrealistic at the start of our intensive swimming program. We saw what real friendship was, when a mate swam in an event just to support his friend; well-done Hamish Cameron and it was the Individual Medley, 8 laps of the pool!! Thank you to Mrs Stevenson who organised the carnival, another great job. Thank you to all the staff and parents who help by performing jobs throughout the carnival, including Mrs Arnold and Mrs Sneddon who entertained our little people. Thank you to the P&C who provided the free sausage sizzle and also a big thankyou to the parents who brought down our seats, tables, shade and equipment.

Our successful students will travel to Cobram for the District Carnival that will be run by Tocumwal on Friday 27th February. The students will be supervised by Mrs Stevenson who will organise notes and information as soon as she receives it from Tocumwal.

Year 3 or Year 4 Reading Helpers

If any parents of Year 3 or Year 4 are available to hear children read in the Library and Year 4 classroom, Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 9.30am. Please contact the school or just turn up any day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Term 1 interviews begin next week. You should have already received your appointment time, please ring the office if there is a clash. These interviews are an opportunity to have a chat about your child with his/her teacher/s. This is not a formal reporting activity but a chance to discuss teaching curriculum, strategies, expectations and general classroom organisation. The interviews are a chance to highlight areas of concern and satisfaction by both teachers and parents.

Learning Centre Garden Opening

Our Kinder/Year 1 students revisited the Learning Centre on Monday for the official opening of “Kindergarten”. Joining by our school captains, vice captains, Mrs Arnold and myself, we watched Mrs Arnold help Ms Susan Ley, our Federal Member and the Health Minister, pull the curtain open to display the plaque that signified that the garden was officially opened. The students had a wonderful time exploring the finished garden.

Notes Reminder

Please endeavour to return all notes as soon as possible to the office. On Monday our wonderful office staff had to ring for permission for children to attend the Learning Centre garden opening because we didn't have local excursion notes returned. This is not part of their role and while they are happy to do it, it cuts into their work time. Policy dictates we must have written permission, all permission notes are legal documents and must be returned and filed. Permission notes will now be handed to students, not attached to the newsletter as was sometimes the case. No note can mean no go so please be vigilant, dig them out of those bags!!

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is attached to this newsletter. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Gayle Andriske
Principal

Tell Them From Me
Notes required to be returned
Emergency Contact Card
Local Area Excursion Note
Video Conferencing Note
Newsletter - email address

If you require copies of these notes please contact the office

Quote of the Day

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.  
Joseph Addison

Presentation Night 2014

Slide show running in the foyer...
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:
- Phoenix Jeffress for incredible reading.
- Rosie Phillips for perseverance when learning letter writing.
- Lincoln Murphy for improvement in reading.

Mrs Stevenson:
- Annaliese Barker for excellent art work.
- Isabel Sierra for the loveliest manners.
- Michael Sharp-Shorney for fabulous reading in groups.
- Justin Milne for always waiting to help others. (from Mrs Sneddon)
- Logan Agnew for excellent effort in swimming lessons. (from Mrs Sneddon from last week)
- Lara Willemsen for fantastic reading. WOW! (not in picture)

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:

Mrs Tait:
- Regan Fox for great idea for rewriting fable.
- Isabel Alexander for organised working on ‘Dinner For Two’.
- Phoebe Holmes for pleasing work in subtraction problem solving.
- Aidan Fennell for interesting fact finding on Chairman Mao.
- Mitchell Spunner for a well written fable. (not in picture)

Mrs Sneddon:
- Toby Loomes for fantastic effort with swimming lessons.
- Maddie Rice for excellent effort in swimming lessons. (from last week)
- Lucy Phillips for great effort in PE.
- Caleb Thornton for always working neatly.
- Matthew Fitzpatrick for thinking hard about verbs - adverbs.
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.

P&C Notices

Tonight, 18th 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.

School Notices

Permission Notes
All Permission Notes will be handed to students. They will no longer be attached to the newsletter as newsletters are being emailed to families. If you require copies of notes please contact the front office.

Community Notices

Cobram Amateur Basketball Association 2015 Autumn Registration Nights
Registrations for the Autumn 2015 season will be held on Tuesday 24th 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 2nd March 2015. Registrations will close on Wednesday 25th 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.
FOR ALL CHILDREN 0 TO 18 YRS OLD
ALL YOU NEED IS A MEDICARE CARD
TO REGISTER FOR TREATMENT AT
DENILIQUIN OR BERRIGAN DENTAL
CLINIC

FREE DENTAL TREATMENT

PHONE 1800 45 00 46

1st visit recommended at 2yrs of age
dental teams no longer visit schools for check
ups so call 1800 45 00 46 for all inquiries or
appointments.

For further information contact
5885 2519

Mental Health Forum
Sunday February 22 at 1.30pm
Berrigan War Memorial Hall,
Berrigan

The Lions Clubs of Berrigan, Deniliquin,
Finley, Jerilderie, Oaklands and Tocumwal
in conjunction with Lions International and
Beyond Blue invite you to a

Afternoon tea will be provided
Two Guest Speakers
Health Professionals will be present for
consultation

www.beyondblue.org.au
A Quick Bite ...

Myth: It gets too hot to pack cooked meat, dairy, eggs or other high-risk foods in children’s lunchboxes

Fact: You can safely pack these types of perishable foods by doing the following:

- Use a good quality insulated lunchbox
- Pack a freezer block or frozen drink with the cool items
- Pack the perishable foods close to the frozen item to keep them cool
- Encourage your child to keep their bag out of the sun
- Throw out any uneaten food at the end of the day

For more information visit

mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BERRIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 19th February 2014

Meeting Open: 7:40pm

Present: Kristy Pyle, Leanne McQualter, Allison Yellend, Gayle Andriske, Kathryn Tait, Carolyn Alexander, Jo Peters, Doug Cameron, Keith Phillips, Kelli Litchfield.

Apologies: Kim and Peter Arnold, Jeremy O'Dwyer, Barb Fox

Minutes: Minutes of previous AGM read as a true and correct record. Moved Carolyn Alexander seconded Kelli Litchfield

Reports: President – Presented and moved by Keith Phillips seconded Kristy Pyle
Treasurer – Presented and moved by Carolyn Alexander seconded Kristy Pyle

Election of Office Bearers: All positions are declared vacant, Gayle Andriske called for nominations as follows:

President – Carolyn Alexander nominated Keith Phillips – accepted - seconded Jo Peters
Vice President – Kelli Litchfield nominated Doug Cameron – accepted – seconded Carolyn Alexander
Secretary – Kelli Litchfield nominated Kristy Pyle – accepted – seconded Keith Phillips
Treasurer – Kristy Pyle nominated Carolyn Alexander – accepted – seconded Kelli Litchfield
Canteen Co Ordinator – Kelli Litchfield nominated Jo Peters – accepted – seconded Carolyn Alexander

New Business: Canteen will remain open 3 days a week. May be closed at 1:30pm at the discretion of volunteering parent.

Meeting Closed: 7:55pm
Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes less than 35 minutes to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education and Communities, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), will have access to data from across the State and will run a research project to look at statewide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research will look at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child’s school by Friday 27 February.

More information about the survey and the research is available on the CESE website:
http://surveys.dese.nsw.edu.au/Information-for-parents

Dr Jenny Donovan
General Manager
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Friday 27 February 2015.

I (print name) .......................................................................................... DO NOT give consent
for my child/children (print name/s) ........................................................................
of class/es ....................................... to participate in the Tell Them From Me
student feedback survey.

Signed......................................................... Date.................................