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Our New P&C Committee

Doug Cameron
President

Kelli Litchfield
Vice President

Leigh Jeffress
Secretary

Kerrie O’Dwyer
Treasurer

Jo Turner
Canteen Co-ordinator

Kristy Pyle
Uniform Co-ordinator

...Berrigan Public School...
‘The Bell Ringer’

Wednesday, 25th February 2015
Principal: Gayle Andriske
email: berrigan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
**Principal’s Report**

Congratulations to our new P&C executive, elected last Wednesday at the AGM. Our previous executive has left you a very stable, strong foundation to build on and I’m sure our future is in good hands. Once again a sincere thankyou to our outgoing executive, especially Keith Phillips and Carolyn Alexander who have both been on the executive for the past 4 years and counting.

**Summary of P&C Meeting**

At last week’s P&C meeting a fund raising committee was formed as the P&C has committed to various community fundraising activities. Included in fundraising activities are some major catering activities this term; a sausage sizzle on NSW Election Day; catering for RSL Commemorative Dinner; and catering for the two day Drama Camp to be held at our school.

The P&C are asking for volunteers to help at a working bee tomorrow, Thursday 26th, at 5pm to remove rubbish from the Environmental Garden and shovelling soft fall to the playground. Please come along if you are available to lend a hand. BYO wheelbarrow, shovel and rake.

The P&C have allocated funds to help the school finance iPads for the staff on their journey to increase their knowledge of using technology as a learning tool in the classroom. They also discussed the wish list submitted by the staff including specialist training in cricket and athletics, reading resources for L3 program in K/1/2 and AL in 3/4/5/6, continued funding of technology, drama and Kinder orientation program.

**Excursions**

A reminder that our primary students will participate in their major excursion over the next two terms and the school is very happy if parents and carers would like to make instalments towards the cost of these excursions. Year 5/6 are going to Melbourne in week 10 Term 2, cost to be finalised and Year 3/4’s excursion is yet to be finalised. Please find instalment slips in this newsletter if you would like to make payments towards these excursions.

**Tennis Trials**

Congratulations on a great effort by Hamish Cameron, Max Cameron and Nick Arnold on Monday at the Zone Tennis trials in Deniliquin. Although none of the boys progressed further they had a good day of tennis. Wayne Bradley the coordinator sent through the following message, 'Congratulations to all participants on their efforts and endeavour in very hot conditions'. Please read Nick’s recount below;

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**Quote of the Day**

Don’t worry about knowing people; just make yourself worth knowing.

*Unknown*

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**District Swimming Carnival**

This Friday our BPS swimming team will travel to Cobram to compete in the District Swimming Carnival run by Tocumwal PS. Mrs Stevenson will accompany the team and we wish them all the best.

**Parent / Teacher Interviews**

This week our teachers have been conducting Parent/Teacher interviews. The staff are very pleased with the parental attendance and they are finding it an extremely beneficial activity. Thank you to both staff and parents for making the effort, this communication exercise is very important to our students learning and it ensures that all parties understand procedures and expectations.

**Technology Visit**

Talking about technology, the BiJOU (our combined School Learning Community) principals travelled to Melbourne on Monday to visit Manor Lakes School to investigate how they use their technology in the classrooms. Staff from our schools will work with Michelle Mercias, the technology co-ordinator of Manor Lakes, in week 10 this term before travelling to Manor Lakes on Staff Development Day term 2 for professional development. Michelle will be in the BiJOU area for three days visiting the 3 schools, plus conducting a combined staff meeting and a combined parent information session. This will be a very informative three days for all our school communities and it will show the direction our schools are looking to take in continuing to develop technology in our schools.

**Life Education Van Visit**

Next week our school will receive its annual visit from Healthy Harold, our favourite and famous giraffe, who lives in the Life Education Van. The van creates a unique, highly interactive learning experience, using up to date technology to deliver a very important message about health and drug education. Following is the timetable for our classes to attend:

- **Tuesday 3rd March** - 9.30am to 11.00am - Year 3
  - 11.30am to 1.00pm - Year 5
- **Wednesday 4th March** - 9.00am to 10.00am - Kinder
  - 10.00am to 11.00am - Year 1
  - 12.00 noon - Year 2
- **Thursday 5th March** - 9.30am to 11.00am - Year 4
  - 11.30am to 1.00pm - Year 6

Permission notes have been handed to the students and are to be returned to school by Monday 26th March.

**Newsletter emailed**

Continuing with our emailing of our school newsletter, Helen McRae, Principal of Finley High School has asked that we email their newsletter to new prospective families. Finley High School is our feeder high school and this is one way you can begin to foster a knowledge of the school.

**Gayle Andriske**

Principal

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**Notes required to be returned**

- Life Education Van Permission 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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**Presentation Night 2014**

**Slide show running in the foyer...**

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**Quote of the Day**

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*Unknown*
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:

- Grace Cameron for fantastic Brain Gym.
- Maddie Rice for fabulous 6Ls.
- Gracie Rice for her terrific recount about the Children’s Centre Garden Opening.

Mrs Stevenson:

- Logan Agnew for being faster at his work.
- Lachlan O’Dwyer for writing a lovely story about friends.
- Ryan Thornton for excellent batting skills in P.E.
- Jack Steel for being generous with his textas and pens.

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:

- Darcy Pyle for a clever name chant.
- Nikita Willemsen for happily revising and revising again! (in writing).
- Michael Bainbridge for working well with the Blue Box.
- Tess Middleton for working well in Maths groups.

Mrs Tait:

- Piper Mills for very pleasing writing and lovely presentation of work.
- Blake Barry for pleasing, accurate angle work.
- Harley Willemsen for his positive contributions to discussions and his great ideas in writing.
- Max Cameron for displaying initiative as a leader.
- Keia Towler for terrific input into her writing activities. (not in picture)

Mrs Sneddon:

- Kyra Lindner for always being on task.
- Zak Johnson for persistent effort in cleaning and maintaining a tidy sports shed.
- Jye Litchfield for good ideas in writing.
- Charlton Baxter for listening well in Science. (not in picture)
- Harry Steel for good thinking in Maths. (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.

School Notices

School 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.

Plastic Bags
If anyone has plastic bags to spare the school would like them to use as Library bags. Please drop them into the front office.

Community Notices

Family Links
Family Links delivers individual programs that focus on family goals and provide strategies that are essential to achieve them.

Family Links

For more information contact: Sharon Soule 03 5890 6203
Ros Beck 02 6051 7115

Interact

Family Programs

1/2 Magic & Emotion coaching: During unwanted behaviour, professional coaches support parents. We also offer information for services in local newsletters and through presentations: workshops, one-on-one coaching and group programs for parents and children aged 0-12. Building a positive relationship with your children and helping them develop emotional competence.

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Parents as teachers (PAT): A 13-week program that includes an age-appropriate activity discussion and information on child development, family wellness, positive parenting, relationship and child behavior.

Bringing Up Great Kids - focuses on positive parenting, positive child development, appropriate discipline and family wellness.

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Kid’s Club

For all children K to Y6

- March 11, 18, 25
- April 1, 3

An exciting program of games, songs and craft based around the Easter message

Presented by Finley Presbyterian church

Phone 0428830276 for details
Tocumwal Tuesdays Memorial Hall

DANCE

Please book at your Library ASAP
$25 pp
Sunday 8th March 2015 @ Noon
Berrigan Recreation Ground

Margaret Carroll OAM

Celebrating International Women's Day
Literacy Lunch
March 8
A Quick Bite ...

5 Top Tips for Adding More Dairy into your Child’s Diet!

1. Pack a small tub of yoghurt – try a different flavour each week.
2. Pack a frozen low fat milk in addition to the water bottle. It keeps the lunchbox cool and delivers a calcium and protein boost!
3. Slip reduced fat cheese into a sandwich with tuna and corn or sundried tomatoes and avocado.
4. Pack reduced fat cheese in cubes, with sultanas and nuts or seeds as a great energy boosting snack.
5. Mix up a small container of plain yoghurt with honey and cinnamon as a dip, add fruit piece for dipping and ‘voila’ you have a top snack.

For more information visit
mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy
Excursions Instalment  5th Payment
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Year 5/6 Excursion to Melbourne
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