### Important Dates

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<td>Wed 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Ecumenical Service (our turn for morning tea)</td>
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**Happy Easter**
Principal’s Report
With Easter fast approaching the students from K-6 all enjoyed Easter orientated activities in class this week. The activities included computer, cooking, card making, biscuit decorating and much, much more. These activities were a fun way of reinforcing skills learnt at school.

Drama Camp
Well the Year 6 children were excited last Friday to see the arrival of the mattresses for the Drama Camp (me less so). They look very comfortable! Thank you to Geoffrey Tait for loading the 50 mattresses up at Urana and Oaklands and transporting them over here to us.

Cross Country Results
We had a successful Cross Country last Friday. Congratulations to the following individual champions:- 5/6/7 year old champions Charlie Magill and Andrew Bainbridge; 8/9 year old champions Telirah Harris and Caleb Thornton; 10 year old champions Nikita Willemsen and Darcy Pyle; 11 year old champions Lucy Phillips and Tyson Sharp-Shorney and 12/13 year old champions Alyssa Thornton and Mitchell Spunner. The winning house was Momalong.

There will be information early next term regarding the next stage of competition. Thank you to all the helpers who ensured the day ran smoothly. Mrs Arnold Cross Country Coordinator

Amaroo Fete Performance
Thank you to those wonderful students who performed with the St Columba’s students at the Amaroo Fete. The students sang ‘Absolutely Everybody’ and ‘Click go the Shears’. Mrs Tait and Mrs Sneddon, who accompanied our students, were very, very proud of all the students who participated in this wonderful community venture, even though student numbers were down due to football and netball commitments.

Peer Support
Last Thursday and Friday morning the 5/6 students participated in leadership activities during Peer Support Training. The activities involved problem solving, cooperation, listening skills and strategies for group work.

The students are all very keen to lead their Peer Support groups next term and identified lots of strategies and ideas to ensure that next terms Peer Support program will be a positive and enjoyable experience for all Berrigan Public School students.

Ecumenical Service
Today the school once again visited St Columba’s for the Term 1 Ecumenical Service. All parents and carers were invited to join us at 10.00am.

Swimming Champion
At our last assembly Jackie Sharp-Shorney was awarded her swimming medal for being equal Senior Girl Champion.

Zone Netball Trials Finley
On Monday afternoon Annabel Middleton, Shae Fennell and Lucy Phillips travelled to Finley to try out for the Zone Netball side. All three girls were selected. They will travel to Griffith on Friday 24th April for the Western Riverina Trials.

Road Safety
As children become more independent road users as pedestrians, bus travellers and bike and scooter riders the importance of learning and practising road safety behaviour increases. In Albury last Wednesday I attended a Road Safety Education Workshop. Ms Jennifer Heinjus, Road Safety Education Officer, used statistics to demonstrate the real importance of continuing to include road safety in the PDHPE syllabus. Ms Heinjus provided lots of information on the use of IT in the teaching of Road Safety which really engages the students. It was a most interesting and worthwhile professional development day and Mrs Ware and I look forward to implementing many of these IT programs in the stage 3 Road Safety Unit.

Pet Safety Program
First week in Term 2, Wednesday 22nd April, Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in the ‘Pet Safety Program’. This is a wonderful program and the students will learn a lot about being safe around pets.

Holidays
On Friday we will all be going on holidays. Students and staff are all looking forward to the break. Please have a restful, enjoyable break; enjoy your Easter eggs and we will see everyone on Tuesday, 21st April 2015. Monday 20th April is a Staff Development Day where all staff will be participating in an IT presentation at Manor Lakes school.

Kathryn Tait
Relieving Principal

Notes required to be returned
School Voluntary Contribution/P&C Donation
Text Books
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
To speak kindly does not hurt the tongue. proverb

Cross Country Training & Buddy Reading
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:

- Xavier Chapman for gaining more confidence at school.
- Gracie Rice for her willingness to help others.
- Phoenix Jeffress for his amazing vocabulary.

Mrs Stevenson:

- Brody Penrose for fabulous training for the Cross Country.
- Ryan Thornton for amazing Cross Country training.
- Michael Sharp-Shorney for excellent behaviour in class.
- Anna Barker for fantastic maths test.
- Andrew Bainbridge for great reading of his sight words.

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:

- Lacy Turner for working well throughout the week.
- Molly Rice for great work in the NSW quiz.
- Jebediah MeyerVale for great work in the NSW quiz.
- Darcy Pyle for terrific text connection to self.
- Kyden Wellman for a creative monster letter.
- Johnothan Barker for fantastic use of paragraphs.

Mrs Tait:

- Ben Ackerly for enthusiastic participation in Peer Support training.
- Isabel Alexander for very impressive English work this term.
- Alexandra Trives for excellent work with spelling activities.
- Lucy Phillips for great effort with drawing G. W of China and researching facts.
- Phoebe Holmes for enthusiastic participation in Peer Support Training.
- Josh Anderson for exceptional explanations in Science.
  (Mrs Cameron’s Award)

Mrs Sneddon:

- Cassandra Renneberg for good work in Maths Measurement.
- Repeta Murphy for quick publishing of ‘Flummoxed’ story.
- Bree McNamara for good work in ‘Flummoxed’ writing.
- Lara Willemsen for always being on task.
- Rosie Phillips for excellent effort in Maths.
Canteen Roster - Term 1

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Canteen Roster - Term 2

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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

Easter Raffle
WOW!! What a great little school we are. We have been able to create 16 prizes for our Easter raffle. A big thankyou to everyone who contributed to our raffle. What an amazing effort. Thankyou from the P&C.

Canteen
Please be aware that the first Thursday and Friday of Term 2, there will no lunch orders available as the canteen is being used for catering for the Drama Camp. Snacks can be purchased at recess and lunch of these two days only.

Federal Hotel Raffle Roster
Thank you to the families who have volunteered to help out with the Pub raffle this year, but we are still looking for a few more volunteers to complete the full roster. If you are able to help out please send a text to 0447852000.
The raffle commences on Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} April with the Arnold/Phillips family being the first ones rostered on. A full roster will be issued in the newsletter next term.

Fundraising
The P&C are fundraising this year to supplement funding for technology, drama and reading resources together with their usual annual expenses. Please see the note that was sent home separately for more information.

Community Notices

Finley Farmers’ Market
Come one, come all to Finley Farmers’ Market for the Easter Egg Scramble at Finley Lake…….. at 10am Saturday 4\textsuperscript{th} April.

Berrigan Lions’ Club Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday 4\textsuperscript{th} April 10am to 2pm at Berrigan Caravan Park. Come along for face painting, music, jumping castle, games. Best decorated bikes and Easter bonnets.
Go Colourful and celebrate the spectrum
2 April
#coloursforautism

What is autism spectrum disorder (ASD)?

ASD is a lifelong developmental disability characterized by marked difficulties in social interaction, emotional attachments, impaired communication, restricted and repetitive interests and behaviour and sensory sensitivities. The word spectrum is used because the range and severity of difficulties people with Autism experience can vary greatly. Research shows that ASD is on the rise with the current statistics indicating that 1 in 58 children, 1-42 boys and 1-189 girls have an ASD, many of whom attend mainstream schools. (www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/prevalence).

As April is Autism awareness month and 2nd April is Autism awareness day take time to consider families with autistic children. Everyone wants the best for their child and going through the process of seeking diagnosis is a very difficult and trying time for families. All parents want their child to be included in everyday activities, community events, sporting clubs and to have a friend. These are everyday events such as shopping and going out for dinner can be challenging tasks with an autistic child so please spare a thought for their family during autism awareness week and next time you see unusual behaviours in children don’t be so quick to judge.

Berrigan Shire Council - Early Childhood Intervention Service
For further information please contact Margaret or Diane on 03 5888 1888

HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAM
BERRIGAN
Thursday 16th & Friday 17th of April
Program includes Hot Shots, Technique, Tactics, Match Play & FUN!

Hot Shots
Spaces are limited! Ages are a guide only.

RED BALL 4-8yrs
45min class - $30 for the 2 days
ORANGE BALL 8-10yrs
1hr class - $40 for the 2 days
GREEN/YELLOW BALL 11yrs & above
1.5hr class $50 for the 2 days

Private lessons available during afternoon / evening upon request.
Clinic will be run from 9am. Final times will be sent out once numbers are determined

FOR BOOKINGS PHONE OR EMAIL JAMIE
P: 0439 778 860 E: jh.tennis@outlook.com
Or
Send a msg via the Jamie Haynes Tennis facebook page
Youth Week 10-19 April 2015

Outback Youth Theatre for Young People & Berrigan Hire Council
is running a series of drama workshops 7th - 17th April (at Berrigan)
culminating in a roving performance through the township of
Berrigan 17th April 2015

For more information call Council 03 58813300

What's on?

Berrigan Public School

2015 Mother's Day Classic
Walk or Run for Breast Cancer Research

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU WALK OR RUN.
IT JUST MATTERS WHY.

4km walk/run & 8km run | $20 adult, $10 senior/child, $50 family
Tocumwal - 10am Start | Sunday 10 May
Register online by Wed 6 May or on event day
mothersdayclassic.com.au

Registration Night
Thursday 23rd April 2015
4pm - 5pm
Berrigan Sportsground

ANZ NetSetGO is Netball Australia's only junior entry netball
program. It has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10
years with the best possible learning and playing experience to
develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and
continued participation.

ANZ NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games and
modified matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly
program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality
ANZ NetSetGO T-Shirt
Gilbert Size 4 Netball

In 2015 the participant packs include:

- ANZ NetSetGO T-Shirt
- Gilbert Size 4 Netball
Very soon the Responsible Pet Education Program is coming to visit our school!

My pet dog will be coming to help teach you how to be safe around dogs and how to say hello to dog with their owners!

There will be lots of listening, role plays, singing and some dancing.

My dog may even meet you during the visit.
Cross Country Age Champions

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2015 BPS Cross Country