Continuing the Learning Journey....

The Past, Present, & Future of the iPad in Learning

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**Important Dates**

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**Principal’s Report**

I wish to thank all of our Berrigan school staff who gave up some of their weekend to travel to Melbourne to attend a Professional Development Day at Manor Lakes P-12 College. This was a huge commitment by the staff, both personally and financially. It was a very full day with staff working with Michelle Meracis, Manor Lakes Technology leading teacher and some of her staff; looking at the context and structure of their school (1800 plus students K-12), learning about using iPads in the classroom as well as investigating the Inquiry Method of teaching. This day was a BiJOU Learning Community activity and involved staff from Jerilderie and Urana as well as Berrigan. All staff from the three schools gained lots of valuable teaching and learning strategies and this is a ‘learning journey’ all members of our community will continue to travel.

**Special Thank You’s**

A very special thank you to Mrs Tait who has been relieving for me over the past 5 weeks and will continue to share the Principal’s role with me for another couple of weeks. The school has run very smoothly and this is a credit to Mrs Tait’s calm, positive and practical personality, plus lots of support from her work colleagues especially Barb Fox in the front office. Thank you also to Mr Archer who is working extremely well with Year 3/4 in my absence.

Another huge thank you to Barb, who during the holidays collared Steve Dalgliesh and Mark Parker, and between the three of them did a magic job clearing and replanting our front gardens; it looks fantastic and it is a pleasure to walk through the front gates.

**Drama Camp**

A number of our senior students are very lucky to have been invited to attend the annual Deniliquin Network ‘Aspire Me Drama Camp’. This camp involves identified students from all across the Deniliquin Network. For two very intensive days the students will work with very talented drama coaches, including our very own Mrs Helen Dickie, plus Danielle O’Keefe and Spencer McGill. This year Berrigan Public School will host the camp and a huge thank you to the P&C who will cater for the event. Mrs Tait has offered to be a brave soul and join the students for their sleep over. We look forward to reading about our students’ experiences in next week’s newsletter.

**Peer Support**

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Year 6 Peer Leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 students from Kindergarten to Year 5, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called Promoting Harmony helping us define individual and community values, build relationships and improve decision making skills. The module runs for 8 sessions.

**Western Riverina Trials**

Good luck to Annabel Middleton, Shae Fennell and Lucy Phillips who will travel to Griffith on Friday as part of the Finley District Netball team to trial for the Western Riverina team.

**Reminder: Finley High School Enrolments**

All year 6 students going into Year 7 at Finley High School must have a copy of their birth certificate with the enrolment application.

**District Cross Country**

Good luck to all the students who will be travelling to Urana on Wednesday 29th to compete in the District Cross Country. Thank you Mrs Tait who has volunteered to travel with the team.

**Berrigan Museum & Berrigan Library Visit Recount**

Yesterday 5/6 walked down to the town library. We got to learn about ANZAC Day and the soldiers who fought in WW1 and WW2. We even got to have ANZAC biscuits, they were yummy! We looked at the soldiers’ enrolment forms that they used to enrol. Jenny, the librarian, showed us some books about ANZAC Day and in one of the books there was a boy from Tocumwal who went to war when he was only 14 years of age. Jenny also asked if we had family or relations in WW1 or WW2 which a lot of us did. Pheobe Holmes

After the Library, we walked down to the Berrigan RSL Memorial Museum to have a look at all of the firearms and uniforms that the soldiers used and wore. The guns and bullets were really old and rusty and varied in size. The uniforms all had heavy looking jackets and all looked like they would be itchy to wear. There were also a lot of pictures of Berrigan from around 1915-1935, and a lot of pictures from WW1 and WW2. Overall we had a really informative afternoon. Shae Fennell

**Anzac Day**

As is the tradition of the school the students are invited to march in the Berrigan town march. Students will meet Mrs Arnold and Mrs Freund, in full school uniform, at the post office at 8.45am. After the march the students, who have been learning 2 Anzac songs, will sing at the Anzac service in a combined choir with St Columba’s. The captains will lay a wreath at the service. Today at school, the captains and vice captains, conducted a school Anzac Service and also visited the town cemetery and lay poppies on graves of ex-servicemen and women.

**Gayle Andriske**

Principal

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**Quote of the Day**

You can encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated.

*Maya Angelou*
Congratulations
to the following
‘Students of the Week’

**Mrs Arnold:**
- **Maddie Rice** for contributing well during Guided Writing.
- **Grace Cameron** for fabulous hearing and recording sounds in writing.
- **Jason Yeo** for his impressive improvement in Writing.

**Mrs Stevenson:**
- **Logan Agnew** for being a good monitor in class.
- **Lachlan O’Dwyer** for improved expression while reading texts.
- **Charlton Baxter** for throwing great goals in fitness.
- **Mia Cameron** for fabulous drawing in class.

**Mrs Andriske/Mrs Cameron:**
- **Callum Lindner** for creative tangrams.
- **Tyson Sharp-Shorney** for outstanding effort in Cross Country.
- **Emily Johnson** for consistently working well.

**Mrs Tait:**
- **Niclas Renneberg** for a very positive work ethic all term.
- **Nick Arnold** for excellent movie making with Michelle.
- **Tai Davies** for terrific approach to his work.
- **Ben Ackerly** for fabulous computer work with Michelle.
- **Phoebe Holmes** for great movie making with Michelle.
- **Piper Mills** for great movie making with Michelle.
- **Regan Fox** for ‘Chinese Chatter’ summaries.

**Mrs Sneddon:**
- **Jayde Taylor** for being very considerate with young children when walking together.
- **Xavier Fox** for being an excellent buddy with great questions.
- **Seth Henderson** for great cooperation all week.
- **Annaliese Barker** for helping others willingly in the playground.
- **Xavier Chapman** for great effort in Maths.

(not in picture)
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 Winners
Regan Fox, Phillips Family, Val Elson, Jenny Congdon, Jo Turner, Karen Senini, John Strelec, Neil Graham, Jill Loats, Jill Petzke, Nan Dart, Miley Driscoll, Laurie Stevens, Ben & Jen Ackerly, Sandra Fox & Steel Family.

Drama Camp
Thankyou to all families that have agreed to kindly donate food etc to the ‘Aspire Me’ Drama Camp to be held at our school. This is a great fundraiser for our school. If you as yet have not brought in your donation you can still do so to the front office by Thursday morning.

Community Notices

Shane Atkinson – Nurse Audiometrist
Shane Atkinson, Nurse Audiometrist, will attend Berrigan Community Health Centre on Wednesday 29\(^{\text{th}}\) April & Monday 1\(^{\text{st}}\) June 2015. If your child has had any ear infections in the past (6 weeks following). Any concerns about speech, learning or behaviour please ring Tocumwal Hospital to make an appointment for your child to have hearing test on Ph: 03 5874 2166. Child must be free of cold at time of test and at least 6 weeks following a cold. If any queries ring Tocumwal Hospital and leave a message for Nurse Audiometrist.

CWA Mother’s Day Street Stall
Friday 8\(^{\text{th}}\) May the CWA are holding a Mother’s Day Street Stall. Homemade jams, chutneys, biscuits and cakes; a great present for your Mum.
Registration Night
Thursday 23rd April 2015
4pm – 5pm
Berrigan Sportground

The NAB AFL Auskick program makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through weekly coaching sessions they will learn the skills of the game in an exciting, social and safe environment. The AFL Auskick program has centres that operate all over the country.

Children will learn the fundamental motor skills vital for future physical activity and sport participation as well as learning how to interact with other children as part of a team in small group activities.

The program also provides a great opportunity for parents to interact with their kids through the activities, have the opportunity to make new friends, learn about the game and spend quality time with their children.

An example of what you can expect at a typical Auskick session includes:

- Introduction
- Warm up games/activities
- Skills i.e. Kicking, marking, handballing, bouncing
- Grid modified game
- Encouragement, awards, drinks and departure

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 experience for all participants.

Participant Information

The 2015 participant fee is $50 per participant which includes a participant pack and Netball Victoria membership.

In 2015 the participant packs include:
- Gilbert Size 4 Netball
- ANZ NetSetGO T-Shirt

Panel presentation

Our guest speakers will share their story and how they are using and developing netball within their community. They will also share how the broader community can assist and what you can do.

Are you interested in learning more about netball? Want to know more about its history and what you can do?

Time: 6.15pm – 7.15pm
When: Tuesday 28th April 2015
Where: Berrigan Recreation Reserve

Presented by
the Berrigan Shire Youth Development Committee

ICE... Drug Use
A Community Forum
# Canteen Roster Term 2 2015

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This Thursday 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.
Avocados are one of the few fruits to contain fat. They are a source of ‘good fats’, the type that helps to keep you healthy. Mash it up into a dip that you can dip other veggie sticks into.

When packing grapes for Crunch & Sip it can be an idea to put them in a small container or the lunchbox so they don’t get squashed. Grapes are a popular fruit with kids. There’s something about putting them whole in your mouth and bursting them by biting!

Some people love to crunch on a whole stick of celery, but generally kids prefer it cut up into sticks. A variety bag of vegetable sticks (e.g. celery, carrot, cucumber) is great for Crunch & Sip. Chewing on celery can help clean your teeth!