## Important Dates

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Principal’s Report

Congratulations to our representatives on a wonderful effort last Friday. Mrs Cameron was so positive in your praise, a fantastic effort. Special congratulations to our district representatives who will compete in the Riverina Carnival in Albury on Monday 31st August. Ally Trives will compete in the 100 metres, Darcy Owen in Shot put, Shae Fennell in Shot put, Keia Towler in Shot put, Kyden Wellman in 100m and Lucy Phillips in 100m, 200m and Long jump. A huge thank you to the parents who helped and I do apologise that we always seem to call on the same reliable group, but we are very, very grateful for your help.

Congratulations Cassandra
Cassandra Renneberg was runner up in a very close Finley District Lions’ Club Public Speaking competition last Sunday, a fantastic effort Cassandra.

Thank you, Thank you!!
What a wonderful job the P&C did last night catering for 70 plus school staff at the Learning Forums held at our school. The food topped off a very successful night with lots and lots of positive comments on the yummy food; I think it nearly outdid the learning. Great organisation by Emma Phillips and Carolyn Alexander, who were ably helped on the night by Sharyn Holmes, Karina Barry, Emma Alexander, Isabel Alexander and Phoebe Holmes. Thank you to all the parents who supplied food, another great Berrigan Public School success.

Riverina Environment Excursion
Thank you Cristina Renneberg for transporting two of our students Cassandra and Jayde, to Wagga to attend the Riverina Environmental Education Centre – Talented Student Program.
We arrived at 9am and had a look around the classroom at all the science equipment. There was a telescope, lots of hands on equipment and an electricity stick. We completed a science experiment first using electricity and friction. Then played a get to know you game to learn the other 16 students names. Next we put on lab coats and we experimented with exploding tablets which was awesome and Cassandra got wet, then a balancing game where we needed to use team work. Recess followed and then more games. The best part of the day was using a green energy kit to build working radios and building rockets that we got to set off.
By Cassandra & Jayde

Mosaics Presentation
Mrs Arnold was lucky enough to accompany several Year 5/6 students to the unveiling of the Red Cross 100 Year Commemoration at the Berrigan RS Building. The children have been involved in creating the mosaics with Janice Graham. They will be put up at various places in the town very soon. The mosaics are absolutely superb – a credit to everyone involved.

Three Way Interviews
This year we are holding 3-way Term 3 Interviews. This involves the student, parent and teacher. The interviews will offer opportunities for students to discuss their learning and show case their work. The interviews will highlight areas of achievement, progress and allow discussions on any concerns. If the time allocated to you, on the note sent home this week, is not convenient please contact the office.

Playgroup Moving
The Berrigan Playgroup will move into the Madill Centre next week. Carlie Smith was very grateful to the school for providing a space to begin their new group. However the group has decided to relocate back to the Madill Centre, the site of the original playgroup, as a lot of equipment is still located there. We have enjoyed having the group at school and hope the community continues to support Carlie and her endeavour to maintain the group.

Gayle Andriske
Principal

Notes required to be returned
Altina Wildlife Park K/1/2
Bookclub due 28th August
PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival
Survey re: Major School Excursion
School Voluntary Contribution/P&C Donation
Text Books

If you require copies of these notes please contact the office

Quote of the Day
Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.
Vernon Saunders Law

Athletics Carnival
& Term 3 so far…
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:

- Lucy Pyle for fantastic sentence writing in Spelling.
- Rosie Phillips for working well with Year 3/4 students when making owl pictures. (from last week)
- Gracie Rice for wonderful recount about Beauty & the Beast.
- Grace Cameron for her fantastic owl picture created on the computer.

Mrs Stevenson:

- Logan Agnew for being brave in P.E. when he was hit in the face.
- Brody Penrose for a fantastic recount of the play.
- Lachlan O’Dwyer for outstanding maths in number skills.
- Anna Barker for an excellent recount of the play.

Mrs Jeffs:

- Sophie Agnew for great work in sharing M&M’s.
- Mia Cameron for improvement in listening.
- Bree McNamara for outstanding work in all areas.
- Darcy Owen for great work on his Antarctic Timeline. (not in picture)
- Josh Anderson for great work on his Antarctic Timeline. (not in picture)

Mr Archer:

- Phoebe Holmes for enthusiastic participation in Golf.
- Blake Barry for enthusiastic participation in Golf. (not in picture)
- Keia Towler for enthusiastic participation in Golf. (not in picture)
- Jackie Sharp-Shorney for enthusiastic participation in Golf. (not in picture)
- Mitchell Spunner for enthusiastic participation in Golf. (not in picture)
- Shae Fennell for enthusiastic participation in Golf. (not in picture)
- Jayde Taylor for enthusiastic participation in Golf. (not in picture)
- Nicholas Arnold for enthusiastic participation in Golf. (not in picture)
## Canteen Roster - Term 3

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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 Pub Raffle – Roster:

Please remember to arrange your own swaps if these dates don’t suit...

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## School Notices

### Apple Slinkies
Every Tuesday, Blake Barry and Phoebe Holmes will be selling Apple Slinkies. Price: 50 cents to buy an apple or 20 cents if you bring your own apples to get ‘slinkied’.

_Time: recess and lunch._
The apples promote healthy eating in the canteen. This great idea is an initiative of Blake Barry with the assistance of Phoebe Holmes.

### Bookclub
The latest order from Bookclub needs to be returned to the school office no later than Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} August 2015. Please hand orders in to front office by this date.

## P&C News

**Thankyou**
The P&C would like to thank, all the people who helped, by donating food for the Teachers Learning Forum which was held on Tuesday night. From all accounts the food was very well received and something that the teachers and SASS staff really look forward too.
Public Notices

FINLEY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registration Day
21st August 2015
5.00pm Finley Apex Sports & Community
$60.00 per child
$180 for a family of 4+

Free coaching clinic to be held on the 26th of August with Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games Representative Youcef Abdi at 4.30pm at the Finley Apex Sports and Community Centre (Recreation Reserve)

LAURA GEITZ

You are invited to participate in the Laura Geitz Netball Clinic
Wednesday 9th September, $90/person (Non refundable fee)
Strictly limited numbers at each session
Registrations close Monday 31st August 2015
Open to all ages, 2 x 1 hour clinics from 4pm
DNA Courts, Memorial Park Drive, Deniliquin
Non-Participants welcome to come and catch a glimpse of this superstar!
Registration forms available from:
Bennett’s Intersport Deniliquin
Download from the DNA Facebook page
DNA Clubrooms Saturday 11.00am-3.00pm

Berrigan Football & Netball Club

2015 Junior Vote Count & Presentation

Friday 11th September 2015
6pm Berrigan Sportsground
$5 meals available (or $20 for family)

Drinks at bar prices
Tell Them From Me

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education 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:

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us 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. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 24th August 2015. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey
Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:
Tell Them From Me: Partners in Learning survey

You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

Berrigan Public School can also offer its computers, to enable you to complete this survey at school.

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your 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 on-line 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 30 minutes or less 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.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify 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 question. 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 Monday 24th August 2015.


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**Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

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 Monday 24th August 2015.

I **DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student(s) ........................................................................................................

Roll class/es ....................................................................................................................

Name of parent/carer ........................................................................................................

Signature of parent/carer .................................................................................................

Date ...........................................

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