## Important Dates

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**Principal’s Report**

Ms Outram joins our staff for the next 12 months, teaching Year 1/2 students. Our staff and students are very excited about having Ms Outram working with us. Already Ms Outram is proving to be a valuable addition to staff with her organisation of our School Swimming Carnival.

**Director’s Visit**

Last week we had a visit from our new Director of Schools, Deniliquin Network, Mr Troy Mott. Mr Mott was very impressed with our school, staff and students. He visited all classrooms, had morning tea with the staff and a quick chat with myself. Mr Mott is spending the next couple of weeks driving around his area and learning where his schools are. Our first official meeting as a Principals group will be in Deniliquin on Friday 26th February.

**Tennis Trials**

Good luck to Hamish Cameron and Nick Arnold who will travel to Deniliquin this Friday to the tennis pre-selection trials. At the pre-selection trials students are picked to represent Deniliquin Zone at the Final Selection Trials, for a chance to be part of the Riverina team. We wish both boys the best of luck.

**Cricket Trials**

Good luck to Michael Bainbridge, Hamish Cameron and Darcy Pyle who will travel to Deniliquin on 22nd February to trial for the Deniliquin and District team that will then trial to be members of the Riverina Cricket squad.

**JeriBerriO Cricket Team**

Congratulations to Michael Bainbridge, Hamish Cameron, Darcy Pyle, Tyson Sharp-Shorney and Xavier Fox (13th man) who have been picked in the JeriBerriO’s Cricket team. Their first game in the State Knockout Competition will be against Tocumwal. The boys will have training this Thursday at Monash Park in Jerilderie.

**Volunteers Working with Children Check**

NSW Education Department policy states that all people who work in our schools as volunteers must complete a Volunteers Working with Children Check. This requires each person to present to Barb Fox in the office, a hundred point proof of identification. This can include Birth Certificate or Passport, Drivers Licence or other proof of identification. Once completed the school will lodge and file documentation. Also a reminder that each student is entitled to their privacy and all parents and staff have to work inside the department’s confidentiality expectation, which means school activities and student’s progress conversations stay at school. I know in a small town this is often hard, but everyone is entitled to their privacy and the department confidentiality guidelines are very clear. Thank you once again to all our volunteers; we would be lost without you.

**Intensive Swimming**

Our swimming program is progressing very well and staff are really excited about the students’ progress. Sunscreen and protective swim shirts or t-shirts was discussed in depth by the staff and as a Sun Smart school, this will be a mandatory requirement in the future.

**School Merit Award System**

After discussions at a staff meeting, staff have decided to make a change to the School Merit Award System.

- the number of merits needed to receive a Principal’s Award has been reduced from 8 to 6.
- Principals’ Awards will be made on a Semester basis. Semester 1 Principals’ Awards are for merit awards received in Term 1 & Term 2. Semester 2 Principals’ Awards are for merit awards received in Term 3 & Term 4. Merit awards cannot be carried over from Semester 1 to Semester 2.

**Information Evening**

Mrs Arnold is once again holding an Information Evening for any parents or carers who are interested in finding out about ways to help your children learn to read. There will be useful tips on how to have stress free home reading and also an overview of how children learn to read. Anyone is welcome but especially new kinder parents/carers. The session will take place on Wednesday 17th February at 6.30pm in Room 2.

**Gentle Reminders:-**

- **Attendance at school** - School attendance is compulsory and this is monitored closely by the department, with regular checks by the Deniliquin District Home School Liaison Officer. All absences must be documented with a note, dated with a clear explanation for the absence. The department is very vigilant on student attendance and prosecutions have been conducted by them in certain situations.

**Complaints Handling Procedures** - If at any time there is an issue with any person or anything associated with the school please ensure you bring it to the immediate attention of me, as the principal, in order for the matter to be resolved as quickly as possible. My door is always open and I welcome the opportunity to work with the school community to build a strong culture of ongoing school improvement. We value what we have, a positive and harmonious work environment and we work hard to maintain a safe and supported place for learning. If you have any concerns or issues please come and talk to me, no issue is too minor to discuss and often prevents it growing into a major problem, and as I say in my class information note, a problem shared is a problem halved.

- **Bus Parking Zone** - We have had a compliant re parents parking in the bus zones. Please be aware that on school days the signed area out the front is a bus zone during the following times: Monday to Friday 8.30 to 9.30am and 3pm to 4 pm. Please be aware you can be fined if a police officer is passing.

**Paver Fundraising** - Our first order of pavers will go in at the end of week 6. Please contact any ex-students or families you think may be interested. $30 entitles you to have your name engraved on a paver as a lasting record of your association with Berrigan Public School.

**Gayle Andriske**

Principal

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**Quote of the Day**

You can never plan the future by the past.

*Edmund Burke*
Congratulations
to the following
‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:


Ms Outram:

- Ryan Thornton for excellent journal writing - Holiday.
- Charlie Magill for champion – race to 30.

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Sneddon:

- Seth Henderson for an excellent week’s work in English.
- Shannon Spunner for excellent perseverance in swimming.
- Lara Willemsen for excellent start to Year 3.
- Lacy Turner for great start in all bookwork.
- Ariarna Barker for a quiet achiever – an excellent attitude to work.

Mrs Tait:

- Niclas Renneberg for a fabulous piece of imagery writing.
- Abi Litchfield for contributing well in our character analyses discussions.
- Nick Arnold for amazing imagery in English.
- Emily Anderson for great work in maths – ‘jump strategy’. (not in picture)

Mrs Sneddon/Mrs Cameron:

- Shaya Sharp-Shorney for listening well in Maths groups.
- Mia Cameron for listening well in H.S.I.E.
School News

Parent Helpers
Now that swimming is done, reading practice in the 5/6 room will begin in earnest. If you would have 30 minutes from 8.30am to 9am any morning of the week to listen to 5/6 students read and help them reach their goal of achieving a reading medal at the end of the year, your time would be greatly appreciated.

School Banking
School Banking every Tuesday.

Book Club
The latest order from Book Club needs to be returned to the school office no later than Monday 15th February. Please hand orders in to front office by this date.

Knitting Needles & Buttons
The school would like knitting needles and any assortment of buttons for craft. If you are out and about in others towns often second hand shops have knitting needles and buttons for sale and we would be grateful if you could get any for our school.

P & C News

P&C AGM
Wednesday 17th February is the P&C AGM. We are looking for some fresh ideas and new faces to join the committee. P&C only meets once a month and meetings usually only go for an hour. Please consider joining the P&C so we can continue to contribute to extra resources for our children.

Public Notices

The Great Host Family Hunt is on again!
World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a registered, non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer families who would like to host a 15 to 18-year-old girl or boy. Our students come from countries such as Italy, France, Belgium, Finland and Chile and are arriving in July 2016. They are looking forward to living and learning about Australia and enjoying our famous Australian hospitality and lifestyle. Without the generosity of families around the world, student exchange could not exist. To request a free information pack for your family, contact us today!
1300 884 733 info@wep.org.au www.wep.org.au.

Highland Dancing Classes in Yarrawonga
When: Tuesdays Where: Girl Guide Hall, Corner Hume & McNally Streets Time: 5-6pm Cost: $7.50 Contact: Jan 0402 720 496
Finley Apex Presents
Tough It Mud Run
Finley Showgrounds
Saturday, February 13th, 2016
Juniors 12 & under $10 pre-registration
Juniors $20 pre-registration $25 on the day
Adults: $30 pre-registration $25 on the day
Showers, Toilets, Food & Drink available
Challenges for adults
Juniors events organised by the Finley Touch Footy

Finley Modified Tractor Pull
20th February 5pm Start
No Packaged Alcohol
Twilight Start - Finish Under Lights
President - Dean 0428 574 981
Secretary - Shannon 0429 782 910
www.austractorpull.com

Stepping Stones Triple P
Tuesday, March 10th

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, the Berrigan Shire Council Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECCI) invites you to register your interest for the FREE primary care group Triple P Stepping Stones.

The next step:
- Contact the Early Childhood Intervention Service
- Register your name and contact details

Where: The Finley Library meeting room, 221-229 Murray Street Finley 2713
Sessions will be held in the morning and a single session will be available if there are uncommitted families.

Dates: Tuesday, March 10th 10am - 12pm (optional for 7-9pm)
March 5th
March 15th

I look forward to your attendance:
- All sessions will start on time and finish on time
- Feel free to contact me to register your interest in attending

ECCI Manager - Margaret Graham
Ph: 0413 888 138
Mobile: 0413 888 138
margaret@berrigan.nsw.gov.au
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A quick bite...

Do you have the nick of the kick?

Kicks

1. Position ball on ground, take a few steps back from the ball.
2. Move towards the ball taking a long step or small leap before ball.
3. Place the non-kicking foot even with and to the side of the ball.
4. Kick the ball with the shank of the foot rather than toe.

A balloon and only their feet to keep the balloon in the air.

Another fun game to try inside is balloon kick. Children use

skittles, use skittles or milk cartons and kick the ball to try

to knock them over.

A fun game to put this into could be a game of soccer

area.

- Kick a ball is trickier than you think. Look out for these

steps in your child’s kick.

Billabong

Bog Run

Juniors $20 pp

First Runners 9:00 am

Entry Gates open 8:30 am

Sunday March 6th 2016

Email billabongspoonbillabong@hotmail.com to register

You can find us on Facebook

Adults $40 pp
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BERRIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 18th November 2015

Meeting opened  7.35 pm
Present: Kelli Litchfield, Gayle Andriske, Gillie Arnold, Kerrie O'Dwyer, Carolyn Alexander, Leigh Jeffress
Apologies: Andrea Packer, Keith Phillips, Doug Cameron, Jo Turner, Amy Baxter
Moved: Carolyn Alexander    Second: Gayle Andriske

Minutes from previous meeting held 21 October 2015 were read as a true and correct record.
Moved: Kerrie O'Dwyer Second: Gayle Andriske

Business arising from previous meeting
- The Lions Club have kindly donated $1000 to the school
- Retirement presents have been organized
- The fence at the side of the environmental garden is ongoing
Moved: Kerrie O'Dwyer Second: Gayle Andriske

Treasurer’s Report
Kerrie presented her treasurers report
- Mary Mills finished reviewing book – she has raised two issues which have both been discussed and taken on board or resolved
- Motion put forward to donate $500 to Memorial Swimming Pool
   Moved: Carolyn Alexander Seconded: Kelli Litchfield APPROVED

Moved: Kerrie O'Dwyer Second: Carolyn Alexander

Principal’s Report
Gayle presented her report
- 3/4 Excursion
- School Spectacular Excursion
- Stewart House
- Pavers
- Presentation night
- Talent quest/celebration day
- School funding 2016

Gayle presented the RAM Report

P&C to fund following;
- Support funding for k/1 teacher
- And also for technology
   Moved: Kerrie O'Dwyer Seconded: Carolyn Alexander APPROVED
Moved: Gayle Andriske Second: Kelli Litchfield

General Business
- Thank you letters to be sent to Lions and Mary Mills
- Pavers to be school funding project not P&C

Moved: Gayle Andriske Second: Kerrie O'Dwyer
Meeting Closed 8.37

Next Meeting Wednesday 17 February 7.30 pm AGM
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Fundraising for a better future.

BE PART OF BERRIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL HISTORY

‘Let’s Remember Our School’

Students of Year 6 2015 have donated as their parting gift, the School Badge on pavers to start a ‘Let’s Remember Our School’ Display Area. Students’ families both past and present will be able to purchase a brick paver for $30. Your donation of $30 entitles you to have your name engraved into a brick as a unique and lasting record of your support and association with Berrigan Public School, past and present.

Simply fill out this form, complete the engraving details form on reverse side and return with full payment by cash or cheque to:

Berrigan Public School
PO Box 122
BERRIGAN NSW 2712

Contact Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................

Address: ...................................................................................................................................................................................................

Phone: ................................................................................................................................................................................................
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FUNDRAISING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

BE PART OF BERRIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL HISTORY
‘Let’s Remember Our School’

DONATION OF $30.00 PROVIDES YOU WITH A PERSONALISED ENGRAVED PAVER TO BE ADDED TO OUR ‘MEMORY DISPLAY AREA’ IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT.

ENGRAVING DETAILS – MAX 17 CHARACTERS PER LINE
Please print clearly using ALL CAPITAL LETTERS. Max 3 lines per paver. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). No hand drawings.

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L 2

L 3

CONTACT DETAILS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Name
Phone
Donation Amount

Payment Options (please circle): CASH CHEQUE

Cheques to be made out to: BERRIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
Please photocopy and pass on to business associates and friends.
Berrigan Public School needs your support!
Contact: Mrs Gayle Andriske or Mrs Barbara Fox on 03 5885 2209

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