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**Principal’s Report**

**Berrigan Public School**

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Congratulations Hamish Cameron on being selected to participate in the Riverina Tennis trials. Hamish won all his games last Friday at the Deniliquin trials and this allowed him to move to the next level as the number 2 player. A great effort Hamish and good luck in Griffith.

**BPS Twilight Swimming Carnival**

After two weeks of intensive swimming our students are very keen to display their skills in the pool on Thursday evening at our Twilight Swimming Carnival; whether it is being able to put their head in the water or swim across the pool, everyone can display some gains and improvement.

All students are expected to attend the carnival unless they have a note with a specific reason for their absence from parents/carers. In lieu of the carnival students will have a catch up day Friday where they are not expected to attend school.

On Thursday afternoon our students will walk from the school to the pool at 3 pm, where all students K-6 will participate in the annual Twilight Swimming Carnival.

The staff have decided that participation ribbons will be given out at the end of each race. Even though they will be first, second and third in their race, the final winners for each age group will be decided on times and these are the students who will represent our school.

Thank you to the P&C for your wonderful offer off a free sausage sizzle.

The class teachers will mark their class rolls on arrival and departure of students, please let your teacher know when you are leaving the pool.

**A reminder that the Swimming Carnival is a school event and therefore alcohol and smoking are prohibited.**

A challenge has been issued by the staff. The challenge is to a parent and a student representative to race against Bec Ware over 50 metres.

Please remember, Friday is a pupil free day in lieu of the twilight carnival.

**JeriBerrriO Cricket Knockout Game**

The following boys Hamish Cameron, Darcy Pyle, Michael Bainbridge, Tyson Sharp-Shorney and Xavier Fox will be part of the JeriBerrriO’s team. Thank you to parents and coach Ben Nash.

The next training is Monday 22nd 4pm at Jerilderie.

**Good Luck Cricketers**

Michael Bainbridge, Hamish Cameron and Darcy Pyle will travel to Deniliquin to trial for the Deniliquin and District team which will compete in Albury for the Riverina team. We wish the boys good luck and thank Bec Ware and John Bainbridge for providing transport.

**Week 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

As it is our custom Parent/Teacher interviews will be held during week five. These interviews are an opportunity to have a chat about your child with their teacher for 2016. This is not a formal reporting time just a chance for both parties to discuss strategies, routines, expectations and any concerns by either party. Please make every effort to be available for your interview and if the time is inconvenient please contact the office.

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**Gayle Andriske**

**Principal**

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**Quote of the Day**

Good humour is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society.

*Makepeace Thackeray*

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Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:

- Rosie Phillips for her wonderful leadership in the K/1 class.
- Tom Baxter for doing the 6 listening L’s so well.
- Taylor Thornton for his beautiful painting of four dogs in the snow making snowballs.

Ms Outram:

- Lucy Pyle for excellent writing – water safety.
- Miley Driscoll for excellent art - mermaid.
- Lillianna MeyerVale for excellent art – mermaid.
- Phoenix Jeffress for excellent journal – water safety.

Mrs Tait:

- Kyden Wellman for very pleasing writing in English tasks.
- Darcy Pyle for an eye-catching and persuasive paint ad.
- Piper Mills for an informative and eye-catching paint poster.
- Jonathan Barker for a cleverly illustrated idiom.

Mrs Sneddon/Mrs Phillips:

- Amelia Packer for being a quiet achiever.
- Lara Willemens for being a quiet achiever.
- Taylor Thornton for working well in groups.
- Jacob Kofoed for goodbye and good luck.
- Lucy Phillips for a great effort in school swimming.
- Zoe Owen for always having lovely manners. (not in picture)

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Sneddon:

- Seth Henderson for getting back on track & finishing Science work.
- Callum Lindner for superb Science Work!

YOU’RE A STAR!
Canteen Roster - Term 1 2016

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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 a WH&S issue.

School News

Parent Helpers
Now that swimming is done, reading practice in the 5/6 room will begin in earnest. If you could help for 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 Has Started Again!!
Welcome back to School Banking for 2016. School Banking is simple and a great way to encourage your children to learn about saving and a great head start for their future.
Each time your child makes a deposit they will be issued with a silver token. Once they have made 10 deposits they can send in their tokens and choose from one of the reward items on offer.
Rewards on offer this year are:-
- Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set – released Term 1
- Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag – released Term 2
- Backtrack Eraser Pen and Jump and Skip Rope – released Term 3
- Bush Fly Fan and Wriggly Glow Worm – released Term 4
This year School Banking is also running another awesome holiday giveaway. This year we are giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.
Win a wildlife family adventure holiday at AUSTRALIA ZOO
Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.
All children will today be handed a new account package and if any children who have not already got an account, would like to open an account, please read all information carefully and proceed with opening an account at your nearest Commonwealth Bank, or contact the school office.
School Banking day for Berrigan Public School is Tuesdays.

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 Tonight
Tonight, 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

Are you a parent of a young person?

Do you sometimes feel like you have young people between 12 and 18 years of age? Join us for a FREE Program that will help you better understand the young people in your house!

Tribe P stepping stones - parenting course begins
Tuesday-23rd Feb 2015

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

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

Where: The Finley Library meeting room, 223-229 Murray Street Finley 2713
Sessions will be held in the morning and an evening session will be available if there are interested families.

Dates: Tuesday, Feb 23rd times 10am - 12pm (optional for 7-9pm)
March 1st
March 8th
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

ECIS Manager - Margareta Graham
Ph: 0333050 100
Mobile: 0408762302
margareta@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au

FINLEY MODIFIED TRACTOR PULL
20th FEBRUARY 5pm START

NO PACKAGED ALCOHOL

TULLIGHT START - FINISH UNDER LIGHTS
PRESIDENT - DEAN 0428 574 991
SECRETARY - SHANNON 0429 782 910
www.austractorpull.com
Registration for Berrigan Football Club 3rds and 4ths players will be on Thursday 25th February from 5pm at the Sportsground. Registration costs $30 for 4ths and $40 for 3rds for the year. All new and old juniors are encouraged to attend. More details regarding training times will be provided on the night. The Cricket Club will have tea available and all are welcome to join them after registration. If you would like more information please contact Brendan Haintz.

Berrigan Netball Club will hold Registration Day for all Juniors and Seniors on Thursday 25th Feb from 5.00pm at the netball courts. Netball Victoria registration now needs to be completed online and paid for by credit card. Total Registration Fees are Seniors $175, Juniors $125, U11’s and Net Set Go $55. If anyone is going to have difficulties doing this and needs help, please contact Carolyn Alexander or Arlena Pyle. Make sure you also bring your sneakers to rego, so we can get some netball games going!! The Cricket Club will have tea available and all are welcome to join them after registration.
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:..................................................................................................................

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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.

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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