“We’re All Winners”

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Wednesday, 24th February 2016

“We’re All Winners”
**Principal’s Report**

‘We’re all winners’ was a comment made by one of our senior students after the amazing draw in the BPS Swimming Carnival last Thursday evening; and Nick Arnold you are so right, yes, you were all winners!! Participation was at an all-time high, a terrific reflection on the success of the Intensive Swimming Program. Thank you to Ms Outram for the wonderful job she did co-ordinating and ensuring the smooth running of our very successful carnival. Both sports houses and their respective Captains and Vice Captains are to be congratulated on their enthusiastic and supportive leadership and the standard of the war cries continues to grow.

Congratulations to our 2016 Swimming Champions:
- Junior Girl - Jessica O’Dwyer & Junior Boy - Caleb Thornton;
- 11 Years Girl - Piper Mills & 11 Years Boy - Darcy Pyle;
- Senior Girls - Lucy Phillips & Senior Boy - Nick Arnold

And of course congratulations to both Algudgerie and Momalong for a fantastic effort - joint 2016 Swimming Champions.

Good luck to our school swimming team that travels to Cobram to compete in the Finley District Swimming Carnival co-ordinated by Tocumwal Public School. The team will be supervised by Mrs Cameron and we hope to have a few parent supporters. There is room on the bus if any parents would like to transport to the carnival. Please let the office know if you intend to travel on the bus. The cost is $5.00 per person to be paid to the front office ASAP.

**2016 P&C Executive**

After a great year in 2015, which was highlighted by some great fundraising and wonderful purchases of resources for our school, the P&C executive led by President Doug Cameron, was re-elected for the year of 2016. Kelli Litchfield, Vice President, Leigh Jeffress, Secretary, Kerrie O’Dwyer, Treasurer and a new body, Andrea Packer as the uniform co-ordinator. Congratulations to our 2016 P&C executive and both the school staff and parent body look forward to working with you in 2016.

**Parent/ Teacher Interviews**

Once again our interviews have been well supported by our school community. Parents and teachers have taken the opportunity to discuss the start to the year, expectations on both sides for 2016 and most important, if their students are happy and ready for the learning journey in 2016.

**Permission Notes and Payment of Money**

A reminder that all notes and payments for excursions, textbooks, shows and any other money matters should be taken directly to the office as soon as your child arrives at school. **The note together with exact payment, needs to be in an envelope with your child’s name, year and payment details clearly written on the envelope.** This system frees up more valuable learning/teaching time in the classrooms.

**Leave**

Mrs Barb Fox will be on leave for 3 weeks. Mrs Simone Fox will be relieving SAM and she will be assisted by Mrs Kerrie O'Dwyer who will relieve as the SAO.

**Reminders**

- Scripture begins on Friday. **If you do not want your child to take part in Scripture classes we must have a written note from parent or carer.**
  - This applies to all students, Kinder to Year 6. If we do not receive a note your child will take part in Scripture.
- Swimming for Sport is cancelled this Friday, due to Finley District Swimming Carnival.
- Life Education Van visit next week. Please return notes and money ASAP. This is a wonderful learning experience and the students just love their yearly visit from Harold.
- AFL District trials are being held at Finley today Wednesday at 4.30pm. Interested Year 5 & 6 students have been given a note from the co-ordinator Mr Nathan Haley from Finley Public School.
- Our JeriBerriO cricket game was postponed due to the extreme hot weather. It has been rescheduled to Wednesday 2nd March.

**Gayle Andriske**

Principal

**Notes required to be returned**

- District Swimming Note
- Text Book
- Life Education
- Emergency Contact Card
- Local Area Excursion Note
- Video Conferencing Note

If you require copies of these notes please contact the office

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**Quote of the Day**

This thing we call ‘failure’ is not falling down but staying down.

*Mary Pickford*
Congratulations to the following ‘Students of the Week’

Mrs Arnold:

- Lachlan Packer for fabulous one to one matching in reading.
- Kaleb Litchfield for reading so beautifully for the parents at Mrs Arnold’s meeting.
- Sophie Agnew for superb journal writing about the Swimming Carnival.

Ms Outram:

- Justin Milne for excellent reading – always having a go!
- Gracie Rice for being an excellent learner.
- Grace Cameron for excellent reading – chapter books.
- Logan Agnew for excellent maths – calculator patterns.
- Lucy Pyle for excellent reading.

Mrs Andriske/Mrs Sneddon:

- Tess Middleton for great effort with her homework.
- Jessica O’Dwyer for great start to Year 3.

Mrs Tait:

- Regan Fox for good writing in English.
- Nikita Willemsen for great ‘angles’ poster in maths.
- Kyden Wellman for effort in P.E.
- Tai Davies for great work in spelling. (not in picture)

Mrs Sneddon/Mrs Cameron:

- Charlton Baxter for excellent effort in Spelling.
- Caleb Thornton for excellent effort in Spelling.
- Abi Litchfield for a positive attitude in HSIE.
- Lachlan Packer for listening well in Maths.
- Michael Sharp-Shorney for always having a positive attitude.
Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday
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29th February | 1st March | 24th February CANTEEN CLOSED | 25th February CANTEEN CLOSED | 26th February
Kelli Litchfield | CANTEEN CLOSED | | | Michelle Mcglory

- 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.

**Public Notices**

**Shane Atkinson – Nurse Audiometrist**
Shane Atkinson, Nurse Audiometrist, will attend Berrigan Community Health Centre on Tuesday 15th March and Tuesday 3rd May 2016. Any concerns about speech, learning or behaviour please ring Tocumwal Hospital on 0358742166 to make an appointment for your child to have a hearing test. Child must be free of cold at time of test and at least 6 weeks following a cold. Any queries ring Tocumwal Hospital and leave a message for Nurse Audiometrist.

**A Quick Bite...**
Does your child know how to throw?

1. Stand side on to throwing arm
2. Bring your head with a bent elbow (make a L shape)
3. Rotate your hips and shoulders towards the target and point your non-throwing arm at the target.
4. Step forwards with your front foot (step over the river)
5. Release the ball and let your hand follow through diagonally across the body toward the non-preferred side. Try a game of ‘Feed the animals’. Draw pictures of several animals on the ground. Ask kids to throw balls of paper towards the animal called out. Then retrieve ball afterwards (moving like the animal action e.g. hopping).

Many games use throwing. Look for some of these steps and help them improve their throw!
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.

Helping Children who find it hard to make friends

If your child finds it hard to make friends, you can be more active in helping him. You could look for extracurricular activities – for example, sports, dance or art classes – to give your child opportunities to meet children with similar interests.

Sometimes reminders about what to do might help too. For example, you could encourage your child to introduce himself when he meets new children. “Hello, I’m Kai. What’s your name?”

You might need to be active in setting up playdates for your child. For example, on the way home from an activity ask your child if there’s anyone she’d like to invite. At the next class, help her to invite her friend.

Another idea is to ask your child whether he’s interested in the games other children are playing at school. He might be keen to play soccer, but unsure about the rules. If he doesn’t like the games that they’re playing, you could suggest that he invents a game that he does like by asking some classmates to play it with him.

Other ways to support friendships

Some schools have a buddy system, where the younger students have an older student as their buddy for the year. If your child needs help finding her friends or isn’t sure of what to play, she could try asking her older buddy for help.

Many schools have other great ways of helping children find someone to play with, so it’s worth asking your child’s teacher if you think your child needs some help.

If your child has special needs, he might also need extra help with his friendships. You could try making friends with other parents and getting together after school at a playground. Give the other parents and children some ideas on how to include your child. For example, “Bill loves watching people play soccer. He can throw the ball in and bathe the scorer.”
RIVERINA CRICKET TRIALS RECOUNT

Hamish, Michael and I travelled to Deniliquin for the Riverina Cricket Trials. There were 30 kids there and only 10 would make it away to the next level. It was time to try my best to make it. I bowled two people out and when I was batting I hit most of the balls that were bowled to me. After having a bat and a bowl it was then time to see who made it away. I didn’t, this time, but I tried my best and I was happy with that.

By Darcy

I hopped in Mrs A’s car with Michael and Darcy. Mrs A drove us to Deniliquin for the Riverina Cricket Trials. When we first got there, there were heaps of people everywhere. We went over and had a little chat about what we needed to do and that not all of us would make it away. After that we went over and we all had a bowl and a bat. They told me I could have a bat, I think I did pretty well. After everyone had a bat and a bowl we had a bit of recess. Then we had a chat and found out who made it and who didn’t. Michael, Darcy and I didn’t make it, so we jumped in the car and came home.

By Hamish