November

Tuesday 4  Day 2 - Kindergarten Orientation
           Kitchen class 4/5/6
Wednesday 5 Kitchen class 3/4
Friday 7  Friday run
         Art Feast Opening—GET YOUR TICKETS BY TUESDAY
Saturday 8 Art Feast
Sunday 9  Art Feast and Berrima School Markets
Monday 10 Intensive swimming lessons begin.
Tuesday 11 Remembrance Day starting @ 11:00am - Yrs 4/5/6 taking part
Thursday 13 North Sydney High School - Ensemble performance

NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 WEEK 5 - 2014

Huge effort rewarded

After all the preparation in the lead up to the performance of ‘Around the World in Eighty Days’ the effort has been rewarded by an outstanding production. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in the production.

So many people contributed in so many ways. Some of them small, others a huge commitment. However they all had the same goal in mind. The commitment to having the children take part in a successful production. A special mention for Miss Dann and Mr Paviour for their work in creating the play with the assistance of the Year 4/5/6 children.

The time commitment of members of staff was also greatly appreciated, including Mrs Temporali assisting getting children ready to perform and Mrs. Hebbard rustling up a salad for staff and helping out with getting children ready. It is this sort of commitment from so many people, all working to ensure the success of everyone’s efforts, that makes Berrima Public School a special place to work. Thank you all members of staff.

A HUGE thank you must also go to all the parents and caregivers who made sure their child had any costing or hair requirements sorted for our production. In particular we’d also like to thank the following people who went above and beyond.

Costumes: Jane Lawler, Denise Howes Alicia Winley, Kellie Waring, Ros Caddy, Janine McFadden, Shantelle Harkness and Megan Moore.
Sets and props: John Jordan Emma Blake, Janine McFadden and Meredith Robinson.
COLA decoration Team: Glen Corney, Justin Nyholm, Cameron Howes, Craig Moore.
Lighting: Tim Lancaster.
International Teachers Day

The following quote is a very good round up of the skills required of a teacher in today’s action packed world. We are extremely lucky at Berrima Public School that all our members of staff do far more than is required of them. They are all dedicated professionals working together with parents to create the citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

“(Teachers) will keep on being able to inspire, drive, motivate, correct, and demand the highest standards of their youngsters. We all know that teaching is an art and a science - and it’s mostly hard, slogging, work. We teachers have also to be knowers, carers, actors, head coaches, naggers, humdrummers, stirrers, listeners, susser-outers, intuiter, creators, pacifiers, and masters of repetition, and so on. We have to be people who keep hanging in there as members of what the OECD has so accurately described as the knowing and caring profession.”

This quote is take from an address by Dr Paul BrockAM FACE FACEL
Director, Learning and Development Research, Office of the Secretary, Department of Education and Communities
Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Education and Social Work, The University Of Sydney Honoray Research Fellow, University of New England Honorary Associate, The Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Sydney Vice Patron, Motor Neurone Disease Association NSW

Ice Blocks

As the weather warms up ice blocks will once again be available at lunch time from the SRC shop. Ice blocks are 50 cents each.

ARTFEAST 7—9 November

Our Opening Night party is shaping up to be a fun night—buy your tickets from the school office or online at www.trybooking.com (type in Artfeast) by 3pm tomorrow at the latest.
There are still some places available in the children’s art workshops—places can be booked online at trybooking (see more information following).
We now have over 70 artworks, including garden art and sculptures, so please be sure to come along some time over the weekend to view this fabulous exhibition and enjoy the stalls and cafe. The exhibition will be open from 9am—4pm on Saturday and Sunday. There are lots of new stalls coming along to the markets this Sunday along with a jumping castle and face painter—DON’T MISS THE FUN!!!
Thanks to all those people who have offered food and help over the weekend, let’s hope this is a great fundraiser for the school

STUDENT WELFARE

Children Helping with Chores (Adapted from Dr. James Dobson-Family Talk)
It is typical for children not to want to help with the housework, but they still need to become acquainted with it. If you permit a pattern of irresponsibility to prevail in their formative years, children may fall behind in the developmental timetable leading toward the full responsibilities of adult living. As they grow older, they won’t be able to do anything unpleasant since they have never been required to stay with a task until it is completed, also possibly not knowing how to give to anyone else because of only thinking of themselves. They could find it hard to make decisions or control their own impulses. A few years from now, possibly steamrolling into adolescence and then adulthood completely unprepared for the freedom and obligations found there; having precious little training for those pressing responsibilities of maturity. Obviously, this is a worst-case scenario with regard to children, still with plenty of opportunity to help them avoid it.
Don’t let your desire for harmony lead you to do what will be harmful in their later years.

thought for the day: The difficult thing about children is that they don’t come with instructions. You pretty much have to work it out as you go........
TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL! Like most living things we desire to be well behaved : Children need to be lovingly cared for, pruned, taught, corrected & trained.

Netty Dubokovich. Chaplain.....“Speak Life” : )
EXPRESSSION OF INTEREST – SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Arrangements are being made to include a Learn to Swim program in our school curriculum. The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. This program will run next term in weeks 6 & 7 (10 Nov – 21 Nov). Students who are in Yrs. 2 - 6 and have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme.

At this stage we are seeking expressions of interest from parents who would like their child/ren to take part in this program. Last year the cost of this scheme was subsidised by our P&C so parents paid approx $60 for the 10 days of lessons. We anticipate the cost will be similar again this year, however this will be determined once we have final numbers.

EXPRESSSION OF INTEREST – LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Yes, I would like my child to take part in the Learn to Swim program

CHILD’S NAME………………………………………CLASS……………………

PARENT’S NAME………………………SIGNATURE…………………………DATE………………

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the expression of interest. Those parents will receive a permission note home this week explaining all that is required. If you haven’t completed the form above and still wish for your child to participate please see Belinda in the office.

Berrima School Banking

Term 4 already!
It’s never too late to start school banking. This term Comm-bank is offering some great prizes for school bankers in their latest competition (see below).

Don’t forget Wednesday is school banking day. Drop your book into the box in the front office or see Mrs Temporali about joining.

Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.
We’re bringing the good news that the Dollarmites have found the ancient Clam of Fortune, a mythical shell packed with precious prizes. What’s even better is that they want to share their haul with you.

The precious prizes to win
40 x GoPro Hero3 White Edition Cameras
150 x Slip ’N Slide Double Wave Riders

The more you save, the more chances to win
Every deposit you make through School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition (up to a maximum of 6 entries).

Competition runs: 20th October - 30th November 2014.

Earn bonus interest just by saving
Did you know that the money in your Youthsaver account earns money of its own? It’s called ‘interest’. And for every calendar month you put money into your account and don’t take any money out, we’ll give you ‘bonus interest’ as a reward on top of your standard interest!
Colossal Cardboard Workshop

Berrima Public School
Saturday 8 November 2014
10.00 - 12.00

In this lively hands-on activity, kids will transform cardboard and packaging into fabulous art pieces! A planet friendly workshop for 6 - 12 year olds who love to design, construct, connect and create!

All materials provided.
Bring a snack and imagination.
Cost: $30
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/GFFR
or phone Megan on 0413 482 731

Mixed Media Workshop

With well known local artist and art teacher Slavica Zivkovic

Berrima Public School
Saturday 8 November 2014
9.00-12.00 or 1.00-4.00

This workshop for 7 - 12 year olds will involve experimenting with a range of art material. Using charcoal, ink, pencil, chalk and oil pastel students will be encouraged to create art works that are sourced from imagination and observational direction.

All materials provided.
Bring a snack and paint-shirt.
Cost: $40
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/GFFR
or phone Megan on 0413 482 731

Button Jewellery Workshop

Berrima Public School
Sunday 9 November 2014
10.00 - 12.00

Kids 7 - 12 years can create a colourful button necklace with renowned jewellery maker Vera Pospisil. They will design a unique piece using a range of beautiful buttons, and learn how to thread and finish, using fine wire.

Move over Tiffanys!

All materials provided.
Bring a snack.
Cost: $30
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/GFFR
or phone Megan on 0413 482 731

An activity of ART FEAST
Free Community Education Session

Southern Highlands Men’s Health Month

Women Warmly Welcome

Four LOCAL Medical Specialists will be presenting their thoughts on enhancing the health of men in the Southern Highlands, during the month of NOVEMBER.

Dr. Nestor Lalak Urologist Thursday 6th November
Dr. William Quinn Cardiologist Thursday 13th November
Dr. Andrew Leicester Orthopaedic Surgeon Thursday 20th November
Dr. Priyan Wickramanyake Bowel Specialist Thursday 27th November

Supported by: Dr V Roche GP Lucy Forbes Physiotherapist Rachel van der Meer Dietician, Exercise

WHEN: Every Thursday in November at 6pm (Sharp) - 7:30
WHERE: Moss Vale Golf Club, 38 Arthur St., Moss Vale
WHO WILL BENEFIT?: Men of all ages..... and their partners ...... and their mates.
Plenty of parking, wheelchair access, light refreshments available.
FURTHER INFORMATION: Tom Carroll: 0419482208, or email: carroll.tom747@gmail.com

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2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY
- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

* eligibility criteria apply