**Moss Vale Show**

Once again the weather was on our side.
Not too hot and not raining.
The children were really impressed to see the great array of ribbons with familiar names on them! It really was a credit to Kimo's enthusiasm and determination to have some top entries. Of the 12 vegetable entries that were exhibited 9 gained a placing. Of the 4 preserving entries 2 gained a placing. Well done, Berrima!

The children were also interested to see people they know competing in the show jumping. Ayla very kindly spoke to the 2 - 6 students about her experiences on Friday morning. At that point she didn't know that she had won a place.

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*Year 2/3 looking at their paintings in the Pavilion.*
The Moss Vale show pavilion had the pleasure of displaying and judging a good amount of our school’s produce this year, with us winning many ribbons, blue, red and green! Our potatoes, eggplants, carrots, herbs, raspberries, silver beet, capsicums and parsnips all brought in prizes, including almost $30 prize money towards garden supplies! (for more mulching straw I think) The children work in groups in garden class. These groups work in a certain ‘plot’ and grow a certain crop. I chose a student representative from each group to enter their ‘crop’ in the show. This worked very well, and the children who entered and won a prize receive a ribbon with their name on it, which they will keep!! Lauren [Redacted] and her garden group took out ‘Junior Champion’ for their amazing carrots!! WELL DONE group 4. CONGRATULATIONS to all our students for producing such high quality, award winning food!

By the end of this week I hope to have a display up in the office to show off our winnings and the fabulous efforts of our gardening children, so look out for that……

Now to our Pumpkin, who has been named by 3/4 Jeffery Pancake..?? Jeffery has a place in our hearts here at the school and our intention is to keep him happy and well until the winter solstice lantern festival, when we can carve him out and make a spectacular display of him……

The centre piece of our magical evening! But in the mean time- let’s have a pumpkin competition!! YEAH!!

So, in the office there will be an entry form. You will need to write your name and your guess at to the weight and Circumference of Jeffery.

It will cost a small fee, 50c an entry.

On Wednesday afternoon (after kitchen class) Jefferey will be at the kitchen window for you to look at and start your guessing!! Competition will run for a fortnight and the prize will be something you have never dreamed of!!

GOOD LUCK

Kimo
I got some great comments from people when I took Rohan back to the show on Saturday. The ice cream man said the children were patient, polite and very well behaved. The man in charge of the animal petting area said the same but added kind and helpful to each other as well. The man who let the kids stand in the back of his ute to see the snake was pleasantly surprised with how polite they all were.

The teachers and students at Berrima Public School should be very proud of receiving comments like these.

Well done all.

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Light at the end of the tunnel

The light is continuing to shine. This coming week-end we are celebrating our youngest daughters 21st birthday and our son is having his Moss Vale based engagement party. In January some of the family travelled to Rockhampton for his Queensland engagement party. This week-end we show the Queensland in-laws how to celebrate in New South Wales with all our relatives. I will be taking some time off to get organized and spend time with the family.

By the way the graduation ceremony last Friday afternoon was very impressive in the great hall at Sydney University. It was also very interesting to hear the guest speaker, Nadia Wheatly. She spoke of her time in the Northern Territory and also how she came to write her excellent children’s book, ‘My Place’.
STUDENT WELFARE

HARMONY DAY: Friday March 21. Coincides with Bullying-No Way Campaign
The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

Bullying- No Way! Wristbands will be distributed to Yrs 1-6 on Friday. (Kinder have already been given Better Buddy Bears, which are kept in the classroom).
Excerpt: Raising Exceptional Kids-Michael Grose.
Bullying is behaviour that robs children of their natural right to feel safe and secure. It can adversely affect their learning, emotional well-being, further peer relations and their sense of self.
It takes many forms and guises including physical and emotional abuse, intimidation, harassment and exclusion. It now has a well-publicised cyber-dimension which has moved the goalposts for many kids. In the past children could escape bullying behaviours they may have experienced by being at home. Cyber-bullying now means that kids can’t escape the bully like they once could.
Bullying is about lack of power as one person is powerless to stop the teasing or physical abuse. Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person by another person or group. It should not be tolerated or practised by the adults who inhabit their world.

Is your child being bullied? If you think your child is being bullied then handle with care as children often don’t want to admit that they are on the receiving end of bullying. Some kids keep it to their chest so it helps to be on lookout for warning signs such as: items being stolen, changing the route to school and withdrawal from usual activities.

Netty Dubokovich- Chaplain ....“Speak Life”

Kitchen News

It’s official! we have reached restaurant standard in the kitchen! This week’s menu is the best we have ever made and the star of the show was the chargrilled eggplant. It was so good you really need to try it at home. For those who are not eggplant lovers use zucchini or potato slices instead.

Library Request

We have lots of new books that need to be covered before they are ready to be borrowed. If you are able to help please let us know.
Thanks,
Mrs Newey and Mrs Hebbard.
Chargrilled eggplant with mozzarella & pesto

**Fresh from the garden:** basil, eggplant, oregano

**Recipe Source:** Collingwood College, Victoria

**Season:** Summer/Autumn  **Type:** Big Dishes  **Difficulty:** Easy

**Serves:** 30 tastes in the classroom (one slice of eggplant per student) or 6 serves at home

This recipe assumes you are using homemade basil pesto, which is made with fresh basil, olive oil, garlic and pine nuts. You could also chop an extra half to one cup of fresh basil leaves and scatter them over the eggplant at that step, instead of the pesto.

**Equipment:** chopping board 1 large knife  
2 clean tea towels  
grater  
bowls – 1 medium, 3 small pastry brush  
plates  
2 chargrill pans tongs  
paper towels 3 baking trays spoon  
one mitts

**Ingredients:**
500 g mozzarella  
½ cup fresh basil leaves handful fresh oregano sprigs 4-6 eggplants  
2–3 tablespoons olive oil, plus more to oil the chargrill pans 1/2 cup basil pesto  
2–3 sprigs oregano  
fresh basil leaves, to garnish extra virgin olive oil, to serve salt and pepper, to taste

**What to do:**
Preheat the oven to 200°C.
Set out the chopping board and knife. Place non-slip mat under the chopping board to prevent it from slipping.
Grate the mozzarella, place it in the medium-sized bowl and set aside.
Wash the oregano and basil, then dry them with a clean tea towel.
Strip the oregano and basil leaves from the stems and discard the stems.
Tear up the basil into small pieces, put all the leaves into a small bowl and set aside.
Use the large knife to cut the eggplant into slices, creating consistent 1 cm thick rounds.
Measure the olive oil into a small bowl.
Using the pastry brush, brush each side of the eggplant slices with olive oil.
Put the slices on a plate and set aside.
Put the two chargrill pans on high heat and pour a small amount of oil into each pan.
Chargrilled eggplant with mozzarella & pesto

When the oil is hot, carefully use tongs to place the eggplant slices on the chargrill pans. Cook each eggplant slice until golden brown marks appear. Then turn the slices over and cook until golden brown marks appear on the other side too.

Remove the cooked eggplant slices and place them on paper towels on a plate to drain.

Once all the eggplant slices are cooked and have drained, place them on the baking paper lined baking trays and put the mozzarella on top.

Spoon the pesto sauce on top of the mozzarella.

Place the baking trays with the eggplant into the oven. Cook for 10 minutes or until the cheese has melted.

Put on oven mitts and remove the trays of eggplant from the oven.

Use a spatula to transfer the eggplant to the serving platters. Be careful – the cheese is very hot.

Once the eggplant slices are on serving platters, scatter the basil and oregano over them, then drizzle with extra virgin olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.

Notes: Volunteers should help students slice the eggplants to a uniform thickness. Marrow, zucchini and pumpkin slices can be used instead of eggplant in this recipe. If there is a large harvest of eggplant, this recipe can be made up with double portions of eggplant by adding a second eggplant round on top (sandwich style!).

P & C NEWS

P&C AGM Tonight – 7.30pm
Please come along to the AGM tonight, would love to see lots of parents attending.

In addition to the election of office bearers the following items are on the agenda:

1. Tennis court hire – need to find a new local business to hold the key
2. Carpathon – this weekend, school providing BBQ
3. Bong Bong cross country carnival
4. Introduction of ethics classes as alternative to non-scripture

CARPATHON
The local Carpathon starts this Friday. As the school is the ‘weigh in’ station for all those participating we will have a crowd of people at the school on Friday and Saturday nights from 5pm – 7pm. The presentation and end of the weekend’s festivities will be held from 1pm on Sunday. At each of these times we will be running a BBQ to feed the crowds and hopefully raise some money for the school. If you are available at any of these times to help cook on the BBQ please call me on 0413 482 731 or send me an email at moorefamily21@bigpond.com.

I am also looking for some volunteers to help prepare salads on Friday in the school kitchen. Please let me know if you can spare some time from 10.30am on Friday morning.

Thanks, Megan
Mittagong Blue Light Disco

**Venue:** Mittagong RSL  
**Date:** Saturday 29th March  
**Times:** 4pm to 6.30 pm  
**Cost:** $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years  
Parents and children under 4 free

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**The Neate Swim School**

15 Dewhirst St, Goulburn.  
PH: 48212553  
Facebook: TheNeate Swimschool

We are now taking bookings for term 2 and have limited spots for morning and after school. The term dates are Monday, 28th April to Friday, 27th June.  
We also have limited spots for Rainbow Club. (Swimming club for children with disabilities). If your child suffers from a disability don’t let them miss out on a skill for life.  
There will be no School Holiday program this term due to the Easter and Anzac Day long weekends.  
For more information or to book in now please call us on 48212553.
AUTHOR VISIT
PARENT/CAREGIVER CONSENT FORM

Next week, on Tuesday 25th March, the whole school is lucky enough to have a visit from the well-known children’s author Nette Hilton.


Nette will be selling a range of her books on the day that will cost up to $20. If you chose to buy a book please bring your money on the day. This is separate to the cost of the incursion - $4.00. She is also very happy for you to bring any books you already own if you would like them signed.

Parents, if you would like to sit in on her writing workshop in the morning with 4/5/6, you are more than welcome to join us from 9.30-11.00am.

The total cost of this visit will be $4.

RETURN SLIP

I do / do not consent to ___________________________ of class ____________ participating in a visit by author Nette Hilton.

My child will not be attending this visit because

__________________________________________________________________________

I enclose $ 4.00 cash / cheque / direct deposit. BSB-032-001 A/C - 116917

If you’re wishing to make direct deposit please make sure you enter your name and the name of the excursion so that your deposit can be identified.