NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 WEEK 10 - 2014

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

March

Monday 31
Year 6 Young Leaders Day Conference Sydney

Thursday 3 April
Cygnet Award Picnic 12:30 p.m.—1:50 p.m.
Australian Native Plant Society visit—Music room 2 p.m.—4 p.m.

Friday 4
No Friday run

Bong Bong Cross Country 10 a.m. start—
Donations for cake stall are needed

No Garden lessons for Years 3 to 6

Monday 7
School Performance—'The Right Balance' 1:45 p.m. 4/5/6 room

Wednesday 2
NO DANCE

Friday 11
No Friday run
End of term assembly 1:15 p.m.
Hat parade 2:15 p.m.
End term 2—School resumes Tuesday April 28

An Interesting Week

We have had some interesting visitors to our school this week. Nette Hilton’s visit on Tuesday was very well received by both children and staff. Nette provided a wonderful insight into her writing process that the children can easily apply to their own story writing. The children in Year 4/5/6 particularly enjoyed the workshop where Nette demonstrated her writing skills. Nette’s background as a classroom teacher before embarking on her writing career full time was very evident in how she paced her lessons/demonstration. Teachers will be able to apply her formula for narrative writing when they are next covering that text type.

The second visitor to our school was Senior Constable Scott Miller from Bowral Police Station. Scott enjoys the job of coming to speak to the children of Berrima School as he was a student here in the mid 1970’s. He spoke to the children about road safety and stranger danger and was very impressed that the children already had a good knowledge of what to do when confronted by a stranger who makes them feel uncomfortable. He gave the children a homework task of making sure they know their address, stressing the importance of being able to provide this information in case of an emergency at home. Some good advice that you can help your child learn.

Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time last Friday to assist with the school cross country. The weather was not quite on our side. However, the rain was only fairly light. Bright side the children did not get overheated or sunburnt. Hopefully the weather will be a bit more kind to us next Friday for the Bong Bong Cross Country Carnival. There will be about 450 children participating.
Easter Hat Parade

As is the tradition at Berrima we will be having the Easter Hat parade at the end of term. Hats will be made at school on the day. We will be making the hats in the session between recess and lunch. Children may of course bring along materials with which to decorate their hats. Additional Creation Station materials would be appreciated in the time leading up to the hat making. Parents are also welcome to come along and assist children in the classrooms. A few extra hands are always appreciated on these days.

- There will be an early lunch at 12:30. The end of term assembly will begin at 1:30 p.m. At 2:15 we will return to classrooms to collect our hats for the parade of the extraordinary and unbelievable creations. This will be followed by our Easter Egg hunt in the playground. All the fun will conclude at 2:55 in time for the bus.

Planning 2015

With the end of term rapidly approaching we are beginning the forward planning process. If you have a child whom you intend to enroll for kindergarten next year could you please let Belinda know in the office. Also if you know of families who may not have a sibling already at the school and will have a child ready for kindergarten in 2015, suggest that they too should get in touch with the school. It is looking like there will be an additional class in 2015 and I want to be able ensure that a classroom is organized to be in place for the beginning of the new school year.

ANZAC Day Service

During the coming school holidays the usual ANZAC Day village services will be taking place. There will be a dawn service and we will be notified next week what time that will start. Later in the morning there will be a second service. At this service the School Captains and other senior students will be speaking and raising the flags following the Last Post. The P & C have also been asked to make the sprigs of Rosemary that need to be given to those taking part in the services. If you are able to assist with making the sprigs, please mention it to Belinda in the office or Megan Moore.

Dance

There will be NO dance practice this Wednesday.

Voluntary School Contribution

What is voluntary contribution? Voluntary Contribution helps provide basics educational resources for the benefit of students. The monies paid to the school will assist us in purchasing classroom requisites e.g. books, pencils, scissors, paint, glue sticks, paper etc. I would like to advise you that contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents and guardians.

The fees have been set as follows: 1 child $35.00
Family $45.00
Yr 4/5/6 $150.00. If your child was in this class last year and you paid for laptop usage you will not be required to pay again.

With regard to families, the eldest sibling will be invoiced. Due to unforeseen circumstances invoices were unable to go out last week. It is hoped that they will go out before the end of term.

If you’re wishing to pay via the internet you may do so.

The bank details are: Westpac
BSB 032-001
Account No. 11-6917

Please make sure when processing your payment you enter your child’s name as this will make identifying the payments successful.
Author visit

We all enjoyed our visit from Nette Hilton last Tuesday. She taught us some amazing writing skills in the writing workshops, which we can't wait to start using in class. It was great to hear about writing from someone with real experiences. We look forward to reading her next book about a chicken and a fox that fall in love.

Incursion

The School Performance Tours will be visiting our school to perform 'The Right Balance' on Monday 7 April. This is a dynamic and engaging performance that provides young people with strategies for building positive relationships.

Students are taken on an interactive journey of discovery filled with easy to remember strategies for dealing with frustration, bullying and the difficulties in sustaining relationships. The show inspires students to adopt positive attitudes towards finding the right balance of self control and assertive behaviour needed for building and maintaining healthy relationships. permission note attached.
BONG BONG CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 4th April our school will be hosting the Bong Bong cross country event. We usually cater for 450 students who attend from all the small schools across the Southern Highlands. In addition to providing a BBQ lunch on the day we also have a cake stall so any donations of cakes, biscuits, slices, popcorn, jellies etc are all welcome. We will also need some volunteers to help out on the BBQ, cake stall and to make up some salad rolls in the morning. If you are able to help out for an hour on the day please fill out the form below and return to the P&C box in the office. Each parent usually wants to see their own child run so we make sure you can get out from behind the counter to cheer on your child. Don’t think that by volunteering you won’t get to watch the race.

Yes, I can help serve at the school BBQ/cake stall on the day of the Bong Bong Cross Country

NAME:........................................................................................................................................

PH NUMBER: ................................................................................................................................

We will need helpers from 9am through to 2pm

Please let me know if you have a preferred time you can help...................................................

THANK YOU

“Teddy Bears Picnic”

Throughout Term 1 students of Berrima Public School have demonstrated excellent respectful behaviour through using manners, listening attentively and considering the feelings of others. Students have also made a remarkable effort to be responsible for their learning, belongings and the school environment. Our cygnet box is FULL and as a reward for our students we have scheduled a “Teddy Bears Picnic”

When: Thursday 3rd April
Where: Berrima Local Village
Bring: Favourite Teddy or soft toy and normal packed lunch.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Young-Whitford

Pumpkin Competition

The pumpkin has been requested to feature at our next markets, therefore we will not finalise the competition this week. The winner will be announced in the first week of term 2. Be sure to look out for Jeffrey at the markets and get your entries in quickly.
ISER Junior Band Program 2014

Students from Years 4-10 in Public Schools in the Illawarra and South East Region of NSW and have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 2 years are invited to be part of the ISER Junior Band Program.

They are looking for students who play one or more of the following instruments and can read music at least to a grade 2 level to form a large concert band and rock band.

For further details and an application form please see Mr. Paviour.

Phil Paviour
Classroom Teacher
Berrima P.S.

STUDENT WELFARE

We all have faults and weaknesses but we all, also, have strengths and positive attributes. Focusing on our deficits tends to sap self-esteem and confidence whereas focusing on the positives has been shown to contribute to feeling better about oneself.
Write a list of your top three qualities. Think of all the ways you currently use these strengths AND of all the additional ways you could use them in the future.

#7 PRACTICE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS & SHARE THE HAPPINESS

One of the key findings from the last 15 years or of positive psychology research (and, in fact, of much research even before that) is that real and meaningful happiness is not the same as hedonism or selfishness. That is, your happiness is not just about you but rather, it’s just as much (if not more) about the other people in your life. In giving we receive and in doing good to and for others we get to enjoy feeling good ourselves.

So the final challenge in this program is to share the happiness! Be kind, caring, generous and compassionate - because the more happy people out there the better for all of us!

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

Intensive literacy groups will be held in the first week of April school holidays for children in kindergarten, year 1 and 2 at Southern Highlands Speech Pathology. Phonological awareness skills, reading accuracy, reading comprehension, and spelling skills will be targeted in each group. Groups will run over 4 consecutive days, for 45-60 minutes each. Medicare, private health and Helping Children with Autism Funding rebates available. For further information, contact Kate at Southern Highlands Speech Pathology on 0412185052, or email – admin@shsp.com.au
PARENT/CAREGIVER CONSENT FORM

All students will have the opportunity to attend an incursion on Monday 7 April 2014, ‘The Right Balance’.

This incursion has been planned as it relates directly to strategies for building positive relationships.

The total cost of the incursion will be $5.00

Please have permission note and money in by Friday 4 April 2014.

RETURN SLIP
I do / do not consent to __________________________ of class ___________


Signature_________________________ Date__________________________

I enclose $ 5.00 cash / cheque (please circle)

I enclose $ 5.00 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
Open 5 Days a Week 52 Weeks a year Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm (excludes Public Holidays)

VACATION CARE
Half Price Child Care
Child Care Rebate for working or studying Families is 50% off all fees paid.

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2014

Theme Days:
11th Friday Private School Easter
14th Monday Easter Egg Hunt
15th Tuesday Easter Craft
16th Wednesday Easter Hats, Craft
17th Thursday Easter Baskets
18th Friday Good Friday Closed
21st Monday Easter Monday Closed
22nd Tuesday Science Day
23rd Wednesday Wax Works
24th Thursday Bike Day Movies on the big screen
25th Friday Anzac Day Closed
26th Monday Footy Supporters Day.
NRL, AFL, Soccer, Rugby
29th Tuesday Before & After School Care

The program on the left outlines the main theme / activities for each day this school holidays. Your child will also enjoy our regular daily activities which are ongoing every day. They include, painting, collage, craft, colouring in, puzzles, construction, play dough, team and individual sports, outdoor games, cooking, reading, quiet times and just playing with new friends. We also have a 10 plus group for children who are 10 or older.

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BONG BONG CROSS COUNTRY
MENU – FRIDAY 4 APRIL

BBQ Sausage sizzle $2.50
Salad rolls $3.00
Asst’d muffins, slices, biscuits from 50c
Jelly cups $1.00
Fruit tube ice blocks 50c
Watermelon/fruit slices 50c

Before School Care 5 days a week Monday - Friday 7am - 9am
After School Care 5 days a week Monday - Friday 3pm - 6pm.

Casual Bookings Welcome