EVENTS AT A GLANCE

June
Tuesday 17  University Writing Competition
Wednesday 18 University Spelling Competition
Thursday 19  Lantern Walk from 5 p.m.
Friday 20  Stephanie Alexander Course—Berrima
           No Friday run
Wednesday 25  Semester One Reports sent home
Thursday 26  Festival Of Instrumental Music—Sydney Opera House
Friday 27  End of term Assembly 1:30 p.m. (Blue Uniform)

Term 3
Monday 14 July  School Development day

Conservation Volunteers Working Bee

Year 4/5/6 children did an outstanding job in helping to clean up the Hume Hwy street frontage of the school. Now that the area is cleared out we can continue to mulch and gradually improve the appearance of the wetlands and the entrance to Berrima village.

The Conservation Volunteers organization is sponsored by Boral and it is our association with Boral through the Community Liaison Group that helped us gain the assistance of the Volunteers.

I look forward to seeing the on-going improvement of this area of our school.

Athletics Carnival

The Bong Bong Small Schools Athletics Carnival ran very smoothly on Friday. The weather was very pleasant for an athletics carnival and I feel that added to the success of the day. Thank you to Avoca Public School for the Athletics, Sutton Forest Public School for the infants tabloid, and Tim Lancaster for taking photos.
Tennis Term 3

We are offering tennis lessons again during lunchtime. Coaching is provided by The Bowral Tennis Academy. If you would like your child to learn how to play tennis the cost will be approximately $10.00 per week. This is for a 50 minute lesson one day per week. This cost may vary slightly depending on how many children are in each group. If your child does not have a tennis racquet one can be provided. Your child will have 10 minutes to eat lunch from 12.50pm on their allocated day before commencing their lesson.

Lessons will commence on Monday 21 July for a 9 week period. This will take us to the end of term 3.

If you’re interested in having your child attend these lessons one day per week please fill out the expression of interest form below and hand it into the office, no later than Thursday 26 June.

**THIS IS STRICTLY THE CUT OFF DATE - THURSDAY 26 JUNE**

Thank you
Belinda Temporali

N.B. Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me on 4871 1262.

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Family Name........................................

I would like for my child/ren.............................................................. to attend tennis lesson at Berrima Public School.

Parents Signature...........................................Date.................................
STUDENT WELFARE

Coinciding with National Bullying Together against Bullying Day (we are running our novelty activities at lunchtime today for the Better Buddies Program & the Alannah & Madeline Foundation- keeping children safe from violence). I have included the following excerpt from the “KidsMatter” website with this purpose in mind.

Cyberbullying is particularly insidious because it is often done in secret, shared with a lot of people and difficult to remove. Research shows up to 17 per cent of children report being cyberbullied and, importantly, most children turn to their parents first with concerns about online safety.

KidsMatter psychologist Dr Lyn O’Grady says parents are best placed to educate their children about cyberbullying – which causes distress and can lead to loneliness, anxiety and depression – but warns that communication is just as important as setting boundaries.

“We know that technology is becoming an increasingly important part of children’s everyday lives. And while our instinct might be to protect them from it, and even take away their access to avoid problems, this approach won’t really equip kids in the long term,” said Dr O’Grady.

“Communication is one of the best ways to help children be safe online, now and into the future. It’s really important they feel that they can tell someone if they feel uncomfortable or are worried about things like cyberbullying, rather than staying quiet for fear their devices will be removed.

“The strategy that will work best for us as parents includes having an awareness of the issues, finding ways to talk regularly with children, listening to what they think, and working with them to get a balance between safe technology use and other things like spending time outdoors.”

To help prevent cyberbullying, KidsMatter encourages parents to:

• Communicate with your children. Communication continues to be the key to a successful relationship. It helps you learn about what’s happening in your children’s lives and address any concerns such as cyberbullying.

• Talk to your kids about what they’re doing online. Children benefit from assertive parents who actively monitor their technology use. Just like in the face-to-face world, the younger the child, the more supervision they require in the digital world.

• Reinforce your values. Think about the digital world as an extension of the face-to-face world and encourage your children to match their offline values with their online behaviour.

• Keep up-to-date with current programs and apps. Choose programs and apps that look good and use them with your children. Talk to your child’s school and other parents about what they are doing.

For more about cybersafety, see the latest enewsletter for families. media@kidsmatter.edu.au.

Netty Dubokovich-Chaplain ..... “SpeakLife”
LANTERN WALK—THIS THURSDAY

Please bring your food order forms in no later than TOMORROW.

Here is a timetable of events for this Thursday night:

5pm  Students and families to arrive at school
     Food will be served from 5pm—6.30pm
     Coffee and hot chocolate will be available for $3
     Tea and instant coffee also available

     During this time the choir and the dance troupe will perform items for our entertainment.

6.30pm  We commence our walk through the specially created spiral and then through the bush.

7.30pm  Apple crumble for those who want it served back in the kitchen: $3 per serve

8.00pm  Home time

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

- A lantern for children in Yrs 1—6
- A candle or battery operated tealight for your child’s lantern
- Warm clothing—hats, coats etc
- Sturdy walking shoes/sneakers—the track is uneven with tree roots and rocks protruding along the way
- CHAIRS—We will have some tables and chairs around for people to use but not enough for everyone
- One torch per family—just in case our lights are removed from the track. Ideally we don’t want everyone to have a torch so please can we ask that an adult keeps possession of the torch and only uses it if necessary.
- PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO RUN, UNSUPERVISED THROUGH THE BUSH

Thank you to those people who have offered to make soup for the night. We will be having a cook-up on Thursday to prepare other food required.

HELP REQUIRED ON THURSDAY

♦ We need helpers in the kitchen on Thursday to make soup and macaroni cheese
♦ We need some “security guards” in the bush to make sure our lights aren’t disturbed.
♦ We need helpers in the evening to serve food/cook BBQ

If we share the workload, particularly on the night, all our school families can get time to enjoy this fabulous evening rather than having one or two people being stuck in the kitchen for hours.

Please let me know if you are available to help with any of these duties by email at moorefamily21@bigpond.com or on 0413 482 731
WINTER SOLSTICE LANTERN WALK - Thursday 19th June, 5pm

We are looking forward to a fun filled family evening for our lantern parade to mark the winter solstice. Please remember that you are responsible for supervising your child/ren on the night of the lantern walk. Staff may be attending but will NOT be on duty.

Children must be under the supervision of a parent/designated adult at all times and cannot be dropped off to attend this event (this also includes high school age siblings). In previous years a number of children ran into the bush and moved many of the lights that were marking the path. We don’t want this to happen again so we are making sure the lights are more secure but we also need your help to ensure children don’t run off alone!

The P&C will be providing food on the night. For catering purposes we have included a menu and order form below. If you are bringing friends or family along please include their orders on your form. Please return this with money by Monday 16th June. Families are also welcome to bring along their own supper to enjoy. We recommend that you bring along a camp chair as we usually don’t have enough chairs for everyone that attends.

In addition to the menu below apple crumble and cream will be available on the night for $3. We will also be selling coffee and hot chocolate (from our fancy machine) for $3. Tea and instant coffee will be available at no charge.

Please make all payments to the P & C account NOT the school bank account

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MENU - LANTERN PARADE

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TOTAL $:

*The Macaroni cheese has bacon in it. Please write on your order if you are a vegetarian as we will make a quantity of mac cheese without bacon.