NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 WEEK 9- 2014

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

June
Monday 23 Performance by North Sydney Junior Wind Ensemble 11:30am
Wednesday 25 Semester One Reports sent home
Thursday 26 Festival Of Instrumental Music—Sydney Opera House
Friday 27 End of term Assembly 1:30pm (Blue Uniform)
No Friday Run
Garden Working Bee 9:00am -11:00am

Term 3
Monday 14 July School Development day
Tuesday 15 Students return
Kitchen Class 4/5/6
Wednesday 16 Kitchen Class 3/4

A BIG Week at Berrima
The dust is beginning to settle after a really big week last week. Our First Daytime P & C Meeting Monday, Lantern Walk Thursday and a Stephanie Alexander In-service course Friday. Of course these events do not take place without a great deal of preparation and work behind the scenes.

The presenters who were in attendance at the Lantern Parade could not believe we could run such a large event, feeding so many people and then back up the following day to provide a venue for an in-service course. As they observed this just could not happen without our truly dedicated volunteer group.

Thank you to Emma Blake, Jo Kennedy, Doug Chalmers, Michelle Butcher, Jane Lawler, Ros Caddy, Denise Howes, Robert Chalmers and Megan Moore for your on-going commitment to making each and every event at Berrima School a success. Thank you also to the many people who remained behind to clean up after the Lantern Walk.

A grandparent commented to me on Thursday evening that each and every event he comes to at our school is better than the last. It will be exciting to see ideas developing for next year. It sounds a bit like the New Years Eve fireworks.

Yet again, another spectacular display in the forest!
End of Term Assembly

End of Term Assembly will take place this Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m. Could children please wear their Blue Uniform.

Athletics Carnival

The results for the recent Bong Bong athletics carnival have come through. It is pleasing to announce that Berrima was the Champion Point Score winners and we also have the Senior Girl Champion - Courtney. Other children who have qualified for the next level of competition are as follows;

**Shot Put**
- Junior Boys 2nd: Rohann
- 11yr Girls 1st: Merryn
- Senior Girls 1st: Courtney

**Long Jump**
- 11yr Boys 2nd: McKenzie
- Senior Girls 1st: Courtney
- 2nd: Charlotte

**High Jump**
- 11yr Girls 2nd: Merryn
- Senior Girls 1st: Courtney

**Discus**
- Junior Boy 1st: Bruce
- 11yr Girls 2nd: Merry
- Senior Girls 2nd: Courtney

**200m**
- Junior Boys 2nd: Bruce
- 11yr Boys 2nd: Mckenzie
- 11yr Girls 2nd: Kaitlyn
- Senior Girls 1st: Courtney
- 2nd: Charlotte

**800m**
- Senior Girl 1st: Courtney
- Junior Girl 1st: Courtney

**100m**
- 2nd: Hugh
- 9yr Boys 1st: Bruce
- 10yr Girls 1st: Matilda
- 11yr Boys 2nd: McKenzie
- 11yr Girls 2nd: Sophie
- 12yr Girls 1st: Courtney
- 2nd: Charlotte

These students will compete in the next athletics carnival held at Eridge Park on the 25 July.

Reports

A reminder; End of Semester One reports will be sent home with children this Wednesday.

Survey

This term we have been running a number of though provoking articles to help inform parents of some of the current research and current concerns of educators. We are interested to have some feedback to those articles and to use that data to help develop a new homework policy. This will also be included in the information for parents of children entering school as an element of the Kindergarten package.

The survey will be available online from the beginning of next term. A link will be provided in the first newsletter next term.
Display of lamps lit up in the forest on Lantern Night.

STUDENT WELFARE
The Importance of Teachers & Applying Good Coaching
Excerpt from Bob Gass:
"You may be good at what you do. Indeed, you may be better than most, but without the help of others you will never be as good as you could be. You will never reach your highest potential without a good adviser. It's impossible. Why would a world-class tennis player need a coach, especially one who is not as good on the court as he or she is? André Agassi answered the question this way: 'Tennis requires subtle adjustments crucial to winning and my coach, Gill, is the best at making them. The older I get, the more valuable he becomes.' Why is that? Because age and don't necessarily make you better; often they just deepen the rut you're in. In life, as in sports, you never reach the point where you don't need good input. Yet many of us operate under the misguided assumption that because we lead, we don't need to be led. We make the mistake of measuring ourselves against others instead of our own God-given potential and in the end we never become what we could have been.
Self-evaluation is important, but the evaluation of others is crucial. A good coach measures your performance against your strengths, not somebody else's. That's because he or she knows what you're capable of and they will push you to your limit. And by the way, good coaches are constantly on the scene observing, not back at the office waiting for a report. That's because they are personally invested in your success; a win for you is a win for them.

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR 12-18 YR OLDS – Highlands Youth Hub (Loseby Park) (Supervised by Youth Worker During Activity Times Only)
Call Highlands Community Centres 4862 1122 to book
Thurs July 3 - Pool, Cooking & Chilling. 10am - 3:30pm
Fri 5th - Art Activities. 10am - 3:30pm
Thurs 10th - Sport & sausage sizzle. 10am-3:30pm
Fri 11th 10:30am Ten Pin Bowling @ Highlands Ten Pin in Mittagong. (Bookings essential)

Netty Dubokovich - Chaplain......"SpeakLife"

Mending Required in the Kitchen
The aprons we use in kitchen classes are in dire need of some mending. Batch washing tangles the ties and as a result the ties are falling off. If anyone is available over the holidays to sew the ties to reinforce them I would be so thankful. Please let Mrs Hebbard know by Thursday.
Debra Hebbard
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Specialist
NEWS - LANTERN WALK WRAP UP

What a fabulous night last Thursday was – thank you so much to everyone who was involved in creating a magical evening for our school and the community. This is now the third year this event has been held and each year it just seems to get bigger and better. The school was a hive of activity on Thursday with lots of parents helping in the kitchen, in the bush and around the grounds – thank you so much to all of you who gave up your time to contribute to this really special event.

To Jo and John and all the helpers in the bush, thank you for all your amazingly creative light installations. It’s such an exciting adventure for us all to walk through the forest not knowing what to expect around each bend.

Ros Caddy was the entertainment organiser, looking after our talented strings ensemble and ensuring they were in position and had enough light to read their music. Our resident pumpkin, Jeffrey, was transformed into an amazing owl – who would’ve thought – and the worthy centrepiece of our spiral. Thanks to the creative hands of Emma Blake for her very clever carving and to Michelle Butcher for being the queen of the spiral this year.

Thank you to Jane for lighting up the kitchen/eating area. All the decorations put into place here by Jane, Alisha and Lynne created an instant atmosphere for everyone as they arrived for the night. To our amazing Berrima teachers, thank you for all the efforts with your students, creating your own special trees or lanterns, in the case of Kindy. Working and planning these activities in class builds up even more excitement for the night.

Thank you to Megan Stone for cooking 100 dishes of macaroni cheese and providing quantities and recipes for the rest of the food we prepared. To all the kitchen helpers and soup makers; Denise, Caroline, Karen, Elly, Leisa, Latesha, Lucy – thank you for feeding us so well. Thanks to Pete, Maree, Callie and Karen for firing up the BBQ and serving the hungry crowd.

As always the night gets incredibly busy when everyone arrives and needs to get feed quickly so thanks to those who came and helped out in the kitchen; Reb, Bec, Belinda, Ros, Chantelle, Danielle, Kelly and thank you to those who stayed around to wash up and prepare for the next day – Danni, Kimo, Deb etc!

Thanks to Sue Loney, Hadas and Jaimie for working the coffee machine so we could increase our profits on the night.

John Jordan, Rolf Kater and Robert Chalmers headed back into the bush, long after everyone left, to pack up all the light installations and make sure no trace of our presence was left.

The day after Lantern Walk we had 25 people attending a Stephanie Alexander workshop in our kitchen and garden. Lonni, Melissa and Leisa kindly offered to make cakes/biscuits for this day - so thank you for your sweet offerings, they were much appreciated by everyone who attended.

Have a great break and I look forward to more exciting times at Berrima in Term 3.

Megan