**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**September**

- **Tuesday 9**  4/5/6 Soup Kitchen—Jerusalem Artichoke Soup
- **Wednesday 10**  No Ukulele Lessons
- **Sunday 14**  Art Feast Meeting in the Library @ 2:30pm
- **Wednesday 17**  No Ukulele Lessons
- **Thursday 18**  Berrima School Markets
- **Friday 19**  End of Term assembly 1:30 p.m.
- **Friday 19**  No Friday run
- **Saturday 19**  Cricket Gala day — Robertson
- **Monday 21**  End of Term 3

**October**

- **Tuesday 7**  First day back for Term 4
- **Wednesday 8**  5/6 Linkage Presentation at MVHS

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**NEWSLETTER - TERM 3 WEEK 9 - 2014**

**4/5/6 Overnight Goldfields Experience**

Last Monday night 4/5/6 had their overnight goldfields experience. The children bought their tents in and set them up at school on Monday. They returned at 5pm and played a variety of games while their dinner cooked on their very own campfire!! After dinner, they played some more games in the dark, listened to some spooky ghost stories and toasted marshmallows over the fire. The children organized themselves for bed and went to sleep. We were extremely lucky that the weather held out!

In the morning they had breakfast and went in search of gold around cubbyzone. They then had a go at panning for gold.

This event was another great example of how fantastic the children are that we have here at Berrima, well done 4/5/6!

Special thanks also goes to Chris Caddy who bought in some wonderful items related to the gold fields, including gold pans, a rocker and a windlass. He also organised our campfire. We all really appreciated the effort you went to. Thank you also to Justin Nyholm and Glenn Comey who helped with the campfire. Thank you Peter Moore for bringing in some extra gold pans and some gold to show the children. Thank you Jane Lawler and Bec Snell for providing us with fresh farm eggs to have for breakfast.
Cricket Gala Day

On the last day of Term 3, 19 September there will be a Cricket Gala day at Hampden Park, Robertson for all Berrima students. NSW Cricket will be there on the day directing and supporting the tabloids and games. The children will have the opportunity to develop their cricket skills and interact with students from the other small schools. A permission note is attached. The parents that are in credit may not need to pay. Please contact the office if you're not sure.

GARDEN NEWS

There are 2 important garden events to pop on your fabulous school calendars!! The 18th September. This is our end of term assembly day and the garden will be having a little stall selling lovely seed packets, $3.50 each, and some assorted produce from the garden. You will need to get in quick, because the produce and flowers won't last long!!

The 10th October is our WHOLE SCHOOL GARDEN WORKING BEE! All the children will be involved, and we will all work in various areas of the school gardens to get it looking lovely for our ’ART FEAST‘ event in November. Look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks in advance to the best school community around...
Life Education Visit

Healthy Harold will be visiting our school on October 13 and 14 of Term 4. Life Education is a non-profit organisation that provides lessons to the children in areas of personal development, healthy eating, drug education and cyber safety. Healthy Harold visits the school in a large caravan where the lessons take place. The cost for these lessons are $9.00 per child. A permission note is attached. As this is a non-profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds there will be an order form in Term 4’s newsletter for your child/ren if they’re wishing to purchase any items.

Expression of Interest – Ethics Classes

Berrima P.S. is looking at providing the option of Ethics classes for students currently attending Non-Scripture. If your child is currently enrolled in Non-Scripture and you would like to have the option to send them to Ethics classes please fill in the expression of interest below and return to the school.

*Ethics classes exist to develop and deliver philosophical ethics education for children who do not attend scripture. Ethics classes are taught within a ‘community of enquiry’. Our trained teachers use stories, pictures and other stimulus materials to engage the children in a lively and interesting discussion. The children are taught how to present a reasoned view and to debate a topic respectfully. They are actively encouraged to listen to and debate with their peers. The curriculum covers a broad range of topics which students and teachers explore with interest and enthusiasm.*

My child ________________ of class __________ currently attends Non-Scripture and I would like to have the option of sending them to ethics classes.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Tennis Lessons

We would like to offer tennis lessons again for next term. We need to have 9 students for this to happen. If your child is in Years 2-6 and would be interested in having lessons at lunch time on a Monday please complete the expression of interest form below. At this stage the cost will be approximately $10.00 per lesson, depending on the numbers. Once I know how many students will take part I can then work out the cost involved.
Yr 1 would like to create a garden bed outside their classroom. The idea is to use sleepers as a border and then plant various plants. By doing this it will create a tidy and colourful atmosphere for the students. To get this up and running we need your support. If you have any preloved items, books, furniture, bric and brac that are in good condition please bring them into the Yr 1 classroom. Once we have gathered enough items we will then hold a garage sale here at school. If you have any enquires please see Mrs McFadden or Mrs Young-Whitford.

**STUDENT WELFARE**

*Raise a Smart Child Who Loves To Learn*- Adapted from Eric Hoffer- AhaParenting Website

All parents like to think their child is "smart." And most parents make it a point to tell their child they’re smart, so they’re confident about their intellectual abilities. In fact, a study conducted by Columbia University found that 85% of parents think it’s important to tell their child “You’re so smart!” on a regular basis. (*I love the quote from “The Help” movie- every day the Nanny tells the little girl- “You is Smart, You is Kind, You is Important -which leaves a lasting impression on the child! No one can take those words away from her, they are etched into her mind & spirit.*)

This may not be the best way to help children feel smart, possibly causing them to compare themselves to peers who may have a higher intelligence & also the child could feel they have to maintain this reputation- & "smart" is a confusing concept.

We can support the child more by focusing on effort, rather than innate ability. "Emphasizing effort gives the child a variable they can control. You want to teach kids that **smart is a muscle** they are in charge of building." (Stanford researcher Carol Dweck). What does that mean that "smart is a muscle?” Many people believe that intelligence is static; either you’re smart or you’re not. But it turns out that **intelligence is like a muscle: it can be developed with use. What’s more, your brain has more potential! We can help kids to think they can develop their intelligence!** Your brain is like a muscle that can be developed with exercise; **just as a baby gets smarter as it learns, so can you.**

So our goal as parents is to raise kids who believe in their ability to build mental muscle. These kids are perpetual learners - they can learn what they need to in new situations and are always curious to learn more. That means re-defining what intelligence is and the way we and our children think about it.

Dr. Howard Gardner describes **seven different kinds of intelligence** that are important in human functioning, all of which kids need an opportunity to develop: 1. **Verbal** 2. **Bodily / Kinesthetic**

Experts also question the obsession in our culture with pushing children to read or achieve academically before kindergarten age. Toddlers and pre-schoolers have other, more critical work to do, from building with blocks, to playing with rhythm and colour, to learning how to get along with their peers.

Even Verbal and Logical Intelligence actually begin with talking and wondering, when toddlers participate in thousands of everyday conversations about life. That’s why kids who are lucky enough have quality discussions with parents as toddlers and pre-schoolers do better as they make their way through school. (Such quality discussions are not the norm with day care and nannies, unfortunately, so if your child isn’t with you much of the day, you’ll want to make sure you get plenty of discussion time when you are together.)

Our job as parents? To encourage our kids’ natural curiosity and passions- from dancing to reading to drawing. And to make sure our kids know that it’s intellectual lifting that builds brainpower- that what matters is curiosity and working at something, not innate smarts. “In times of change learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to work in a world that no longer exists.”

Netty Dubokovich...Chaplain....."SpeakLife"..............
P&C NEWS

MARKETS THIS SUNDAY - HELP...........................!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anyone want to BBQ or organise the BBQ this weekend – I’m away on Sunday. Anyone, anyone.....??? pls call/text Megan 0413 482 731

P&C Meeting
Well our Friday afternoon P&C meeting at the Surveyor General went down well with 7 of us attending and Miss Dann as our special guest (filling in for Tim). Thanks to those that came along – at least we had a quorum this time.
There was lots of discussion surrounding our school numbers for next year and the possible addition of a classroom and new teacher. Minutes from the meeting will be attached to the next newsletter.
The future of the markets was discussed and Latesha Cassar has put her hand up to run the markets starting from October. Our next school market is on this Sunday – please see the above plea for help on the BBQ. If you have time to come along on Sunday and support our stallholders please do. There is also a rumour that Mr Paviour might be performing this weekend...
Pete Goulding and I met with Andrew Hearn last week to have a handover of all information regarding the Carpathon next year. We would like to form a subcommittee of interested parents who could meet to organise this event, it should be a good money-raiser for the school.

ART FEAST MEETING
A meeting will be held this week on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm in the library for those who have expressed interest in helping. We have had some ideas re hanging the artwork and displays so will need to discuss.
Any questions/comments/offers of help please text/email or call me.
Thanks,
Megan (0413 482 731 e: moorefamily21@bigpond.com)

TULIP TIME PARADE
Any child interested in participating in the Tulip Time parade please complete the note below and hand in by WEDNESDAY - we need to confirm our entry by the end of the week. Please note the date of the parade is Saturday 20th September as there was a discrepancy on the note I sent out last week.

NAME..............................................................................................................................................
CONTACT PH......................................................................................................................................
Yes, my child/ren would love to participate in the Tulip Time parade on SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
Name(s) of child/ren.........................................................................................................................
PARENT/CAREGIVER CONSENT FORM

Berrima Public School will be participating in the Small Schools Cricket Gala day held at Hampden Park, Robertson on 19 September 2014. This will include all children from Kinder to Year 6.

We will travel by bus to Robertson, leaving the school by 9:15am and returning at approximately 2:30pm. The cost for this event is $5.00.

Miss Dann, Mrs Young-Whitford, Mrs Thiessen, Mr Paviour and Mrs Withers will be accompanying this excursion and all have emergency training.

On the day the children will need to wear their red uniform, a hat and sunscreen.

Kangalloon P & C will be providing canteen facilities on the day.

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RETURN SLIP

I do / do not consent to ___________________________ of class __________

participating in the Cricket Gala day at Robertson on 19 September 2014.

I give permission for my child to travel by bus.

I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of an emergency.

Signed: ___________________________ Print Name: ___________________________

Date: _________________ Daytime Phone number: ____________________________

Enclosed $__________ cash / cheque

Direct deposit $_______ BSB-032-001 A/C - 116917

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

Life Education – Healthy Harold will be visiting our school in Week 2 of Term 4 on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 October.

This has been planned as it relates directly to our personal development and health.

The total cost for Healthy Harold is $9.00

RETURN SLIP

I do / do not consent to ____________________________ of class __________

participating in Healthy Harold on ________________.

Print Name: ____________________________

Signed: ____________________________ Date________________________

☐ $ ___________cash / cheque

☐ $ ___________direct deposit. BSB-032-001 A/C116917

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