NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 WEEK 2 - 2015

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

February
Monday 2  Scripture begins
Tuesday 3  Library borrowing begins

Friday 6  First Friday run for 2015

Monday 9  P & C Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 11  Year 6 Taster Day at Moss Vale High School
     Dance troupe lesson with Miss Dann

Friday 13  Friday run
     Bong Bong Swimming Carnival—Competitors only

Saturday 14  Mini working bee to cement the ramp to the deck 7:30 a.m. start

New Initiatives
A new program to commence this week will be a time set aside to expand our minds and inspire
our creative side. On Monday afternoons we will be running sessions in, Creativity, Curiosity and
Fun. This is the day when we have the most staff at school so we can make manageable groups to
explore our creative side. The children will be placed in groups of approximately 16 and rotate
through each of the activities organized by a teacher over the year. We will be running;
Tinkering  ►  Craft  ►  Drama  ►  Music Composition  ►  Drumming  ►  Print Making  ►  Art
and Photography.

Most of the classes, especially Kindergarten, will be working with their usual class teacher for the
first round of 4 weeks before moving on. From the lessons we will be developing items to perform
at assemblies or artwork and photography to display at various times.

Staff are excited by the idea of teaching an area of special interest to themselves. Keep a look out
for the performances or art displays.

Library
Our long time teacher librarian, Mrs. Newey, has taken leave from Berrima for the time being to
work in a larger school to reestablish their library. I will be filling in in Mrs. Newey’s place as I am a
qualified teacher librarian. In filling this position it will enable us to be more flexible with our timetable
and mean that we will be able to open the library on other days in the week.
For the time that we have a class located in the library we will still continue to have borrowing on a
Tuesday. This will just be one session in the morning. Library lessons will be taking place in
classrooms until our new classroom arrives.
First P&C Meeting for 2015
The first P & C Meeting for 2015 will be held next Monday night at 7.30pm. Find out about all the activities of the school, P & C Association plus some of fundraising ideas that the P & C have in mind. This is your opportunity to fulfil that resolution to be more involved in your child’s school.

Mini Working Bee
The next step of completing the access to the deck of the kitchen will taking place on Saturday February 14. This will involve cementing a ramp up to the deck. It is not a large area so only a few helpers will be needed. Please get in contact with me if you are able to assist. We will have a 7:30 start. Smoko will be provided.

School Swimming Carnival
Thankfully the weather warmed up on Friday and provided a great day for the 2015 Berrima Swimming Carnival.
This year we were pleased to see all children who attended happily competing in an age race of some description.
While our confident swimmers competed in all strokes in the 50m pool our not so competitive swimmers had freestyle races in the 25m pool. Our most improved swimmers of the day were Nikita, Sam, Georgia and Ethan. Senior and junior champions have been awarded as follows:
Senior Girl: Merryn
Senior Boy: Patrick
Junior Girl: Courteney
Junior Boy: Liam

News from the Garden
Calling all volunteers....
If you would like to volunteer in the garden for Friday morning classes please email me. Whether you can help out once a week, once a fortnight or even once a month any help is appreciated. You don’t have to have any knowledge of gardening just the ability to supervise. We need volunteers to make sure our classes work. It makes a huge difference to have lots of helpers and the kids love to see you helping out.
Thank you so much to the hardworking Mums and Dads (and newborn baby Tess) that helped with some much needed weeding last Friday. The garden looks so much better!!
Cheers,
Maree
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School Banking
School Banking is still on Wednesdays! The banking box is in the school office.
Opening a Youthsaver account to participate in School Banking is easy. To get started the parent/guardian can open an account:
• In person at any Commonwealth Bank branch;
• Online via NetBank (existing Commonwealth Bank customers);
• Over the phone on 13 2221;
Fill in a paper form (I should have some by Monday next week).
Did you know the Commonwealth Bank pays the school for managing the School Banking? Last year approx $143.
If you have any questions please contact Rolf Kater on 0408953355 or rolf@kater.com.au.
**Kitchen News**
Firstly thank you to all the families who have returned the kitchen notes and have volunteered to help in the class room or to help with the washing. Some children still have to return notes, could they be returned ASAP please. I am also still in need of helpers on Wednesday and Thursday in the kitchen and washing volunteers on all days. So if you can do any of these I’d love to hear from you. I will send a roster out this week. We are starting classes this week but the children will need to bring their lunch this week.
On Monday afternoons from 3-4pm I am hoping to start “The Chutney Club” for any parents who would like to come and help make preserves from the excess produce in the garden. We will then be able to sell these at the markets to help fund the Kitchen Garden Program. If interested there is a list in the office for you to leave me contact details.

**Library News**
We are in need of people to cover books for the library. If you are interested could you please let either the office or Mrs Hembard know.

**Tennis Lessons**
We have a few vacancies left in our tennis groups. Please let Belinda know ASAP if your child would like to take part this term. Costs will be finalised at the end of the week.

**Wednesday Dance Troupe**
Miss Dann will send notes out this week to those interested in taking part in dance troupe so this will start next Wednesday (11th) after school.

**OUR MOTZA MARKET MAKEOVER!**
It really has been a makeover, our little market has turned into something amazing, something you will all be really proud of. 50 brilliant stalls are confirmed for **Sunay 22nd, February**, our market now being the 4th Sunday of every month.

Food Stalls: Pheasants Nest Fresh Produce, get your fresh vegetables for the week ahead. Artisan Bread Basket, a huge selection which includes plenty for those needing gluten free options. Australia’s Oyster Coast - Fresh Oysters for Sunday lunch or dinner! For lunch options we have Istanbul Gozleme, BBQ, schools ‘Kitchen Cafe’ and fresh lemonade, pies and more.

You will be really chuffed with the variety and quality of other stalls on offer. The kids will have a ball with the kids motorised cars, face painting, jumping castle, KIDS QUEST Art Classes (book through [http://www.kidsartquest.com/berrima-markets/](http://www.kidsartquest.com/berrima-markets/) ONLY $40 for two hours, includes art supplies and morning tea. Your initial support of this by booking a spot will ensure it continues. It will be a huge drawcard to the market as other people outside of the school learn it is available... child minding for 2 hours, ages 6-12, how good!

Can’t wait for you to see it and by doing so help raise money for our school from stall fees, the Schools BBQ and ’Kitchen Café’.

So block out the 22nd, tell your friends and family and come and enjoy an hour or two of great fun. You can direct friends to the Berrima Schoolyard Market website which looks fantastic and details the different areas of our market and school [www.theschoolyardmarkets.org](http://www.theschoolyardmarkets.org) also [www.facebook.com/theschoolyardmarkets](http://www.facebook.com/theschoolyardmarkets) by hitting like and sharing our posts we can reach so many people and let them know how fantastic our market is.

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P&C News....

Our first meeting will be held next Monday evening at 7.30pm in the music room, next to the office. If you have any items of general business to be discussed please email them to our P&C Secretary, Denise Howes by this Friday so the agenda can be included in next week's newsletter. Denise's email address is chowes1@bigpond.com.

Friday Run

Our first Friday morning run will be held at 8am this Friday. All students (and parents) are invited to come along for a cross country run, either through the bush or in the village, depending on the weather. After all this exercise children are then served breakfast by the P&C. Breakfast consists of cereal or toast. We are always looking for parents who are willing to help prepare breakfast and then wash up afterwards.

Parents Facebook page

Berrima School has a facebook page set up for parents to share information or ask about school related activities. If you would like to join this group please search Berrima Public School Parents Group on Facebook and apply to join.

If you are not on Facebook and are happy to provide me with your mobile phone number I will text you any discussion or notices that are on the FB page.

2015 BERRIMA CARPATHON

FRIDAY 20TH—SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Marketplace Park, Berrima

We will need helpers to assist with registrations on Saturday (21st February) and Sunday (22nd February) mornings from 7am—10am each day. We also need parents to help with the BBQ on Sunday lunchtime. This will be held from 11am - 2pm and will co-incide with the announcement of winners and presentations of trophies for the 2015 Berrima Carpathon.

This is a big day for our school as our markets are also being held in the school grounds. If you can help out in any way please email/text me. Hopefully this will be a big event for our school.

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STUDENT WELFARE

It is so good to be back at Berrima Public School, in my role as Chaplain, part of the National Schools Chaplaincy Program which is an initiative of Federal Government & is funded by the State Government. I am at Berrima School on Mondays 8.45am- 1.45pm. The main areas of this position are: Educational / Social/Emotional/Physical/ & Welfare component - entailing Values, Morals & Ethics, as directed by Mr Ryan & the teachers of the school. It is hoped that parents will also benefit from this role and are encouraged to contact the school if you would like to speak with me within the area of welfare for families. This is a position to benefit parents, students & teachers, I will be happy to meet with you inside or outside of school.

MONDAY PLAYGROUP: If any families are interested, we have previously held a playgroup on Mondays. I will be happy to set up some equipment for parents with their younger children & have a little morning tea around 10am at the end of play. (I attend the staff meeting at 9am & will be available up until 9 & after 10am to meet with you). Please let the office know if you are interested in participating in the playgroup, even if it’s not on a regular basis, just so we know if it is something that parents will find useful for them & their young ones.

Excerpt from Parenting Ideas- Michael Grose- 'Sibling Rivalry'

There is a time and a place for competition just as there is a time and place for cooperation. In many ways, it is the true test of family leadership where parents develop a sense of 'we' within their family while welcoming some of the competitive elements in their kids.

Here are some ways to reduce sibling rivalry in your family:

• Accept children’s individual differences. Your acceptance of differences will determine the degree of competitiveness between children.
• Focus on the deed not the dude. High praise families usually experience more sibling fighting than high encouragement families. So focus your positive comments on the process rather than the results, the act not the actor, the performer rather than the performance.
• Put them in the same boat when they misbehave. Be willing for all children to experience the consequences of a child’s misbehaviour. For instance, if one child is noisy in the car then they all miss an activity if you return home.
• Focus on solutions not the fight. When children fight and argue give ideas and strategies to resolve their problem rather than sorting out the fight.
• Introduce family meetings at age five. Through regular meetings teach children a conflict resolution process. You can also give children an opportunity to impact on family decision-making through meetings.

Netty Dubokovich... Chaplain...SPEAK LIFE

GYMNASTICS OPEN DAY

WHERE: Mittagong Recreation Centre,
Saturday 7th February
TIME: 11am—1pm
COST: We would really appreciate a gold coin donation.
All ages welcome. Come and play, watch small performances from our Level 6 Gymnasts Preparing for State Trials. Light refreshments will be available to purchase with funds going towards fundraising.
www.clubgym.com.au