February

Monday 9  P & C Meeting 7:30p.m.
Tuesday 10  Library borrowing
Wednesday 11  Year 6 to 7 Taster Day at Moss Vale High School
               Dance with Miss Dann - 3:00 - 4:15
Friday 13  Bong Bong Swimming Carnival—Competitors only
Saturday 14  Mini working bee to cement the ramp to the deck 7:30 a.m. start

Friday 20  Friday run
           Berrima Carpathon
Saturday Sunday  Berrima Carpathon
Sunday 22  Berrima School Yard Markets

P & C Meeting

The first P & C Meeting for 2015 takes place this evening giving you the opportunity to be involved in your child’s education.
As a school community we are currently working through the process of devising our strategic plan for the coming three years. This involves the evaluation of current practices and the addition of programs or activities we would like to see in our school. This will be an item for discussion at the next two P & C meetings. Come along and find out our plans and have an input into how they are implemented over the coming three years.

Ice Blocks

Now that the weather seems to have settled on going back to summer for a while ice blocks will once again be on sale at lunchtime for the Student Representative Council. (SRC) Ice blocks are 50c. We ask that children do not buy ice blocks for their friends as it can lead to problems between friends.

Ethics Classes:

Last year a good deal of interest was shown in providing ethics classes for children who do not attend a scripture class. If there were parents interested in undertaking the necessary training to be able to conduct these classes, we would be able to provide ethics classes for children of interested parents. If you would be willing to undertake the training please get in contact with me so that we may proceed.
Meet the teachers:

The finalising of class numbers for 2015 has proven to be a very difficult task this year. It was for this reason that the usual meet the teachers evening was placed on hold until classes could be finalized. We will now be offering a Meet the Teachers Evening on Monday 23 February at 6:00pm. This is an opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher. This will also help you find out about what will be happening in their class this year and provide a chance to ask any questions you may have.

Mini Working Bee

The next step of completing the access to the deck of the kitchen will be 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.

Bong Bong Swimming Carnival - Competitors Only

All notes need to be in by this Wednesday. Please make sure all competitors are at the pool by 9:30am to have your name marked off. Good luck to all.

Life cycle of Head lice

Day 1: Mature adult female lays up to 8 eggs each day

Day 7: 2nd generation nymphs hatch from eggs laid on Day 1

Day 14: Nymphs that hatched on Day 7 are now adults and begin to lay eggs

Day 15: Original female dies at about 30 days old from being laid as an egg

Day 21: Eggs laid by 2nd generation nymphs hatch

Day 38: The adults from the eggs laid on Day 1 die

Head Lice

We are advising you that there has been another outbreak of nits/head lice at present. Please check your child’s hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health (http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp). If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended. Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php.

Garden News

Thank you to all the helpers helping out in the garden recently. The garden will be needing a collection of 400ml or larger, glass jars and 2ltr white milk bottles over the next few weeks. Could they please be washed and labels removed. If you can supply any of the above there will be a crate on the garden deck for you to place them in.
**Kitchen News.**

The children cooked these tasty pikelets last week and were enjoyed by all.

**Sweet Corn & Chive Pikelets**

*Indicates you need adult help  Makes 10 - 12*

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<td>1/2 cob of fresh corn</td>
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<td>or 1/4 cup drained canned corn kernels</td>
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<td>1 tablespoon fresh chives about 5-10 chives</td>
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<td>1/4 cup grated tasty cheese</td>
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If using fresh corn - remove the husks and silks from the cob, put in the compost. Have an adult cut the kernels off the cob. Measure the corn.

Or if using canned corn, drain and measure.

Wash the chives and dry gently in a clean tea towel. Chop with the mezzaluna and measure.

Grate the cheese and measure.

Measure the flour, baking powder and a pinch of salt into a sifter over a medium size bowl. Sift the ingredients then dust the sifter and return to the cupboard. Make a well in centre of the dry ingredients.

Crack the egg into a small bowl, remove any shell. Measure the milk and add to egg, whisk together in the small bowl.

Add the milk egg mix into the dry ingredients and stir well to combine. Add corn, chives and cheese, mix gently.

Lightly spray a non-stick frying pan with oil. Heat the pan over medium heat.

Using one spoon of batter at a time, cook pikelets, in batches, for 1 to 2 minutes until bubbles form on surface and pop. Carefully turn.

Cook the other side for 1 to 2 minutes or until golden and cooked through.

Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Repeat with remaining batter. Butter the pikelets and arrange on a serving plate.

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**Wednesday Dance Troupe**

Miss Dann’s Dance Troupe group will commence this Wednesday 11 February at from 3:00pm—4:15pm.
STUDENT WELFARE

The Secret Ingredient to Student’s Success in School - Positive Parent Participation!
(adapted excerpt from Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose)

If you want the best outcomes for your child or young person then it’s important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child’s education as practical. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Taking part in school activities is one valuable way of participating in your children’s learning. But, participating as a parent can be much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple things you can do at home that will assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child.

These include: talking with your child about their day, hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and having had plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

- Find out what the school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets Berrima Public School apart from others.
- Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.
- Direct conversations through the correct channels such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.
- Become an advocate for the school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.
- Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.
- Consult with your child’s teacher about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

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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.

Netty Dubokovich... Chaplain....SPEAK LIFE
P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting tonight

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held at **7.30pm tonight** in the music room, next to the administration office.
I encourage all parents to come along to these meetings, held in week 3 and week 8 each term, to find out more about school happenings. As your representative body we make decisions about how to spend our money in the school. In order to cast a vote at our P&C meeting you need to make a gold coin donation to become a financial member of the association.

Tonight’s agenda is as follows:

1. Welcome – attendance and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

3. Matters arising from previous minutes:
   - Kitchen deck completion
   - Carpathon plans

4. Correspondence in/out

5. Treasurers Report

6. Uniform Report

7. Market Report
   1. Request for funds for advertising, equipment
   2. Discussion re payment for Market coordinator position

8. Principal’s Report (including Building report)

9. General Business
   1. Southern Highlands Spring Auto Fair – proposal to hold this event at BPS
   2. Successful Arts Grant for Lantern Walk
   3. Request for money for kitchen classes
   4. Plan for 2015 events – what P&C contributions will be required

10. Close of meeting (hopefully no later than 9pm)

Given that we have a lot to discuss tonight and we aim to finish these meetings by 9pm we can’t accept any more General Business items for the agenda this evening.

I look forward to seeing lots of parents there tonight.
CARPATHON NEWS.....

A registration form is attached to this newsletter. School families can send this in before the carpathon or simply complete the form and register on the day you choose to fish. Don’t forget drinks at the Surveyor General on Saturday 21st Feb as a welcome to new parents. The entertainment at the SG starts at 5pm, after the carpathon daily ‘weigh-in’. Attached to this newsletter is a roster that we need to fill for BBQ and registration duty on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you are able to help out in any of these timeslots please let me know.

Thanks,
Megan
M: 0413 482 731
E: moorefamily21@bigpond.com

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2015 BERRIMA CARPATHON
REGISTRATION FORM

FISHING SESSIONS:
Friday 20th February  12pm- 4pm  Saturday 21st
February  8am – 4pm  Sunday 22nd February
8am – 12pm

REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 7.00am ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUN-
DAY MORNINGS AT THE ‘CARP TENT’ IN THE MARKETPLACE PARK, BERRIMA. YOU
MUST BE REGISTERED TO HAVE YOUR ENTRIES RECORDED AND WEIGHED.

WEIGH IN WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF EVERY FISHING SESSION AT THE
MARKETPLACE PARK, BERRIMA. DAILY PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THIS TIME.

NAME:__________________________________________________________

ENTRY FEE:  $10 PER CHILD☐  $15 PER ADULT☐  $25 PER FAMILY☐

ONE OFF ENTRY FEE ALLOWS YOU TO FISH ALL WEEK-
END!

AGES(IF UNDER 18):

SCHOOL ATTENDED:____________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS:____________________________________________________

ADDRESS:___________________________________________________________

CONTACT NO:________________________________________________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:________________________

I, the undersigned, state that I accept and agree to abide by the rules and conditions laid down for
this  competition.  I agree to indemnify Berrima Public School P&C Association and its officials from
any  claim for any damage, loss, or injury incurred during this competition.

Signed:__________________________________________
(Parent or Guardian if under 18)
**EXCITING EVENT COMING TO BOWRAL**

Wingecarribee Aboriginal Cluster Group (WACG) are proud to present the first ever.....

Wingecarribee Aboriginal Community Services Expo & Family Fun Day!!

Things to expect on the day:

40+ information stalls from a huge range of services to the area including employment, health, disability, aged care, carers, mental health, AMS, Centrelink, Transport, Law Access, employment & a heap of fun too...

The hilarious Sean Choolburra will be MC for the day!!

Performances by traditional dancers and singing groups, jumping castles, fly wall, mechanical surf boards, koori-oke, petting zoo, facepainting, lucky door prizes and many more giveaways

.........and don’t forget the free feed too!!
Grab your mob and come on down!!

**When**: February 20\(^{th}\)  **Time**: 2-7pm

**Where**: 15-17 Kirkham Rd, Bowral

Free Transport is available: Please call Janice at Southern Highlands Community transport Ph: 48723722