Library Classes

Now that our new classroom has come on line the School Library can return to its primary role.
As mentioned previously, Mrs Newey our Teacher Librarian is taking leave from her position at Berrima to work at building up a Library at another school. Fortunately for us this will allow a little more flexibility to place library lessons in times other than peak learning time on Tuesdays.

Beginning this week your child will have their library lesson and borrowing during their class teachers release from face to face teaching time. This will of course mean that there will be different days to borrow for each class.

In addition to this it will also be possible to open the library for quiet reading or borrowing before school. Parents are also welcome to come into the library to exchange books with their children at this time.

The library will open at 8:30 until 8:55 in preparation for assembly. The library will NOT be open on Friday morning because of the Friday run.

Ethics Classes

We have been offered the services of a trained ethics presenter to begin work at our school. We will begin with one group of children from Years 5/6. As more presenters become trained or available, the number of classes will be expanded. Lessons for our first group will begin next week.
Doing Things Together

Our first, Doing Things Together Day, went off very smoothly thanks to Mrs Young-Whitford’s organisation of the day. All the groups mixed really well, the activities were all engaging and the children enjoyed the opportunity to make some new friends or renew acquaintances. It will be interesting to see how this program develops as there is still scope to add innovative ideas to the mix of activities. Well done to all involved and thank you to Tim Lancaster for capturing the photographic moments.

School Photographs

Things ran very smoothly for the taking of school photographs last Thursday. Classes moved through quickly having their group photograph followed by their individual photographs all running to time with minimal interruption to the school day.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 13 March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Mulch

Thanks to the people who have taken advantage of the availability of mulch from the school. We are gradually working down the quantities available. Get in soon so you don’t miss out.

Playgroup

If you would still like to attend Playgroup on Monday morning from 9:00am—10:00am please let Belinda know in the office. At this stage we have 4 interested families, however due to unforeseen circumstances Playgroup is not getting enough families turning up for it to be a success. If you have changed your mind and have decided not to attend please let Belinda know.
Mimi and Brianna enjoying their PBS lesson about identity where they drew around themselves and made clothes for their figure.

P & C NEWS

P&C AGM – Monday 16 March

This is a reminder that we will be holding the P&C AGM at 7.30pm next Monday night. At this time many of the roles on our committee will become available and we will need new people to fill these roles. Following this is a document outlining the positions available and a description of each role.

To continue supporting all the fabulous activities going on at Berrima Public School we need to ensure the ongoing commitment to the P&C. If you’re thinking about becoming involved but scared to take on too much then you could always ‘job share’ with a friend or fellow parent. People have often asked me how much time is involved being on the P&C committee. My answer to that is as much time as you want to give. Presidents before me have been Mums or Dads that have worked full time. As long as you have a willing body of parents to help and to delegate tasks to, a P&C can work. Unfortunately I know of many local schools that haven’t been able to get anyone to commit to take on roles within the P&C so their parent body organisations have folded. Given all the hard work put into developing our resources in this school community we can’t afford for this to happen at Berrima.

Our lives are all busy and there is no ‘right’ or ‘good’ time to take on a role but if you’re thinking about it please do step forward. Being involved in your child’s school is such a positive experience and our children always love to see us being active and helping out in the school. For the most part our meetings have been held in the evenings as the current ‘executive’ of the P&C is available to attend at these times. We also need to fit in with Mr Ryan as he needs to attend the meetings. It really is dependent on the availability of the executive as to when you meet. The executive of the P&C is considered to be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

I won’t be at school this week but if you would like to chat with me about any of the roles please give me a call on my mobile 0413 482 731 or send me an email: moorefamily21@bigpond.com.

I look forward to seeing you next Monday evening.
Megan
Berrima Public School P&C Roles and Responsibilities

All parents and carers of students enrolled at the school are eligible to be members of the school’s P&C Association. Parents, Carers and citizens must pay the membership fee of $2 to become a financial member of the P&C. All financial members have the right to stand for office, move motions and vote. For more information about the role of the P&C within a school look at the website www.pandc.org.au. The P&C Executive Committee consists of the associations office bearers:

**President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer**

In addition to these executive roles are the following positions:

- **Uniform Shop manager**
- **Uniform Shop Treasurer**
- **Fundraising Co-ordinator**

At the P&C meeting on Monday night all positions will be declared vacant and elections will be held for office bearers. The positions available are listed below with a brief summary of responsibilities:

**President**

Responsibilities:
- Successful functioning of the P&C
- The attainment of the P&C’s objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C’s spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being a signatory on the P&C’s bank accounts
- Chairing meetings

**Vice president**

Responsibilities:
- Providing support for the President and all other members of the Executive committee
- Chair meetings when the President is absent

**Secretary**

Prepares agenda for meetings
- Prepare and present the minutes of the Association’s meetings
- Record and deal with ingoing and outgoing correspondence
- Record and maintain information pertaining to the activities of the P&C

**Treasurer**

Overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C, including all subcommittee accounts
- Prepare an annual budget and plan for the P&C in consultation with the executive committee
- Keep accurate records of receipts and expenditure

**Uniform Shop Manager**

Maintains and control inventory
- Orders stock when needed
- Sets the pricing for items in stock
- Opens the shop to the school community and assists with uniform enquiries

**Uniform Shop Treasurer**

Responsible for invoices and payments for purchases made for the Uniform shop
- Manages the funds/accounts for Uniform shop

**Fundraising Co-ordinator**

Develops and implements ideas within the school community to assist with raising funds for Berrima Public School
- Enlists support and ideas from other parents to help with fundraising
SUCCESSFUL MARKET

The first revamped Berrima Schoolyard Market really was a delight! The atmosphere was great, the visitor numbers quite high and positive comments from both stall holders and visitors were abound. But of course the most important reason why it was so good was the funds for the school that it generated.
Funds raised for the school were $2200 from stall holder fees and the kitchen café. $1,200 of this came from the kitchen café and this was just selling coffee and cakes!
Most parents who volunteered that day were individually thanked via Facebook but a huge thankyou once again for your time and effort.

MARKET NEEDS;
If you could help provide the following for the next markets, cakes, scones, muffins, star pickets (for banners), receipt books and a spike holder to put café orders on.
Please email me at info@theschoolyrdmkts.org or 0488004421. Thank you very much in advance.

ART CLASSES:
Two on offer now:
6-12 years
3-5 years
Head to:
http://www.kidsartquest.com/berrima-markets/

Book in a visit March 22nd for our next super fun charged Market.

Latesha

STUDENT WELFARE
Adapted from www.raisingchildren.net.au

When it comes to games, playing the game matters more than winning, but some healthy competition is also good for children when it’s handled well.
You can teach your child about fair play and how to cope with the disappointment of losing.

Children learn about fair play by watching what you say and do. Following the rules, accepting referee decisions and being a good sport yourself all set a great example for your children. You can be a good role model on the sidelines too by saying things like: ‘Better luck next time’; ‘Good try’; ‘Well played’.

Playing fair is about learning the rules of the game and putting them into practice, whether they’re special family rules for card or board games or the rules at Saturday football. This way, everyone gets to enjoy the experience.

Fair play is also about learning social rules, taking turns and being polite. For children, it might mean helping out another child who is having trouble with the game, or giving others a fair go at winning. In some games, there may be room for making up new rules, which can be a great way to solve problems collaboratively and encourage children to be flexible.

Tips to help your child learn about fair play and enjoying the game

Children younger than about six or seven find it hard to see other people’s perspectives, so formal rules might not make sense until they’re older.
Give your child the chance to play lots of different games. Try pretend play, board and ball games, competitive games of skill eg. chess, competitive games of chance, and cooperative games eg. charades.

Find a range of playmates. It’s good for your child to play with children who are older & younger, as well as the same age. For example, he can learn to be responsible by looking out for younger children and maybe showing them the rules. Older children can be good role models for younger kids.
Go over the rules of the game. Before kids start playing, make sure everyone knows the rules of the game. The younger the child, the simpler the rules need to be.

Introduce some social rules. They need to learn to wait for their turn & reassure them that their turn is coming. Keep the game simple & waiting time short while encouraging them to be polite too eg. congratulating others when they win.
Point out what your child did well. Eg. ‘I thought it was great the way you shook hands with the other child at the end of the game’.
Give feedback. Praise your child for sharing, taking turns and other examples of fair play.

Introducing your children to cooperative games and team sports is a good way to encourage them to learn how to cooperate in a team and compete against opponents. Cooperative games help children develop comradeship, negotiation, acceptance and responsibility for others. Eg. Co-operative games include charades and guessing games. Co-operating in a team helps kids learn social rules and fair play skills. Children want the team to do well and don’t want to let their team mates down. This means they’re more likely to follow the rules and work together to get the best result.

Netty Dubokovich....Chaplain... "SPEAKLIFE"
**Community News**

**JOIN THE CLUB TODAY! DESPICABLE ME BOWLING CLUB**
Bowl & Get A Bowling Ball or Pin Featuring DESPICABLE ME Characters

Highlands Tenpin MINION Rewards League
Bowl 3 games any day or time!
Mixed Adults/Children: $26.00 per week
Starts: 16th March. Runs: 24 Weeks
(Receive ball at the end of the league)

**Bowl and Get A Bowling Ball or Pin Featuring The Characters From The Despicable Me Film!**
When you bowl in the Despicable Me Bowling Club you get a Despicable Me characters bowling ball or pin. You can choose between the Minions or The Gru Family. Minions are available in red, blue, yellow, purple or green. Gru Familyis available in red, blue, yellow or green.
Balls are delivered and available in 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15.6 & 16 lbs.
Pin on registration form.

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**Want to have fun and play Soccer**
Play for the Mittagong Soccer Club
In a fun and friendly environment

We still require players for the following teams
1 more Under 6
1 more Under 7
2 or more Under 8
2 or more Under 11
For Boys and Girls

Please contact Nez on 0414 887 447 to register
Registrations close Wednesday 11th March

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**Camp Wombaroo**
**School Holiday Day Adventure Camps**

FROM AGES 8 - 16 YEARS • $49 PER PARTICIPANT PER DAY
BOOK 3 OR MORE DAYS AND GET 10% OFF • ONLY $44 PER DAY
DROP OFF FROM 8.00AM • PICK UP 5.00PM - 6.00PM

Camp Wombaroo 160 Small Frame Rd, High Range (just 15 mins from Mittagong)
For more info visit www.campwombaroo.org or call us on 02 4873 5333
THE NEATE SWIM SCHOOL

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM & TERM 2 LESSONS

We will be holding an Intensive Learn to Swim Program during the Easter school holidays from 13th to 17th April 2015. These will be group lessons of up to 4 children of same level swimmers. Cost is $50 per child for the 5 days. This program has been very successful in the past as it gives the opportunity of swimming every day and the student’s progress at a much faster rate. We are taking bookings now so please phone the office on 02 48 212553 to reserve your place or for more information.

We are also taking bookings for all levels of swimmers (infants to squad level & adults) for Term 2 lessons. There are limited spots available on certain days.

We also conduct swimming lessons for children with disabilities of all levels & ages. We have a pool hoist & water wheelchair for easy access to the pool if required.

Gentle hydro exercises are also available Tuesday nights at 7pm.

Please call the office on 02 48 212553 for more information.

Jenny & Ron Neate

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Free public forum

Find out more about common Anxiety Disorders including:

- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Social Anxiety Disorder
- Panic Disorder (panic attacks)
- Agoraphobia
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Generalised Anxiety Disorder

...and learn about what helps recovery, and what services are available in your area.

**Date:** Tuesday, 31 March 2015

**Time:** 6:00pm for 6:30pm start (tea and coffee provided)

**Location:** Mittagong RSL
Old Hume Highway, Mittagong

**Speakers:**

- **Dr Rocco Crino**, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, Charles Sturt University, will give an overview of Anxiety Disorders.
- **Ms Julie Leitch** will speak about her experience living with and her treatment for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.
- **Jenny Learmont AM** will speak about her experience as a carer. Numbers are limited. Please RSVP by 23rd March 2015 to

Julie on (02) 9339 6003 or jleitch@mentalhealth.asn.au

Thanks to the Wingecarribee Health Association for Men for their help and support with this event.