NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 WEEK 11 - 2014

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

April
Monday 7 School Performance—'The Right Balance' 1:45 p.m. 4/5/6 room
Tuesday 8 Bong Bong Cross Country - Donations for cake stall are needed
- Red sports uniform

Friday 11 No Friday run - Blue uniform
End of term assembly 1:15 p.m.
Hat parade 2:15 p.m.
End term 2—School resumes Tuesday April 29

Sunday 13 Berrima School Yard Markets

Friday 25 Village ANZAC Day services
5.30am Dawn service
10.30am Morning service

Monday 28 Staff Development day

Tuesday 29 Students return to school

A busy term draws to a close...

The children are well and truly ready for a rest. Attendance is down with quite a few children experiencing illnesses that have seen them off school for a number of days. Hopefully there will be lots of sunshine over the Easter Break to burn up the germs.

There remain a couple of events to complete before the end of term;
- The Right Balance - Puppet Performance today.
- The Bong Bong Cross Country tomorrow.
- The End of term assembly and Easter Hat Parade on Friday.
All these events are fun and positive experiences for our children—a nice way to finish our first term!

Last week we hosted a group from the Native Plant Society who came to hear a presentation from Lucy Turner. The members of this organisation also heard about our garden program from Kimo and then came to afternoon tea in our kitchen. Thank you to Jo Kennedy for organising/cooking and coordinating the afternoon tea. Thanks to those parents who sent food in and to our fabulous waiting staff of Denise, Lauren and Ava [blank], Kimo and Jenna [blank].

While on the subject of thanking people I would like to take this opportunity at the end of term to thank all the parents and carers who volunteer their time to help out at our school. This involvement really helps in the smooth running of all our programs and events.
Easter Hat Parade this Friday
As is the tradition at Berrima we will be having the Easter Hat parade this Friday. Hats will be made at school on the day. We will be making the hats in the session between recess and lunch. Children may of course bring along materials with which to decorate their hats. Additional Creation Station materials would be appreciated in the time leading up to the hat making. Parents are also welcome to come along and assist children in the classrooms. A few extra hands are always appreciated on these days.

There will be an early lunch at 12:30. The end of term assembly will begin at 1:15 p.m. We welcome extended families and friends to come along and attend our end of term assembly.

At 2:15 the students will return to classrooms to collect our hats for the parade of the extraordinary and unbelievable creations. This will be followed by our Easter Egg hunt in the playground. All the fun will conclude at 2:55 in time for the bus.

Planning 2015
With the end of term rapidly approaching we are beginning the forward planning process. If you have a child whom you intend to enrol for kindergarten next year could you please let Belinda know in the office. Also if you know of families who may not have a sibling already at the school and will have a child ready for kindergarten in 2015, suggest that they too should get in touch with the school. It is looking like there will be an additional class in 2015 and I want to be able ensure that a classroom is organized to be in place for the beginning of the new school year.

Voluntary School Contribution
Due to the school holidays we have decided to wait to send your voluntary contribution invoices out in Week 1 next term. Thanks to those families who have already paid.

Bong Bong Cross Country
Having been postponed from last Friday this event, with over 400 students from all the small schools, will be held tomorrow. I apologise and thank those dedicated parents who brought cakes in last Friday when the event had been cancelled. We will need items for the cake stall tomorrow and the forecast is looking good so the weather should be fine this time. Anyone who is available tomorrow, your help will be greatly appreciated on the sausage sizzle or on the cake stall.

School Markets this Sunday
Yes, it’s been a month (actually 5 weeks) since the last school market. Any parents available to help out on the BBQ this weekend please let me know. The first shift will start at 9.30, so I’ll need helpers after that time until 1.30pm. Callie is working hard at trying to grow our market but this is a hard task when we don’t have many people walking through the gate on market days. Please come along to support our stallholders. Our markets provide us with much needed funds to provide equipment, learning aids and experiences for our children. Please call me on 0413 482 731 if you can help out.
Thanks,
Megan Moore

Headlice
Just when we thought they were gone.....The school has been informed that there has been another outbreak of headlice. Can you please check your child/ren’s hair tonight and if need be please treat immediately.
Young Leaders Day
On Monday 31st March, Year 6 headed to the Qantas Credit Union Arena for Young Leaders Day. On this day they learnt from 5 Australian leaders what it takes to be a good leader and how they can start being leaders now. They represented our school beautifully through their behaviour and their display of leadership. They most enjoyed listening to Andy Griffiths, the well-known children’s author and Coen Ashton, a 16 yr old with an amazing story. They had a lot to think about and bring back to the school. Thank you Ros Caddy for joining us and helping out on the day.

ANZAC Service
A reminder, the ANZAC Day services will be held at the village memorial at 5.30am and at 10.30am. Berrima students attending the 10.30am service should be wearing their full school uniform as the students will stand together.
We have been asked by the service organisers to again make the sprigs of rosemary to hand out on the day. If you can assist please contact Belinda or Megan at the office.

Pumpkin Competition
The pumpkin has been requested to feature at our markets this Sunday, therefore we will not finalise the competition this week. The winner will be announced in the first week of term 2. Be sure to look out for Jeffrey at the markets and get your entries in quickly.
STUDENT WELFARE

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO RILEY GOLDSMITH in Kindergarten, who was one of seven winners in the recent Wingecarribee Shire Council “Road Safety Rules at Schools- Starts at Home First” colouring in competition for Kinder & Yr 1. He will be presented with a School Pack consisting of back pack, pencil case, pencils, drink bottle & lunch box at assembly tomorrow. We used this activity as our first Better Buddy initiative with Yr 5 & Kindergarten earlier this term.

Term 2: National Buddy Day 2014
Friday 13th June, is National Buddy Day for primary schools across Australia to ‘Band Together’ with a buddy – challenging teams of kids and/or adults to join forces, literally - with a ribbon, velcro band or a scrunchie – and complete activities together.

National Buddy Day is an initiative of NAB and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation that our school participates in with buddies betweenyr 5 students & kindergarten. It was created to raise awareness about the issue of bullying amongst primary school-aged children.

Now is the perfect time to pick a buddy & start planning what activities we can do to support the Foundation and Better Buddies. We will look at this further next term, but activities could be used as fund raisers for the school or to donate to a cause outside the school, as a random act of kindness.

Buddy Day activities-(Simple act of kindness)
Kindness is proven to have a multitude of social, emotional, and physical and mental health benefits, and studies conclude that integrating kindness-based programs is an effective way of reducing bullying in schools.

The Ripple Kindness Project has developed a Better Buddies activity that introduces acts of kindness to buddy teams in primary schools.

In the activity, buddies work together to brainstorm and carry out simple acts of kindness that allow the giver, receiver and onlooker to experience addictive, feel good emotions that leave them with a sense of purpose, inclusion and happiness.

Ripple Kindness Project provides an on-going, whole school curriculum to foster kindness through positive psychology within primary schools. This works incredibly with the ongoing Happiness Day Theme we have been fostering in recent weeks. www.ripplekindness.org.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY: POSITIVE POSTERS 2014 COMPETITION-(closes 9/5/14)


“What it means to be Mentally Healthy”— Prizes for Students & Schools!
• All entries must include one of the following slogans:
  • Every face has a place
  • Knowing me, knowing you and getting along too
  • Schools and families caring for kids
  • Getting help is cool in a KidsMatter school.

The slogan must be legible and use correct spelling. Read the Terms and conditions

Be creative!

Students can make their original designs on a blank sheet of A4 paper. Write their full name, age, year level, school and state on the back of their artwork. Or, use this Proforma [26KB] Word (Word) to attach to the designs Designs could be drawings, paintings, digital designs … just remember that final entries must be two dimensional.

The categories are:
  Junior Primary (Kindergarten to Year 3)
  Upper Primary (Year 4 to Year 7).

Netty Dubokovich-Chaplain “SPEAK LIFE”
Silver-beet, Herb & Cheese Frittata

Recipe source: adapted from SAKG cooking with kids page 202

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<td>Chopping board</td>
<td>4 cloves garlic</td>
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<td>Knife 1 small</td>
<td>8-10 stems silver-beet or chard</td>
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<td>Bowls 1 small, 1 medium, 1 large</td>
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What to do: all cutting tasks must have an adult watching

Set out the chopping board and knife, peel and cut the onion in half. Place the halves flat side down on the chopping board and thinly slice into half rings, put in a medium bowl.
Wash the silver-beet leaves well, cut out the stems and slice the stems thinly put in the bowl with the onion.
Peel the garlic and crush with the garlic crusher or chop with herb chopper. Add to the onions.
Heat the frying pan and melt 30 grams butter. Add garlic, onion and silver-beet stems. Cook for 5 min on a medium heat, stirring with a wooden spoon. Split this mixture between the 2 pans
Now slice the leaves by rolling them to make a sausage shape and slice these, put in a large bowl.
Break the eggs, one at a time into small bowl, check for shell then put into large bowl. Whisk the eggs well, add salt.
Grate the cheese.
Add eggs to the pan, reduce the heat to low and scatter the silver-beet shreds over the top. Cover and cook for 8-10 minutes
At this stage you should be able to do your washing up
Loosen edges with lifter when loose, have an adult turn it out onto a plate then slide back into the pan for 2min, turn off power and cover to keep it warm. Turn onto plates to serve.
Open 5 Days a Week 52 Weeks a year Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm (Excludes Public Holidays)

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The program on the left outlines the main theme / activities for each day this school holidays. Your child will also enjoy our regular daily activities which are ongoing every day. They include, painting, collage, craft, colouring in, puzzles, construction, play dough, team and individual sports, outdoor games, cooking, reading, quiet times and just playing with new friends. We also have a 10 plus group for children who are 10 or older.

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Half Price Child Care
Child Care Rebate for working or studying Families is 50% off all fees paid.

$40.00 per day, if booked & paid by Friday 4th of April 2014, 1 week prior holidays commencing.
$45.00 per day after the 4th of April 2014.

Fees can be reduced by child Care Benefit. $120,000.00 is the approx cut off for eligible families.
For a more detailed and accurate fee calculation phone Centrelink on 136150 from 8am - 6pm Monday - Friday or go on the Centrelink web site www.centrelink.gov.au and get you personal Child Care Benefit (CCB) percentage, then phone MV OOSH on 0417404063 for an accurate quote.

Before School Care 5 days a week Monday - Friday 7am - 9am
After School Care 5 days a week Monday - Friday 3pm - 6pm.

Casual Bookings Welcome

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**BONG BONG CROSS COUNTRY MENU – TUESDAY 8 APRIL**

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**NetSetGO!** Netball for 5-7 year olds. Learn skills and basics and get a netball goody bag. $60 for 10 weeks. Trial session and registration 9.30am, 3rd May at Eridge Park. Contact Kylie on shna.netsetgo@gmail.com

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**NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

For more Discovery activities across NSW visit: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Program Summary - April 2014

Tuesday 15th WilderQuest – Meet the Ranger
Wednesday 16th WilderQuest – Forest Flyers Kites & Gliders
Wednesday 16th WilderQuest – Sand Sculptures & Sea Stories
Thursday 17th WilderQuest – Meet the Ranger
Thursday 17th Saved! Photography Workshop
Saturday 19th Traditional Tool Making
Tuesday 22nd WilderQuest – Meet the Ranger
Wednesday 23rd Discovery Trail Kayak Tour
Wednesday 23rd Forests Alive at Night
Thursday 24th WilderQuest – Meet the Ranger