Principal’s Message

We wish our Regional Swimming Representatives all the best at Dapto Pool this Friday! We are sure you will all be performing personal bests.

Thank you to everyone that came along to our P&C meeting this week. The year is off to a very busy start and the team are all excited about the year ahead. A long standing community member of our P&C, Mrs Sue Clayton, has very kindly donated funds towards the purchase of iPads in our school. We would like to thank Sue for this generous donation as well as her tireless support of our school over many years.

The Order Forms for our School Photos have been distributed last week. Please return these forms to the Front Office as soon as possible. The photographer will be at the school taking the photos of our students on Tuesday 11 March. Please ensure that your child is in a full school uniform. The green and white ‘summer’ shifts that some students are wearing this year are not officially part of our Berridale Public School uniform and must not be worn for the school photos. Please contact the Front Office for clarification of the correct school uniform.

Dates have been confirmed for this year’s whole school musical. Please pencil Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 June into your diary for this event. All students will be involved in both matinee and evening performances. Auditions for the Stage 3 students have begun and everyone is already very excited about the performance. More details and information will be available for families closer to the event.

Meg Couvee
Principal
### Calendar Dates
#### Term 1, 2014

| Week 6 | Monday 3rd March | • P&C Meeting at 3.30pm in the Library  
• Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto Pool |
| Week 7 | Tuesday 11th March | • Annual School Photos |

### Merit Awards

At Berridale Public School we are always trying to do our best towards a better world.

**Values Awards**

At Berridale Public School we are doing our best to create a friendly happy school.

**VALUE FOCUS** – “Playing games fairly”

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**Student Leader’s Message**

On behalf of Berridale Public School we would like to thank Mrs Clayton for being such a valued part of our school P&C for many years. She has also donated our latest iPad. We are very grateful for this donation and plan to use this iPad for many new learning experiences.

By Emma and Brodie

The Stage 3 Melbourne Excursion will be coming up in Term 2. The school will be doing fundraising such as selling kites and having a pancake day to make it easier for parents to afford this worthwhile experience.

**Student Banking**

Student Banking is available every Monday. Applications for a Commonwealth account are available at the Front Office.

**School Photos**

School photos are being taken next Tuesday the 11th of March. If you wish to purchase photos – envelopes must be returned with payment by Tuesday.

**Berridale OOSHC**

**AGM:**
Date: Monday 24th of March
Time: 7.30pm
Place: Baayna Hall
All interested parents and community members are welcome.

**Wish List:**
- Fruit
- Hand wash for the bathrooms

If families attending OOSHC can please bring in one of the items from our wish list, it really helps to keep our costs down.

Thank you from all at OOSHC.
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Regional Swimmers
Best of luck to our regional swimmers - Jake Taylor, Griffin Swan, Hamish Schwarz and Will Cahill - who will be competing in the senior relay for Berridale Public School. Will and Hamish will be swimming for our district in individual events too.

Cross Country

Hopefully, most kids will already be training for the X-Country which will be held at school in two weeks time. K-2 students will do a 1km run, 8’s, 9’s, and 10 year olds will do the 2km course and our seniors will do a 3km run. The X-Country is compulsory for all students. It is always a great day for spectators and cheer squads to come along. Children can come to school in house colours. More details are to follow soon.

Athletics

Our field events are well underway on Fridays each week. Thanks to the parents who have managed to drop by to lend a hand and show some encouragement for our competitors. The big news from last Friday on the high jump pitch was that Jordan Lowe jumped a record height of 122cm! This is a school record I believe. Congratulations Jordan! We will have to try to get in some more practice before you head off to district. Junior girls will be doing high jump eliminations this Friday, while the 11’s and seniors are doing long jump and junior boys at shot put and discuss.

Petrina Baff

School Self Evaluation is a vital element in the process of continuous improvement at Berridale PS. There are three aspects which will be evaluated during 2014 – an Explicit Improvement Agenda / Targeted Use of School Resources / an Expert Teaching Team. Please consider coming along to the P&C meetings each month to learn more about this process and have input into the future direction of our school.

The Annual School Report for 2013 has been finalised and will be uploaded to our school website for those families that would like to print a copy.

The school is updating the Health Care Plans for those students requiring support and / or medication for their health care needs. Please ensure that forms are returned to Front Office as soon as possible.

Homework (Home Learning) help. Do you struggle to understand your child's homework (Home Learning)? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z
Community News

Berridale Soccer Club Junior Comp Registration is now open!

Junior soccer has a big emphasis on fun and participation for all children, boys and girls, aged 13 and under this year (with a great group of parents also!).

Registrations are now open for winter soccer for 2014. Games are played on Saturday mornings starting on 3rd May until early September.

The cost of registration is $100 for the season and includes an end of season Gala day with BBQ, trophy and gift bag for each player. A Family discount rate of $5 per additional child will be refunded to each eligible family after full payment has been made.

For the first time this year registrations are online! Follow the instructions below;

Go the [register now](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) box, on the right hand side of the page.
Go to [Player registration](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)
Choose the third option ([create FFA account](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)), unless you have previously registered on line
Complete the forms as instructed.
Use the details in the registration email to complete registration.
When prompted to search for a club, choose Cooma SC
When prompted for ‘registration package’, choose ‘Berridale’ and ‘Add package’
Then go to ‘Pay online now’ (You will need a credit card to pay online). - It is important that you open this page for the registration to be accepted even if you don't wish to pay online at this time otherwise your child’s registration will be deleted. If you are unable to pay for any reason please call Narelle and we will make an alternate arrangement.

For more information contact Narelle on 0418890567 or [caloffroad_accounts@bigpond.com](mailto:caloffroad_accounts@bigpond.com)

Free Dental Services for Children

Free dental care for children is available in Cooma. Clinics are held on Mondays and Tuesdays. Brochures with more information are at the Front Office.
“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.”

Here’s a nice breakdown of what it takes to get places. The brains in your head give your body the directions it needs to take you where you want to go. You just have to know where it is you want to go. Determining your destination is priority one. What the brain can dream up, the body can fulfill as long as there is a strong determination and a clear vision of what it is that is wanted. The great part is that this is all up to you, you have plenty of choices, and there are countless directions that you can head.