Principal’s Message

Congratulations to our Regional Swimming Representatives who represented the Snowy Mountains Region at Dapto Pool last Friday! We are very proud of you all!

Included with this Newsletter is a really important survey that we are asking all families to complete and return to the Front Office as soon as possible. As well as updating our contact details (including emergency contacts) this survey asks for information that must be updated on the database prior to the Department of Education accessing our information early in Term 2. As most families would be aware, the allocation of funding to schools has changed significantly and is now dependent on the accuracy of the information provided by families (usually upon enrolment) and recorded on our system. In the past, it has been rare for us to update the information unless a family notifies us of a change in their circumstances. To ensure that Berridale PS receives the appropriate funding in 2015 we are asking families to update this important information in our system by completing the survey as accurately as possible. If you are unsure or have questions about the survey please feel free to contact the Front Office for advice. The P&C have also generously offered to support families in completing these surveys. Please make contact with any of the P&C members for more information.

School Photos will be taken 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. Spare Order Forms are available from the Front Office.

Mrs Milliken and some enthusiastic community members are organising a Crazy Hair Day for students at Berridale PS on Friday 14 March to raise money for Cancer Research. Please support this worthwhile initiative.

On Wednesday 19 March the State Library will be visiting Berridale PS with the “Far Out!” Program. The group will share some its information and artefacts about the First Fleet with students in Stage 2 and 3. I have heard that a pair of Captain Cook’s buckles from his shoes will be just one of the many items on display. This is yet another opportunity for students to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Family and community members are more than welcome to join us. There is no cost to families for this event.

The Berridale School X Country Carnival is coming up on Thursday 20 March. Students have building their fitness through Physical Education lessons and are keen to compete in this event. Representatives will be selected from this carnival to compete at the District X Country being held at Nimmitabel on 3 April.

Meg Couvee
Principal
## Calendar Dates

**Term 1, 2014**

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## Sports News

### Swimming

Well done to our Regional Swimmers in Dapto last week. The boys all arrived looking quite nervous but soon relaxed to enjoy the atmosphere amongst some very dedicated and amazing swimmers. You can’t help but feel like you’re watching a few mini-Olympians at this level of competition. Our boys swam well and represented our school beautifully.
School Cross Country
Our School Cross Country Carnival is going to be help next Thursday the 20th of March. All students from K-6 will be involved. House colours are the order of the day. I hope lots of kids are out running to prepare.

5, 6, 7 years – 1km
8, 9, 10 years – 2km
11, 12, 13 years – 3km

Friday Athletics
This Friday we will be doing a third rotation of a skills session in preparation for the following Fridays PSSA selections.
Senior girls & boys and 11 years boys & girls will be doing Shot Put and Discus with Mr Smith
Junior boys will going to High Jump with Mrs Baff
Junior girls to Long Jump with Mr McLeod

Petrina Baff

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Wow! Look what has arrived! We are now the proud owners of our own set of drums to accommodate up to 9 children at a time. Lots of other goodies including a full class set of magnetic whiteboards & markers, coloured pencils and library bags have also arrived. This very generous program is so worthwhile and your efforts collecting stickers and sending them in have paid off. This haul is worth a few thousand dollars – so THANK YOU to our community!
Canteen News

The Canteen is now selling gluten free cakes and biscuits!

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2014 homework (home learning) planner. The best homework (home learning) help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework (home learning) and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.


**Maths A to Z**

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.


**Great books for tweens to read**

Favourite books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!


**Science assignment starters**

Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters.


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Community News

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**For Sale**

exBlades – Soccer Boots

Size: 1 (UK)

Brand new and still in the box

Price: $30

Phone: Amarley on 0421 322 191

*** also a second hand pair available for $10 (UK size 12yr)
P&C News

Meeting News – The following were put to a vote at the recent P&C Meeting:
- The P&C hold a wood raffle at the Lions Club Easter Fair with a cake stall;
- A P&C Facebook page be created to help spread information (a closed group, with a few administrators to assist);
- The P&C help subsidise the Stage 3 Melbourne Excursion – with the amount to be discussed after fundraising efforts and prior to 30th May.
- Meetings to be trialled once a term at 5.30pm, beginning on 7th April 2014.

School Survey Raffle – In recognizing how important it is to get absolutely every Survey completed and returned so that the School can get as much funding as absolutely possible from the government, the P&C are holding a raffle. All you need to do is complete your form and your family will automatically be entered to win a $40 Woolworths gift voucher. If you have any trouble answering the survey please just approach the office, or any member of the P&C will be more than happy to assist!

Membership – Membership forms are available in the office – just 50c to join – so that you can be kept up to date on everything going on, and have your say in any decisions by the Committee (whether you can make it our meetings or not).

Canteen – Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that have already helped out! A Canteen Roster Sheet is located in the office if you can spare some time on Monday mornings.

Smencils – Are still available to buy at the office - get in before they run out!!

Keep the Date:
Monday, 7th April 2014 at 5.30pm – Next P&C General Meeting in the library – hope you can make it to the later time being trialled!

Easter Saturday, 19 April 2014 – Lions Club Easter Fair – Cake Stall and Wood raffle. We would love help on the day with volunteers to man the stall, and donations of cakes and baked goods to sell – or if you’re not the baking type donations of eggs, butter, flour, etc, will be put to great use!

Sunday, 27th April 2014 - BBQ Day at Bunnings Tuggeranong – let us know if you can help out with a couple of hours of your time on the day, or donations of sauce, napkins, bread, sausages or onions!

Thankyou
Berridale Public School P&C
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~ DR. SEUSS

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It’s great to get out there and try new things, and this phrase reminds us that fun things are out there waiting for us if we just seek them out. Fun is good, and it leads to happy feelings, and that is really the key to having success in life. Make it a point to try new things. They won’t all be fun, but it’s a sorting out process and you have to try many things to figure out which ones you like.
Easter Fair – Wood Raffle & Cake Stall – Help Sheet

Saturday, 19\textsuperscript{th} April 2014  
8.30am til 3.00pm

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