Principal’s Message

Thank you to those families that have completed and returned their Family Occupation and Educational Index Surveys to the Front Office. 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. If you are unsure or have questions about the survey please feel free to contact the Front Office for advice. Thank you to the P&C who have also generously offered to support families in completing these surveys as well as offering a Lucky Entrant prize of a Woolworths Gift Voucher for those families returning their surveys before the end of the term. Please make contact with any of the P&C members for more information.

Thank you to Mrs Milliken and some enthusiastic community members for organising a Crazy Hair Day for students at Berridale PS last Friday to raise money for Cancer Research. We would like to acknowledge the tremendous support of this initiative by our Berridale community and thank them for allowing their child’s participation as well as the generous donations.

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 been 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. All family and community members are more than welcome to join us on the day (and perhaps even man a station around the track for us). Please let Mrs Baff know if you are willing to help with the carnival.

Mrs Milliken is coordinating our Harmony Day celebrations this year. They will be held during our Better Buddy session on Monday 24 March. Combined with this event is a focus on the “National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence” – where the theme is Take a Stand Together. This day of celebration provides Berridale PS with the opportunity to promote our anti-bullying messages and programs as well as the chance for our Berridale students to ‘Take a Stand Together’ and send the very clear message that …. Bullying and violence are not OK at any time !

The Annual Variety Club Cycle (from Sydney to Uluru) is going to pass through Berridale on Tuesday 25 March. This charity group is planning to stop in and present information, as well as a generous donation to our school, as it passes through the Snowy Region. More information and details of the visit will be available shortly for those families that might like to join us on the day.

Meg Couvee
Principal
Berridale Public School
We are a ‘Nut Free’ School!

Calendar Dates
Term 1, 2014

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Student Leader’s Message

Pancake Day
Stage 3 is having a pancake café. Stage 3 is raising money to go to Melbourne. This will be held Friday the 28th of March. There will be sweet pancakes and we will need the orders for the pancakes by next Thursday. You can have your pancakes with sprinkles, ice cream, maple syrup, jam & cream, and sugar & lemon. The pancakes will cost $2.50 each. Stage 3 hope you can come to our Pancake day!

By Chelsea-Rose and Hayley
P&C News

Wood Raffle - Our annual Wood Raffle will be going on sale this week - tickets will be available at the School, Berridale Post Office and the Ampol Service Station, and then of course at the Lions Club Easter Fair. If you would like a book of tickets to sell just let us know!

School Survey Raffle – Don’t forget to hand in your School Survey ASAP – not only will you assist the School in getting as much funding as absolutely possible from the government, your family will 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!

Canteen –A Canteen Roster Sheet is located in the office if you can spare some time on Monday mornings, or if you can assist in a monthly ‘spring’ clean of the canteen. Thanks again to all our volunteers helping 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
E: berridalepnc@gmail.com

Berridale OOSHC

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

Wish List:
Fruit (we need lots as children enjoy their fruit in the afternoons)

Thanks to all the parents who are bringing in lots of fruit! The children are enjoying their fruit and veg plates!
Thank you from all at OOSHC.
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Sports News

Netball Gala Day
On the 26th of February a team of Stage 3 Netballers headed to Cooma to participate in the Monaro Schools Netball Gala Day. We played three games before we were washed out. The team had a win straight up against Jindabyne which gave us plenty of confidence. We then played a tough game against Bombala, but unfortunately lost. The final game was against St. Patrick’s who we were able to play neck and neck with until a late goal got them over the line. The team would like to give a huge thank you to Ann Baxendine for all of her help with training sessions and coaching tips on the day. Thanks also to Mel Dredge for her support on the day. Congratulations to the team!
Stage 2 and 3 AFL Gala Day
Notes should have been received at home by now regarding the AFL Gala Day in Jindabyne next Friday the 28th of March. All students from Stage 2 and 3 are encouraged to attend this fun and exciting day. No prior knowledge of AFL is needed as there will be skills taught on the day followed by some games. All notes are due back to the Front Office by next Wednesday the 26th of March so that travel arrangements can be finalised.

Tom Smith

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.


Sushi train. Brown rice sushi rolls are a nutritious change to pack for school lunches. Unlike white rice sushi, they can be made the night before, and the filling can be adapted to suit your child’s preferences. Pack in a chiller bag with an icepack and include some little soy sauce fish.


School A to Z app. Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

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

Wild Australia app. Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.


Student Wisdom

I had a Light Bulb Moment when I said that the Dr Seuss page in the Newsletter was a yellow thinking hat fact!

Joshua, Stage 1
Think and wonder, wonder and think.

In today’s world of multimedia flooding our senses at all times, it’s important to take time to just think. Unplug a bit and ponder big thoughts. There are so many movies, TV shows, video games, and music that fill our heads with someone else’s thoughts that it’s vital to clear your mind on occasion and see what your own thoughts are. Wonder about where you’re going, think about what you want. Ponder the great mystery of life and see what you come up with.

“Think and wonder, wonder and think.”

~ DR. SEUSS

— BRIGHT DROPS
### Easter Fair – Wood Raffle & Cake Stall – Help Sheet

**Saturday, 19\textsuperscript{th} April 2014**

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### Bunnings BBQ – Help Sheet

**Sunday, 27\textsuperscript{th} April 2014**

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