Principal’s Message

A reminder to all families that we really need ALL the Family Occupation and Educational Index Surveys to the Front Office as soon as possible. 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. Please make contact with any of the P&C members for more information.

Last week the State Library visited Berridale PS with the “Far Out!” Program. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and have once again broadened their learning beyond the classroom. Thank you to Mrs Riches and Mrs Milliken for arranging this event.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in our Berridale School X Country Carnival last week – I was very proud of the extraordinary efforts made to complete such a long run. We were very lucky with the weather and had lots of family members join us to help out on the day. We would like to thank everyone for their support. Representatives have been selected to compete at the District X Country being held at Nimmitabel on 3 April and must return their permission notes to the Front Office as soon as possible.

Our Harmony Day celebrations for this year will be held during our Better Buddy session this week. 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 passing 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.

Due to the inclement weather, the AFL Gala Day scheduled for this week has been postponed until Friday 4 April. All our Stage 2 and 3 students are expected to participate in this event. It is in place of our normal Sport session for the week. Both class teachers will accompanying the students on the day and normal classes will not operate for Stage 2 and 3 at Berridale PS. This is a fabulous opportunity to develop skills and have fun with students from across the Monaro. We look forward to seeing lots of photos of our talented players.

Meg Couvee
Principal
Calendar Dates

Term 1, 2014

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Berridale OOSHC

What a great roll up we had at our A.G.M. last night. Thanks to everyone who came along. Our new committee members are:
President: Jo Brewis
Secretary: Deb Schwarz
Treasurer: Fiona Corby
Public Officer: Anja Bartell
Staff Liaison: Lucy Morrell

A very big thank you goes to Sue Lowe for being our secretary for the past couple of years. OOSHC wishes Sue and her family all the best with their move.

Thank you from all at OOSHC.
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Sports News
Cross Country
Here are some photos from the Cross Country carnival!
Crazy Hair Day

We had such a fantastic day! We hope you enjoy some of the photos of our crazy hair!
P&C News

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!

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!

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. Let us know if there is anything you would like to be discussed.

Fundraisers:
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 with donations of sauce, napkins, bread, sausages or onions.

Smencils – We have more Smencils to sell in the front office! We have both coloured and lead pencils in a range of flavours, including: bubblegum, grape, cinnamon, black cherry, watermelon, tropical blast, very berry, orange and cotton candy. Please come in and support our fundraiser by purchasing a Smencil for $1.50 each.

Thankyou
Berridale Public School P&C
E: berridalepnc@gmail.com
Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries. The day runs from 10 am-2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

COST: $40 PER CHILD, and includes rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and DATES

Batemans Bay           Wednesday 23rd April 2014

Merimbula             Thursday 24th April 2014

To book, ring Stephen Thurstan, Primary Industries NSW, Ph 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190 or e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au

You have to be comfortable in your own skin, and this reminds us that it’s great to be ourselves. There’s no one else we can possibly be, and it’s a pleasant thought to think that it’s pleasant to be yourself. Being happy to be you is key to a happy existence, and it really doesn’t make any sense to be less than pleased to be you. There isn’t any way to be anyone else, but if there are things about yourself that you don’t really like, you can make changes to improve yourself and get to a point where you can agree with the quote above.