Week 11, Term 1 – Thursday, 9th April 2014

Principal’s Message

A final 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.

Congratulations to all our students that competed at the District X Country Carnival at Nimmitabel last week. Well done to those students – Griffin Swan, Jordan Lowe, Will Cahill and Kristian Zusak - who have now been selected to represent the Snowy Mountains District at the Regional Carnival on Friday 30 May at the Willandra Cross Country Course in Cambewarra.

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the most recent P&C meeting. This meeting was held at the new timeslot of 5.30pm to encourage more families to join us. A decision regarding the times for these meetings will be advertised in the Newsletter early next term. The first meeting for Term 2 will be held on Monday 5 May in the Library.

ANZAC Day falls during the upcoming holiday break – Friday 25 April. Traditionally, many of our students join together to represent Berridale Public School in the March through Berridale. We hope that families will once again be able to join us on this important day. A whole school assembly will be held on the first Wednesday of Term 2 to acknowledge and celebrate ANZAC Day. Please join us at 2.45pm in the Canteen.

A reminder to all families that our Berridale Public School Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 1 May. As the Field Events have been finalised at Sport sessions during Term 1, this carnival will only involve the Track Events. Everyone is more than welcome to join us on the day …. We will certainly need some parent volunteers to support us with timekeeping and other jobs.

The last day of Term 1 for all students is Friday 11 April. We hope all our families enjoy a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term. Staff will be involved in a Professional learning day on Monday 28 April and the first day of Term 2 for all students is Tuesday 29 April.

Meg Couvee
Principal

Berridale Public School
We are a ‘Nut Free’ School!
# Calendar Dates

**Term 1, 2014**

### Week 11

- **Friday 11\(^{th}\) of April**
  - Last day of Term 1 for all students

**Term 2, 2014**

- **Monday 28\(^{th}\) of April**
  - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
- **Tuesday 29\(^{th}\) of April**
  - First day of Term 2 for all students
- **Wednesday 30\(^{th}\) of April**
  - Music with Mrs Wall
- **Thursday 1\(^{st}\) of May**
  - ANZAC Assembly at 2.45pm in the Canteen
  - Berridale PS Athletics Carnival (Track Events only)

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## Berridale OOSHC

Happy Safe Holidays everyone! See you in Term 2!

As our evenings are getting darker when you are picking up your children please take care out the front on the uneven surface. We have spoken to Council about getting it fixed, but so far no luck.

### Vacation Care

- Last chance to book today!

Thank you from all at OOSHC.

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**School holiday kids and family camps.** It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: [http://bit.ly/1hWxTra](http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)

**Managing screen-time.** Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: [http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk](http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk)

**Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?** It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: [http://bit.ly/188OerY](http://bit.ly/188OerY)
P&C News

Meeting – Thank you to all those that attended our meeting on Monday. Items discussed were the Easter Fair and Wood Raffle, Bunnings BBQ, Mothers Day Stall (6 & 8 May 2014) and possible future fundraisers. The minutes will be on our Facebook page.

School Survey Raffle – This week is your last chance to return your School Survey! If you haven’t returned your form please do! It will only take a couple of minutes of your time to update your contact details and will assist the School in getting as much funding as absolutely possible from the government. 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 tickets are now 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! Our thanks go to Tania & Damo McLachlan for their generosity in donating the wood for our raffle, and for selling a bunch of tickets already!

Keep the Date:
Easter Saturday, 19 April 2014 – Lions Club Easter Fair – Cake Stall and Wood raffle. Any help with manning the stall or donations of cakes and baked goods would be greatly appreciated.
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. Our last BBQ Day raised over $1,900, so it’s a worthwhile effort!
Mothers Day Stall – Tuesday, 6 and Thursday, 8 May 2014 – Gifts from $1.50 to $5.00 will be available. Thanks Angela for organizing this!
Schools Fun Day -28 May 2014 – Helpers will be needed with the canteen.
Meeting – Monday, 2nd June 2014 at 3.30pm

Thankyou
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Community News

Tai Chi
Why not try this form of gentle meditative exercise. Slowly improve your balance, joint flexibility and muscle tone.
Starting: Monday 28th of April (and continuing every Monday)
Where: Rosie O’Sullivan Dance Studio
Ziggys – William Street, Berridale
Time: 7.00am or 9.30am
For further information please call Maria on 0439 589 608 or email: mooncatrpt@gmail.com
Looking back on Term 1, 2014…

Our 2014 Kindy Students and their Buddies

2014 Swimming Carnival

Williamstown High School Band Visit
District Swimming

Regional Swimmers

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Cross Country

Crazy Hair Day

Netball Gala Day
Don’t be afraid to keep your eyes open and take it all in. There is much to be seen, but if your eyes are closed you’ll miss it. In the story Seuss says that there are plenty of things to learn about, so he may be referring to the fact that there’s so much in the world to discover, but many of us don’t bother to learn about it, so it’s the equivalent of going through life with our eyes shut. It could be a way of saying we need to rekindle that love of learning and start discovering the world like we did when we were children.
BERRIDALE CWA
EASTER MARKET

SATURDAY APRIL 19
9.30AM

CWA HALL MYACK STREET

DEVONSHIRE TEA
SCONES + TEA & COFFEE

QUALITY CRAFT inc Craft by Ruth Ellis
CAKES – PLANTS - JEWELLERY –
JUMBLE SALE + RAFFLE

+ INFORMATION ON JOINING YOUR LOCAL CWA

EVERYONE IS WELCOME