Principal’s Message

Last week’s Athletics Carnival was a huge success! Not only did we have perfect weather, the students had a fabulous time and our teamwork (staff and parents) was exceptional. Mrs Baff always leads such a well organised Carnival and I would like to thank for her once again for her efforts and enthusiasm for Sport and our Berridale students having the best day possible. Narelle and Cal Goodman also deserve extra thanks for their amazing efforts to mark out the track for us on the morning of the Carnival! Those students representing Berridale PS at the District Athletics Carnival will receive their Permission Notes and information this week.

An educational officer from the NSW Police was unable to attend Berridale Public School on Tuesday of this week to speak to our students about the dangers and legal issues surrounding social media, as well as cyberbullying. This important presentation will be rescheduled.

Thank you to the dedicated ladies of our P&C who organised the Mother’s Day Stall for our students this week. There were some lovely gifts being purchased and I am sure all our Mums will enjoy their special day on Sunday.

The first session of our 2014 DRUMBEAT Group will take place this Friday. This is an amazing program which is offered free of charge to our students. The facilitator uses drumming to engage participants in a cooperative group process that explores relationship issues. The structured sessions cover topics such as values, peer pressure, identity, social harmony, teamwork and emotional expression.

The staff at Berridale PS would like to offer families the opportunity to attend an Information Session that will focus on THRASS (Teaching Handwriting Reading and Spelling Strategies) This is a major part of our whole school Literacy approach and supports students to become more independent in their learning. The session will be held in the Library on Monday 12 May 3.30 – 4.40pm. Please join us and find out how you can help your child’s learning in Literacy. Everyone is more than welcome.

The annual National testing for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place during Week 3 of this term – Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 May. These tests are to establish national data and provide schools with valuable information about student learning needs. They are designed to assess the cumulative learning that takes place throughout each child’s school years. However, we would like to remind families that they are “one test on one day” and certainly do not give the detailed information that our extensive school-based measures provide throughout the year. We have been preparing students for the test conditions they will experience during the process but it is important for families to realise that we do not “teach to the test” and do not have access to the questions or focus areas prior to each test day. The results of these tests will not be released by the Department of Education and Communities until late Term 3 2014.
Kids, social media and privacy. Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Printable planners for homework and study. School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It’s a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they’ll to fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Is your child’s backpack damaging their spine? A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It’s believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:
- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
- lift a backpack properly- bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo

English refresher from School A to Z on Homonyms. Homonyms (also known as homographs) are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives them their meaning.

Ask your child for an example, like this one:
I prefer a fine tip on my pen.
He gave me a tip for the Melbourne Cup.
Don’t tip the water on the floor.
You gave the waiter a generous tip.

Important Dates

Tuesday 6 May
- NSW Police Cyberbullying Information Session
- Mother’s Day Stall

Thursday 8 May
- Mother’s Day Stall

Friday 9 May
- DRUMBEAT Program

Monday 12 May
- Parent Information Session – THRASS (Teaching Handwriting Reading and Spelling Strategies)

Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 May
- NAPLAN Testing

Thursday 15 May
- Director, Public Schools NSW visit

Friday 16 May
- Harry Nichols Shield
- DRUMBEAT Program

Student Leader’s Message

Thanks to all the parent helpers at the Athletics Carnival last Friday, it would have not worked without you. Thankfully the weather was great. We hope that all the friends and families had a good time because all the students did. Congratulations to all the participants you all did a good job. By Abi

Stage 3

Last term Stage 3 did a short movie trailer of the First Fleet. We had to choose a trailer theme. Most people chose the ‘Swashbuckler theme’!

Stage 3 also used the ipads to make posters of information about aboriginal resistance.

We watched a video of the Graffiti in Hosier Lane for when we have our excursion to Melbourne. By Shannon

Kites

Our Melbourne excursion is nearing and we are still raising money. We are selling kites for $12.00. We hope to raise enough too lower the price a bit. It would be great for our excursion. So please bring money and you will be helping Stage 3.
Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple.

~ DR. SEUSS

"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple."

No matter how complicated we make the questions, the answers remain simple. It may be human nature to want to make life seem more complicated than it really is. Our brains have evolved so much, and we’re able to think thoughts on a level that far surpasses the other
animal life on the planet, but the true nature of things remains what it was millions of years ago and what it will be millions of years from now.

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### Merit Awards

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

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**Berridale Public School**

We are a ‘Nut free’ school
Beautiful Africa – A New Generation

Choir Of Children From Africa

When: 7.00 p.m. – Friday, 20th June 2014

Where: Memorial Hall - Jindabyne

Free Admission

Seating is Limited so please register for your FREE ticket by 10th June

Email: mountainlife.oasis@gmail.com

Berridale OOSHC

Meeting 7.30 p.m. 12th May up for discussion.

The viability of Berridale OOSHC providing Vacation Care. If the loss of this service effects your family you need to attend this meeting.

Term 2 Wish List

Carrots, Cucumbers and Tomatoes                Long Life Milk (for warm milo)

Wrapped Cheese Slices                           Toilet Rolls

If every family can provide one or more of these items it helps keep our cost’s down.

Thank you from all at OOSHC
**P & C News**

**School Survey Raffle** – Our Raffle was drawn last Thursday by Mrs Couvee – the Hearn family were the lucky winners!

**Mothers Day Stall** - Today (Thursday, 8 May) is the last day of the Mothers Day Stall – Gifts from $1.50 to $5.00 will be available. Thanks to Angela Field for organising this, and to Cindi for her very kind donation of beautiful candles!

**Canteen** – From Friday, 16th May the Canteen will be opening for Recess only, with a limited menu (no baked goods). Renee Watts, our Canteen Co-Ordinator Extraordinaire, has kindly offered to show us the ropes around the Canteen on this first Friday trading day – so feel free to come along to see how it works.

A Canteen Roster, for both Monday Lunch & Recess and Friday Recess will be posted in the Office if you can spare some time to volunteer.

**Smencils** – are still available at the office!

**General Meeting** – Monday, 2nd June 2014 at 3.30 p.m.

Thankyou
Berridale Public School P&C
E: berridalepnc@gmail.com

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**Biggest Morning Tea**

On the 14th May 2014 Autumn Leaves is hosting the biggest morning tea.

If you would like to attend that would be great or if you are not able but would like to purchase a plate of yummy treats we could deliver it to you, let us know.

Flyer included with Newsletter
Women in Super

Mother’s Day Classic

SUNDAY 11 MAY 2014

Walk or run for breast cancer research

Clay Pits

Lake Jindabyne

From 9.00 a.m.

Participate . Volunteer . Fundraise

To register, shop and fundraise go to

mothersdayclassic.som.au
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