Principal’s Message
This is Welcome to the start of a brand new year! I also extend an extra special welcome to new families and new Kindergarten students to our school.

Many thanks to Kerry and Bernie for completing a detailed annual clean of our school. I am sure you would all agree Bernie made the grounds look a million dollars. Thank you Kerry for ensuring our classrooms were squeaky clean (and warm!) for the first day.

During the holidays I spent time with Mrs Couvee. We were able to discuss comprehensively the directions and needs of the school for the coming year. I thank Mrs Couvee greatly for her time and am confident a smooth transition can be made this term.

Working with a cohesive staff, parent body and community is something I value highly. Although this takes time and energy it means we all focus 100% on improving the educational outcomes and welfare needs of students in our care. Let’s look forward to a productive and positive 2015 where we can all watch our students thrive.

Warm regards,
Tracey Southam

P&C News
Our next (and first) meeting will be the AGM on Monday 9th February at 3.30pm in the Library. The following Committee positions will be declared open and vacant, so please consider contributing to this valuable team in supporting our great School:- President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Canteen co-Ordinator(s), Canteen Treasurer.

Due to ongoing work to our Canteen building, we are not able to offer Canteen on Mondays until further notice.

Other News
BOOKCLUB – Issue 1 is going home today. If you wish to place an order please return your order form with payment to school by Friday 20th February. Thank you.

Berridale OOSHC – Welcome back to all our OOSHC families and a very warm welcome to our new little people. We hope you enjoy your OOSHC time. Our AGM will be in March 2015, date t.b.a. We welcome all parents to come along.

Wish List for Term 1 - Fruit, please send fruit weekly or daily, hand wash, tissues, toilet rolls. If every family can provide one or more of these items it helps keep our costs down. Thanks from all at OOSHC.
"CLICK" - we captured learning power at Berridale Public School

- Jaxon – it was great to have a conversation with Jaxon and his friends in the playground about how a metal detector works. All week students were rushing to various staff excited about their finds. So far $2.20 has been found for the teachers’ retirement fund. We hope they strike gold!

- Bradan with a banana - Bradan had a huge smile on his face when he perfected that “snap” to get his banana open. S1, 2, 3 had a great discussion about persevering when we can’t do something. If it doesn’t work the first time then try, try, try again.

- Faith in Year 3 challenged herself by structuring her writing into paragraphs. Learning is a process and Faith is showing the first drafts and published copies of her Writing. Well done Faith for being a reflective learner.

**WELCOME Kindergarten 2015**

First Day today! A big thank you to the P&C and your team of bakers for the Tea n’ Tissues morning tea.

**Dates to remember**

P&C AGM – Monday 9th February 2015 @ 3.30pm in the School Library

Berridale Public School Swimming Carnival – Friday 13th February @ Berridale Pool

Open Classrooms & WELCOME BBQ – Friday 13th February – Classrooms @ 4.30pm followed by a BBQ at 5pm. All Welcome.

Bookclub orders due back at school – Friday 20th February 2015

Please do not bring food containing NUTS to school eg Nutella, peanut butter, etc.