Dear Parents,

Whoever ordered that delightful sunshine on Friday deserves a medal! Thank you to Mrs Baff for a highly organised and enjoyable Swimming Carnival. All of our students had great fun. Thanks also to parents who assisted with K-2 activities and timekeeping. Without your support we would not be able to run events which provide children with the opportunity to compete and progress to the next level. Our Open Classes and evening BBQ were equally enjoyable. Thank you to the many hands that helped to prepare the meal and the many people who made it a dinner to remember.

On a more serious note bullying will not be tolerated at Berridale Public School. Children at times can say or do one off mean things and it is important to develop good self-esteem and resilience in children when this occurs. However bullying is not a one off event, but is deliberately repeated. If you are aware that your child is being bullied please contact me or your child’s teacher to discuss the matter. Effective student welfare is an important part of all schools. We are currently revising our Student Welfare Policy which will incorporate clear consequences (from time out, detentions, phone calls home or suspensions) for inappropriate behaviour including bullying. Our student welfare will also focus on developing skills within students to recognise and deal with bullying behaviour.

Unfortunately we were unable to make our fourth class. Classes for 2015 are: Kindy – Mrs Baff, 1/2 Mrs Southam, 3 to 6 Mrs Miliken. Mrs Batson will be doing Learning Support on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Riches will do RFF and Library on Mondays and Thursdays and Mrs Southam’s office day on Tuesdays. Mrs Wall will do fortnightly Music on Wednesdays with all classes. Mrs Taylor is our School Learning Support Officer and will be supporting specific children with Literacy every morning.

Warm regards

Tracey Southam.
P&C News
P&C meeting Monday 16th Feb, 7pm – still need a President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is possible to share the executive roles, eg: President and Vice President, Minutes Secretary and Correspondence Secretary if you would like to contribute. There are many willing parents who will happily assist you in these roles.

Other News
Swimming – Yes! We are looking into a whole school Swimming Program. Swimming is a part of our Curriculum and teaches children stroke development, water safety and survival skills. It is important all children learn to swim. If you have ever read the annual Australian National Drowning Report the facts about how many children (babies to teenagers) drown in inland waterways, as opposed to the beach, is quite disturbing. We expect to run this program for all children at the end of the year. More details to come in Term 4.

Dalgety Show – thank you for the tins, please keep sending in, we will start putting our Brumby together at the end of the week.

“Click” – we captured learning power at Berridale Public School
Students in Mrs Milliken's class have been enjoying and learning from their metal detecting. A lot of “treasures” have been found, a lot more to find!

**Berridale OOSHC**

First General meeting is Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm. Please if your child attends you should try to join us. We do need your help. Our AGM will be 30th March at 7.30pm. We will need a new committee so please think about joining us.

**WISH LIST**

Fruit, wrapped cheese slices, hand wash, toilet rolls, tissues,

If every family could provide one or more of these it will keep our costs down.

Thank you from all at OOSHC.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Bombala & District Country Music Assoc. 22nd Annual Talent Quest is being held on Saturday 28th February at the Bombala RSL Club, 9am. More information is available at the School office,

School of Religion (Catholic) is re-commencing today Monday 16th February and will run each Monday, 3.30-4.30pm at St Joseph’s, Catholic Church Berridale.

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**Dates to remember**

Monday 16th February - P&C AGM @ 7pm in the School Library

Friday 20th February – Book club orders due back at school

**Wednesday 1st April - LAST DAY TERM 1 (for students)**

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