Dear Parents,

What a term it has been! Over the past 9 weeks students have had:

A Swimming carnival, Cross-country, Athletics, AFL clinics, Museum in a Box, the Dalgety Show, music, Guitar groups, Senior Choir, a welcome BBQ, Clean Up Australia Day, Clean Oceans visiting speaker, Shire Council Recycling Poster competition, the start of a yearlong anti-bullying program, P&C lunch day and parent-teacher interviews.

The school has had new carpet in two rooms. The canteen was repainted with air-conditioning and wide external steps installed. Playground markings are being repainted and the fixed equipment received new borders and soft fall.

The icing on the cake was our fabulous seating! Enjoy the holidays with your children. We hope we see you at the Easter Fair where we will be offering some free craft activities for children.

Tracey Southam

Student-parent-teacher interviews
If you haven’t already, make sure you book a time for student-parent-teacher interviews. If times don’t suit, let your child’s teacher know and another time can be organised.
There are times when saying ‘Thank you’ seems incredibly inadequate. This is one of them. The P&C has provided an invaluable resource to our school and significantly enhanced the already beautiful grounds for years to come.

Profound thanks go to: Bernie (you work too hard!), the Lette family, the Holfter family, McLachlan family, Penny Watkins, Lindsay (Jaxon’s grandad), Martin Thomas, Peter and Petrina Baff, James and Josh Southam, Natalie Milliken, Lucy Morrell, Michelle Heam, Simon Hughes & Gemma Fitzpatrick, Jae Pengelly, Robert Hedger.

Thank you for digging holes, setting concrete, sawing wood, bolting planks, shovelling gravel, lifting rocks, fetching, carrying, dripping with sweat and working on a Sunday when most people are lying in bed. Many people had already worked a 5 or 6 day week, or had even done night shifts. Again, many thanks.
Jumping beans!

Well done to our students who participated in the high jump, discus and shot put on Friday. There was some excellent jumping; including textbook perfect Fosbury Flops from Noah G. Practise Fridays and Competition Fridays will continue next term.

Anti-bullying lesson and social skills program

Does your child know how to report a bullying incident?

This week’s lesson will give students skills on reporting bullying. Over the term students have role-played standing up to bullies, understood why children bully, and discussed how to deal with annoying people or how to handle someone giving them a hard time. These are all important life lessons. We are giving our students skills for now and the future. As one parent commented to me – “Primary School is a good time to learn about bullies before they go off to high school. If they get bullied at high school they will know what to do.”

Our Student Welfare

Positive student welfare is a priority for Berridale Public School. It has many facets from Assembly awards, class rewards, giving student’s responsibilities, leadership, buddies, phone calls home and referrals to the School Counsellor, visits to Stewart House, or even contacting external agencies to support students and families.

After being revised with staff and discussed at P&C, new procedures for our Student Welfare Policy will start next term. In brief: students who do not show appropriate behaviour during playtimes will be asked to time out for 10 minutes. If misbehaviour is sufficiently serious staff will fill in an incident report. If an incident report warrants a detention, or a student has 3 incident reports, the student will be placed on detention (2nd half lunch on Tuesday) and a note sent home explaining why. A full copy of our Student Welfare Policy is available at the front office.
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Dates to remember

- Wednesday 1st April - Assembly @ 2.45pm
- Thursday 2nd April - K-6 Easter Hat Parade @ 10.30am
  Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2
- Monday 20th April - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 21st April - First Day for Students
- Thursday 23rd April - Cross-country @ Nimmitabel
- Friday 24th April - Athletics practise

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Cross Country

Was a terrific event largely made so by the great turnout of parents and onlookers who cheered and encouraged everyone. Big thanks to Bernie Power for his help with setting up, packing away and even marshalling and cheering during the event. A special mention to our dedicated parents who offered to marshal during the races, thanks to Rhonda Cahill, Michelle Heam, Peter Richards and to Anne Baxendine and Kathy Holfter who are always tireless in their efforts to get things running smoothly.

The kids all ran with such tenacity, giving it everything they’ve got. The teachers were very proud of the effort we saw on their faces as they crossed the line. We were equally proud of the fantastic cheering that each house did for each other. Well done kids. A great display of BPS sportsmanship!

Mrs Baff

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PIZZA Lunch – A big thank you goes to our P&C for a wonderful lunch last Thursday.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to all who helped with the new seating working bee yesterday, Sunday 29th March. It looks great!

Easter Fair Stall and Raffle – Saturday 4th April in the Lions Park.

All raffle tickets sold or not are to be handed into the school office by Thursday 2nd April, last day of school term.

We are still in need of volunteers and bakers for our Easter Fair Stall. Baking can be left at school office on Thursday or brought to the fair.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

Cooma Junior League Registration
There are still spaces available for some of our teams Under 13’s and 14’s have plenty of room. Under 7’s, 8’s 12’s and 15’s also have spots available. Contact Richard Inskip ph: 6452 2323 or 0439 697 708.

Cooma Junior and Mini Basketball 2015
The basketball season will be held in terms 2 and 3 and will commence on the following dates:
Monday 27th April 4.00pm – junior boys division 1 (12yrs plus)
Wednesday 22nd April 3.40pm – 4-7yrs girls (some 8’s)
Wednesday 22nd April 4.15pm – 8-11yrs girls (some 12yrs)
Thursday 23rd April 4.00pm – junior girls (12yrs plus)
Friday 24th April 3.40pm 4-7yrs boys (some 8’s)
Friday 24th April 4.30pm – 8-11yrs boys (some 12yrs)
The first week or two will be sorting out time. Only possible changes to these set days could be 8-11yrs boys to Mondays 3.50pm and 4-7rs girls to Tuesday 4.00pm.
Cost: Registrations to NSW Basketball – Twelve months cover –
Turning 4-7yrs $20.00, turning 8-11yrs $50, turning 12-17yrs $65
Game fees to cover term 2 & 3 $50 (approx. 20 games)
Betty Longhurst (Co-ordinator)

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