Dear Parents,

It was a privilege to attend the ANZAC Day March. I was very impressed with our students who showed great respect on this day with their behaviour and manners. Well done to our senior students who conducted their duties with dignity and a sense of occasion.

To our brave servicemen and women – no, we will not forget.

Thank you to Mrs Milliken for supervising our school representatives at last week’s Cross-country carnival at Nimmitabel. Well done to those students who took part and represented Berridale Public School on such a cold and miserable day and thank you also to parents for transporting students.

I would like to say thank you to the P&C for organising the cake stall at the Easter Fair during the holidays. Thank you also to staff who assisted on the day. We received great feedback about the pamphlets promoting our school and the value for money for the raffle tickets.

Tracey Southam
Principal

Reflecting on the past and thinking about the future

This week the 2014 Annual School report is available on the school website to download. The School Report has comprehensive information about school events and progress from last year.

Also available is the 2015 to 2017 School Plan. The School Plan will steer teaching and learning at Berridale Public School for the next 3 years and will revolve around 3 strategic directions. They are:

Leading - Leading our school community to be informed, supportive and engaged.

Learning - Supporting our students to be their best.

Living - Preparing our students for the world, building their character and self-awareness.

Both of these documents are also available in paper form from the front office.
**Staff Development Day**

Last Monday staff worked with Dalgety PS teachers to learn about the new Performance Development Framework. Teachers will now develop 3 to 5 professional learning goals and have an informal and formal performance review each year. Berridale staff also looked at forming an Engagement and Communication committee - more detail on this at our P&C meeting next week. Finally we started designing our “Book in a Bag” activities. Each class will have three book bags for children to borrow for a week. Inside each bag is a great book to read at home and there are four activities to do as well. Each book has a Literacy, Numeracy, hands-on and creative activity to do.

**Does your child know how to say “No”?**

Our anti-bullying lessons continue this week with the focus on developing children’s ability to say “no”. This is a real life skill that we need as kids and as adults. It tells people that we have boundaries and expectations about how we wish to be treated and respected. Last term children discussed in class how to report an incident responsibly.

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**Dates to Remember**

**WEEK 2**
- Weds 29th - Soccer Clinics @ 2.45pm
  - Mrs Southam - Principal’s meeting, Queanbeyan
  - Whole School Assembly
- Thurs 30th - Canteen Lunch Day
- Fri 1st May - Athletics competition for High jump, discus and shot put
  - Mrs Baff - L3

**WEEK 3**
- Mon 4th May - P&C Meeting @ 7pm
- Tues 5th May - Mother’s Day stall @ 9.15am
- Weds 6th - NO Music today
  - Go BLUE for Stew - students
  - Wear blue and bring a gold coin donation for Stewart House
- Thurs 7th - Mother’s Day Staff @ 9.15am
- Fri 8th - Athletics Carnival

**Week 4**
- Tues 12th May - NAPLAN
- Weds 13th - NAPLAN
  - Whole School Assembly
- Thurs 14th - NAPLAN

**P&C News**

Our Easter Fair Raffle and stall was a great success. A gig thank you to everyone who helped, if you baked, helped on our stall or sold raffle tickets. THANKYOU!

We would also like to thank our donators: Damon & Tania McLachlan for the huge trailer of wood.
Lake Crackenbgack $100 voucher
Birdsnest $50 voucher
THANK YOU!

We will be holding a **MOTHER’S DAY STALL** on **Tuesday 5th May and Thursday 7th May at 9.15am**. Items will be for sale from $1.00 to $8.00.
We would like to have a volunteer to help on the stall on both days. If you are able to help please see the school office of Kathy Holfter.

Our next P&C meeting is Monday 4th May at 7pm in the Berridale School Library. All are welcome. Thank you.

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

Community Notice

Stewart House are once again running their annual Donation Drive. Envelopes are attached if you wish to make a donation of $2.00 or more and go into the drawer for a chance to win a $4,000 Family Holiday. All donations could be returned to the school office by Friday 8th May 2015. Thank you.