Dear Parents,

One of the finest things about teaching is seeing students show determination, striving to perfect a task and the smiles of delight when their hard work pays off. It was a real privilege to see this in our high jumpers on Friday as they got some after school practice in before the District Athletics Carnival. I also had some Dalgety PS kids practising too. Good luck to all of our athletes at the District Carnival tomorrow.

Tracey Southam
Principal

Anti-bullying Lesson

Can your child stick up for themselves?

If we have ever had anything to do with determined three year olds we would probably say yes. This week students will look at 3 ways to stand up for themselves. There’s:-

The aggro way: pushing, punching, insulting, swearing, losing control, or

The weak way: giving in, mumbling, crying, sulking, looking down at the ground when talking, or

The cool way: staying in control, standing tall, being firm, ignoring poor behaviour and telling people to stop annoying them.

This Wednesday is National Simultaneous Story time. Each year schools and Libraries around Australia stop at 11am to read a book together. Students will be spending the morning focussing their Literacy time on “The Brothers Quibble” by Aaron Blabey. We will also have the pleasure of the Snowy River Shire Council Deputy Mayor, Councillor Peter Beer and CMS Librarian, Pam Veiss arriving at 10.45 to read this great book to us all. We’ll be making crowns to look the part and Mrs Southam has a great spelling competition for students to enter. The competition is attached.
Best Canteen on the Monaro

Following a visit from Monica Alcock we have been told we have the best and healthiest canteen on the Monaro. Mrs Alcock is spreading the word to other schools about the healthy, tasty lunches cooked on Thursdays. So a big thank you to our canteen ladies and a very, very well done to you!

Parents Carly and Tina and students Finn and Thomas preparing to serve the lasagne, milk shakes and apple scrolls for the school lunch orders. Ann and Carly had cooked up a storm on the previous Tuesday and we all enjoyed a healthy, warm lunch that was perfect for a chilly day.

2015 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

All children are entitled to quality learning at school. Schools throughout Australia are required to make reasonable adjustments to assist children with their learning and health care needs. As a staff we are currently collecting data about the number of children in our classes who need additional support with their learning. This is an annual collection of data that is compulsory for all schools.

The data that is being collected will enable the Australian government to better target support and resources to benefit students with a disability, or students who need additional support to improve their learning. All children identified will have their privacy protected. We will not supply student names or any identifying information to local or federal education authorities.

If you would like further information a brochure is available in the front office, or you can visit: www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

Parent Information Session

Topic: How Young Children acquire early literacy skills.

This session will be aimed at parents of Kindergarten and Year 1 students, but all parents are welcome to attend. I will cover things like home reading and sight words, along with the importance of the correct pencil grip when writing and so on. I hope to see as many parents as possible.

Date: Tuesday 2nd June
Time: 5.30pm (for about an hour)
Petrina Baff

Text book fees

An invoice for text books and voluntary school contributions is attached. If you would like to discuss payment options, such as a payment plan or financial help, Mrs Southam will be happy to meet you to work out a confidential solution.
**P&C News**

**BBQ Friday Night Snowy Mountains Country Club**

We have been given the 5th June to run the BBQ at the club in town. We need volunteers to help cook, serve and take orders. It will be only a couple of hours on the night. If you are able to help please leave your name at the office and one of the committee members will contact you.

If you are unable to help, bring the family down for a BBQ dinner to help raise funds for our P&C.

**BUNNINGS BBQ**

P&C will be running the BBQ at Bunnings, Tuggeranong on Saturday 20th June. Volunteers needed, anytime you can spare (1hr-all day) will be appreciated. If you are unable to help on the day, donations of sliced onion etc., would be a big help. Please leave your name at the office to either help or donate.

**BOOKCLUB**

Orders due back at school by Monday 1st June 2015. Thank you.

**Berridale OOSHC**

**Meeting tonight at 7.30pm.**

Please attend if you can.

Does anyone have an old (working) CD Player/Radio that they could donate?

Thanks from all at OOSHC.

**Are you missing some keys?**

A set of keys was found on the path outside the school grounds. There is a Post Office box key and some others on the ring. If you think they might be yours, please ask at the School Office.

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Please do not bring food containing NUTS to school. e.g. Nutella, peanut butter
Berridale Public School

Dear Parents,

Please find attached an invoice for text books and voluntary school contributions for 2015.

This invoice is in two parts, covering specific textbook costs for each class, and the voluntary school contribution. The voluntary contribution is used to provide books for the library, teaching resources and other non-consumable items such as Home readers, or Sports and Mathematics equipment. The non-voluntary costs cover the price of textbooks that each child uses in class. These include Handwriting, Spelling and Mathematics texts. Some of these texts are between $11 and $12 per book.

If payment of the total amount is difficult at one time please contact the school so that suitable and confidential arrangements can be made for payment.

Please return the attached slip and payment in a sealed envelope with your child’s name clearly marked to the class teacher, or pay them directly to the office. Cheques should be made payable to Berridale Public School.

Thank you for supporting the education of all children at Berridale Public School.

Tracey Souham
Principal

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