Dear Parents,

It was delightful to see so many happy faces the first day back and to see all of our students proudly in school uniform. I would like to extend a special welcome to Pam Anderson who will be teaching Kindy and Year 1. Last year Pam was a recipient of the John Barilaro Excellence in Education Award. We are very lucky indeed to have such an experienced teacher to learn with and from.

We would also like to welcome some new students:

Year 1 - Charlotte
Year 2 - Archie
Year 3 - Aaron and James
Year 5 - Lily
Year 6 - Adelaide, and of course our new Kindy’s: Sonny, Henry, Isabelle, Patrick, Zali, and Ethan.

We have a great term ahead of sports, leadership opportunities, community events and, as always, solid academic learning for our students. Enjoy your week.

Regards
Tracey Southam

After 41 years Mrs Helen Leech will officially retire on Friday 12th February. Mrs Dawes, Mrs Yewen and Mrs Wharton will be our administrative staff until Mrs Leech’s position is filled. I know many, many people grew up with Mrs Leech always being there and staff will ensure a fitting farewell is organised.

Kerry, our cleaner, retired at the end of last year. Saiphin (or Pin for short) is our new cleaner.

We are very grateful for the tireless service that these two ladies have provided to Berridale over many years and we know that they will be greatly missed.

**TEN Training**

This Thursday all teaching staff will be at Cooma PS completing the second full day of our Targetting Early Numeracy Mathematics program. TEN is a highly accountable Mathematics program that ensures students reach expected Maths standards. Miss Simpson will be on Year K/1, Mrs Hartley on 2/3 and Miss Fitzpatrick on 4-6.

**Staff for 2016**

K/1 Mrs Pam Anderson

2/3 Mrs Tracey Southam. Mrs Southam’s office time will be after lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

4-6 Mr Owen McMahon.

Mrs Judith Batson will continue learning support on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Mrs Leonie Riches will continue RFF, Library and IT on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs Jane Taylor will be our School Learning and Support Officer for two hours every day.

Music will continue with Mrs Sarah Wall every Wednesday fortnight.

Mr Bernie Powers will be our GA. A special thank you to Bernie and Pin for making sure our school was spick and span to start the year.

What does my child need for class?
Attached with the newsletter is a list of equipment children need for their classes. Homework expectations will be in next week’s newsletter.

Student welfare policy
As it is the start of the year, this is just a reminder to parents as to how unacceptable behaviour is dealt with in accordance with our Student Welfare Policy. In brief, students who display inappropriate behaviour will have a Behaviour Incident Report filled in about the incident. Staff will talk to students about their behaviour and help students to fix the problem they created. If a student receives more than 3 incident reports they will then receive a detention (half a lunch time with Mrs Southam) and a note will be sent home to parents. Some behaviour will receive an immediate detention however. If more than 3 detentions occur in a Term students will be placed on a behaviour monitoring card. The slate is wiped clean at the end of each term. So, if a student has one or two incident reports about them in Term 1, they start afresh in Term 2.

If there is unacceptable behaviour in the playground, eg: rude language, hitting, students will immediately lose 10 mins playtime.

As the dynamics in individual classes are different teachers have their own class behaviour management system. However poor classroom behaviour can always be referred to the Principal to deal with. We recognise it is the behaviour that is unacceptable, not the child. Children should learn from their mistakes, have the matter dealt with and put behind them.

What’s happening in Year 2/3?
ROAR!! We are studying all things dragon. We will be looking at how dragons are portrayed in fiction books, writing information reports on real dragons (eg: Komodo dragons, water dragons, dragonflies) and maybe even learn to sing ‘Puff the Magic Dragon’. We will write dragon stories and learn about some Chinese dragon folktales.

Students in Year 2/3 have each identified a learning goal to help them improve their writing. They have also made a great list of rules to ensure we help each other learn and not get distracted. Year 2/3 have also written a list of rules FOR Mrs Southam!

In Art we will be making Origami and papier mache dragons and also learning to draw them! We will discuss car safety, pedestrian safety and how to lead an active life in Health. As always we will touch on anti-bullying issues.

Mrs Southam will teach Number in Maths. Mrs Riches will teach Space and Measurement, Science-Water works and Geography-The Earth’s environment.

Dates to Remember

Week 3
Weds 10th Feb - Whole School Swimming Carnival - 12noon to 3pm School Photo orders/payment due
School Photos
Attached to this newsletter are Photo envelopes, please complete these (1 per child) and return to school with payment by Wednesday 10th February 2016. Thank you.

Berridale OOSHC
Welcome back everyone! It’s so nice to see all the happy and smiling faces again!
The children have been talking excitedly about their holidays and the majority talked about going to the beach, camping, fishing and visiting family.
So we are going to kick off the year and make an ocean display. We will be making all sorts of animals in our craft time and also make a facts bubble about some of these animals.
Also, a reminder about bringing some swimmers and a towel as we may go to the pool or have sprinkler play. This depends on our child/staff ratio and on the weather.
Please feel free to come and take a look at OOSHC and send your kids along to join in the fun.
WISH LIST – fruit, cheese slices, crackers.

Thanks from everyone at OOSHC.
Bert, Linda and Carol

Mountain Biking

Hi just to let you know the Thredbo Mountain Bike interschool’s are on again this march.
Last year Noah Goodman attended and had great results winning the dual compressor representing BPS. He is planning to ride again this year and there may be some other kids interested. This is a huge event and has great representation from local kids Cooma Berridale and Jindabyne as well as kids from all over the state. If any parents are interested they can contact the school or Cal Goodman (Jindabyne Cycle Club youth development officer) 0412463359.
A copy of the schedule is at the school office.
Regards
Cal Goodman

Welcome Kindergarten 2016

Ethan, Isabelle, Patrick, Zali, Sonny
Absent: Henry