Dear Parents,

Last Thursday provided staff the opportunity to join Adaminaby Public School Teachers to complete the final training for our TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) Program.

It was a delight to return to school and hear reports that students maintained the beautiful behaviour that is expected of them at all times, especially when casual teaching staff are in. Well done boys and girls.

Have a good week everyone, and don’t forget to come and cheer at our Swimming Carnival this Wednesday. If you can’t make it, we’d love you to join us for a welcome BBQ on Wednesday night. Open classes are at 6pm and the BBQ is from 6.30pm.

Regards
Tracey Southam

School Photos
Please remember to return your order/payment envelope ASAP if you wish to have school photos next Monday 15th February 2016. Thank you.

REMINDERS
Notes to be returned please are:
General Permission
Swimming
School Photos (with payment)
Netball - Yrs 3-6
Thank you.

Dates to Remember

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Scripture Lessons
Scripture lessons will commence this week for all students. If you do not wish your child/ren to participate in these lessons, please send a note to school.
Lessons are: Monday Yrs 4/6, Tuesday Yrs 2/3 and Thursday K/1.

What’s happening in Year 4/5/6?
We have hit the ground running and already it’s pleasing to see the improvements in writing achieved last semester have carried over the holidays! We have set our first learning and social goals for the term, written our classroom guidelines and considered the role both students and teachers play in creating an effective and enjoyable learning environment.
Mongolia is our first topic of study and we have begun research activities to inform group presentations using PowerPoint. We will be writing informational reports comparing Mongolian environments to environments we have here in Australia, as well as studying the similarities and differences between our Indigenous customs and beliefs. Improvements in Spelling are our focus and daily class and homework activities will assist in reaching our goals.

In maths we will be using ‘Signpost’ textbooks, ‘Mathletics’ and teacher-led investigations. Mrs Riches and I are most excited to introduce ‘Seesaw’ learning journals for Science (and other areas). We are also privileged to have Dr. Bill Crozier assisting our Science program on ‘Matter’ (everything around us!).

In art we will participate in model making for ‘The Dalgety Show’ in consideration of ‘What lives under the Dalgety Bridge’, before turning our attention to the great Australian landscape painters and looking at transferring this knowledge to painting Mongolian landscapes.

Leading a healthy lifestyle and leadership skills will form the basis of our PDHPE program for Term 1.

**HOMEWORK**

Providing children with homework helps them to develop effective study habits needed for high school and also helps them to broaden their understanding and skills across the curriculum. Teachers will provide homework for their class. This will vary from time to time and the homework provided is intended to encourage a love of reading, provide opportunities to revise lessons taught in class as well as develop skills through research projects or making models and items. Outlined below are the expectations for each class:

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<td>Homework for all Kinder and Year 1 students for Term 1 will be reading, reading and more reading! Your child will bring home levelled readers and a reading diary starting week 4. All students are encouraged to read to and with an adult every day.</td>
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<td>Students in Mrs Southam’s class will have Spelling words each week and a Mathematics worksheet. The Maths is revision from what was taught the week before. Children are also expected to complete daily home reading, with some children able to take novels from the library to read. This year they will be asked to complete projects about an animal and the CWA Country of Study for 2016 – Mongolia.</td>
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<td>Students in Mr. McMahon’s class will have an ability based spelling list each week with varying activities based on these words. They will also complete Mathematics activities based on the prior week’s learning. Students are encouraged to borrow from the library for home reading.</td>
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If you would like more information about the homework your child receives or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.
**Scientists in Schools**
This year, Dr Bill Crozier will be working with our teachers and students as part of the CSIRO's "Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools' program. Dr Crozier has worked as a scientist in a variety of roles, including lecturing at TAFE and university. Since retiring, he has volunteered as a science mentor in primary and secondary schools and we are all very excited to have him assisting in our science classes this year. Dr Crozier also writes a regular column in the "Snowy River Echo' if you would like to learn more about our local wild mushrooms.

**Footy Clinics**
Martin Thomas will be running Footy Clinics for each class commencing this Friday. **Clinics are:** K/1 – 12.05 to 12.35pm, Yrs 2/3 – 12.35 to 1.20pm, Yrs 4/6 – 2.15 to 3pm

**P&C News**
Our Annual General Meeting is being held next **Monday 15th February 2016** at 7pm in the School Library. Please come along and show your support.

A huge thank you to Sophie, Michelle, Tania and Amanda for the fantastic success at the Coolamatong Country Club Friday night BBQ! Well done ladies.

**Berridale OOSHc**
WOW! We have been so busy at OOSHc. The children have been working so hard to get our ocean display up. They have made all sorts of ocean animals and we will add to it this week as well. Please come and check it out.
The children have also made lots of things in box collage that they have taken home. Thank you to all the parents for bringing in fruit and other tasty goodies.

**Wish List** – fruit, vegetables, sour cream to make dip.
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
A BIG welcome to all new students to Berridale Public School in 2016 and to our newest staff member Mrs Pamela Anderson.

Sonny, Isabelle, Mrs Pamela Anderson, Zali, Patrick, Henry, Ethan

Patrick, Adelaide and James

Charlotte and Aaron

Archie, Lilly and Zali