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What's On This Week :

Thurs 25 Aug	OPEN DAY and Grandparent's Day
Fri 26 Aug	Staff Development Day
Tues 30 Aug	Cricket Development day
Fri 2 Sept	Bravehearts K-2 Regional Athletics
Mon 5 Sep	Group Photos
Tue 6 Sept	AFL Gala Day Stage 3 Performance – "Fish Outta Water" P&C Meeting 6.30pm in the Library
Wed 7 Sept	Shoalhaven Music Festival Rehearsal Stage 2
Thurs 8 Sept	Shoalhaven Music Festival Performance

Payments coming up

Student Invoices – Assorted costs

Stage 3 AFL Gala Day \$7

A Fish Outta Water incursion \$4.50

Bravehearts Performance \$6.50

"Ochres of the Land" \$6.50

Money Days Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parent survey

On Thursday the 25th of August, Berry Public School Open Day, please take time to complete the KidsMatter Parent Survey in our school library computer lab. This survey is anonymous. It is important for us to hear your views about your child and our school. It won't take long! At the end of the survey please place a sticky dot under your child/childrens class list. The class with the most sticky dots will receive a special 'popcorn and movie' afternoon as a thank you for your time.

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.

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Mental Health Initiative

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Principal's Message

"Berry Blitzes Opposition!"

BERRY MEGAMINDS WIN TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS!!!!!!

Our Tournament of the Minds teams competed in the regional competition over the weekend at the University of Wollongong under the expert coaching of Mr Sutton and Mrs Hill.

The teams performed brilliantly, battling it out against each other throughout the day. 23 regional schools competed this year, the largest ever field and Berry once again reigned supreme!!! It was the best possible result with one of our teams winning the event and the other team gaining honours recognition. A huge congratulations to everyone involved!!!

OPEN DAY is Here!!!

We are all so excited to be sharing our Open Day festivities with you this week. The students, staff and many parents have been working hard to prepare for the event which we hope will be well attended again this year.

KIDSMATTER Survey Live on Open Day

The Kidsmatter parent survey will be live for parents to complete while attending our open day. Members of the Learning Support Team will be on hand to assist with the survey in the library computer room. The survey data is important in providing a parent perspective about student wellbeing at our school.

Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day This Friday

Our staff development day for term 3 was moved from the traditional first day of term to this Friday. We know many of the students will enjoy the mid-term break with their grandparents. On the day our staff will be completing:

- CPR training
- Anaphylaxis Training
- Kidsmatter training.

Learning Management and Business Reform Update

Our administration team has been working hard to keep to the timelines associated with the implementation of the new student management system and finance systems required by the department. The weekly training schedule is always followed by a range of school based tasks and decisions about protocols governed by our context. A huge thanks to Mrs Jennings and Mrs Rigney for their work to stay on track with the implementation schedule.

NAPLAN results

The national testing results will be sent home to parents today, once again our school results are very strong across Literacy and Numeracy in Year 3 and Year 5. As always our team completes a comprehensive diagnosis of the results to review the effectiveness of our programs and inform our future directions.

VALID Science - Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development

Last year our school was part of the state-wide pilot for a new online Science Assessment for Year 6 students. Our students provided extensive feedback about the testing, and staff provided feedback about the training as well as the assessment tasks. The positive aspect to the assessment is that it is referenced the syllabus standards and gives insight into student's performance in Working Scientifically.

As a result of the pilot, the assessment will be delivered throughout NSW and available to all schools. Our students will complete the assessment next week.

Fairgrounds Festival

If your child has a permission note in regards to the Fairgrounds Festival that relates to their participation in a promotional video for the festival, please sign and return the note to the school as soon as possible.

Mr Willetts



Premier's Spelling Bee

Last Wednesday Years 1 and 2 students were involved in a Spelling Bee competition. Several of these knockout spellathons went to 11 rounds – very exciting! Congratulations to all the finalists from Years 1 and 2 for an outstanding effort with their spelling. Special congratulations to our Year 1 winner - Will Thomas and our Year 2 winner - Grace White pictured here with a very proud Mr Willetts.

Last Thursday we held the finals of the Stage 2 and 3 Premier's Spelling Bee. What a fantastic event it was! The hall was filled with anxious anticipation as each of the finalists waited for their word to spell. After many rounds, the winner and runner-up for Stage 2 was awarded however, after 15 'edge of your seat' rounds we had to declare a draw for Stage 3. These four students will travel to Farmborough Rd Public School on Tuesday 13th September to represent our school at the regional final. Congratulations to all the finalists and good luck at the regionals. Stage 2: Daniel Whittaker and Rohan Tavener. Stage 3: Ilana Green and Dylan Faust.



District Athletics Carnival Report

Thursday 11th of August saw the half day carnival for high jump at Nowra High. Nine children attended and we had many students make it to regional in this event. On Friday the 12th of August nearly 500 children represented the fifteen schools from the local area at the Shoalhaven District Athletics Carnival at Shoalhaven High. Forty four students represented Berry Public School. It was a beautiful winter's day and from the first 800m event students from Berry were striving to attain good results for themselves and their school. Many of the Berry students made it into the finals races or performed well in their respective field events. All the relay teams made it to the finals with the junior and senior boys both coming first, junior girl's third and senior girls fourth. A great school effort especially when it was announced that the junior boys' team had broken the junior relay record by two seconds in the heats. This record had been held by Bomaderry Public School since 1974. The team of Macklin Berry, Charlie Heidke, Cooper Barrett and Riley Power were outstanding. Our eight and nine year olds deserve a special mention too. Many of these students were at their first district carnival and they all ran strongly. Thank you to the parents for transporting children to the carnival. The winning school will be announced in the coming week. The regional carnival will be held in Canberra on Friday the 2nd of September. The district team will be announced as soon as it is finalised. It is usual that the first two place getters go through to regional (100m usually the first 3 placegetters). Some regional events do have qualifying marks or times. Details will be given out when I am notified.

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Upcoming dates for 2016

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Fri 26 Aug Staff Development Day
Tues 30 Aug Cricket Development day
Fri 2 Sept Bravehearts K-2
Regional Athletics
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P&C Meeting 6.30pm in the Library
Wed 7 Sept Shoalhaven Music Festival Rehearsal Stg 2
Thurs 8 Sept Shoalhaven Music Festival Performance
Wed 21 Sept Interrelate Evening
Thurs 22 Sept Year 6 Fundraiser
Fri 23 Sept Last Day Term 3
Mon 10 Sept Term 4 Begins
Tues 11 Sept Life Education begins

Notes sent home today and last week:

Shoalhaven Music Festival, PSSA District Athletics, Tournament of the Minds, Blueberry Bites Open Day pre-order and volunteer form, Bravehearts, A Fish Outta Water, AFL Gala Day, Inter-relate, Life Education, Ochres of the Land

Notice from the School Office

Westpac has notified the school that they will no longer be accepting paper merchant vouchers as of the 19th August 2016. Therefore, we will be unable to accept credit card payments until our EFTPOS payment facility is installed. Payments can currently be made using Cash, Cheque and POP payment options.

Canteen Roster for the next two weeks

Date	Lunch	Recess
Tues 23 rd August	Correna Garvan	Barbara Martin
Wed 24 th August	Emma Bell/ Angie Strong	
Thur 25 th August	OPEN DAY	
Fri 26 th August	SDD	
Mon 29 th August	Amy Richards	Kate Bramley
Tues 30 th August	Kylie Musto-Nichols	Jo Gault
Wed 31 st August	Emma Mandile	
Thurs 1 st Sept	Ali Lidbetter	Kristy Whitton
Fri 2 nd Sept	Mimi Fahey/ Lee Healey	Wade Wardle
Mon 5 th Sept	Rebecca Quinane	



BERRY SHOALHAVEN HEADS CRICKET CLUB

**SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE AND THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING - ITS
CRICKET SEASON!**

**THIS YEAR THE MIGHTY MAGPIES WILL HAVE A TEAM FOR EVERYONE
AGED BETWEEN 6 - 106!**

**THE MILO in2 CRICKET PROGRAM TEACHES GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 5-8 ALL
THE SKILLS TO PLAY AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE SPORT, THROUGH FUN
GAMED BASED ACTIVITIES ON A WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.**

**MILO T20 BLAST GIVES KIDS THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE OF PLAYING GAMES
OF CRICKET IN A FUN AND SOCIAL SETTING PLAYED EVERY FRIDAY
AFTERNOON. SUITABLE BOYS AND GIRLS 8 AND UP.**

**JUNIOR CLUB CRICKET PLAYED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR BOYS
AND GIRLS AGED 9 AND UP!**

REGISTER ON LINE AT- playcricket.com

**OR IN PERSON – 9AM -12PM SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER AT THE BERRY
COUNTRY MARKETS. LOOK FOR THE CLUB CRICKET VAN.**

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

ANY QUESTIONS CALL

TED STREET-0422688901 OR MATTY WATSON-0488080404

Book in the Date

Berry PS Open/Grandparent's Day

Thursday 25th August, 9:30am – 1:45pm

Hall Presentation (9:30 – 11:15)

- Welcome: Principal
- Band
- Stage 1 students read grandparent descriptions
- Semester 1 Slideshow
- Kitchen Garden presentation
- Stage 2 students read grandparent information reports
- Stage 2 Choir
- Stage 3 students read grandparent poems
- Kindergarten video
- Public Speaking winners
- Stage 3 Choir

Open Classrooms (11:15 – 11:45)

Picnic Lunch (11:45 – 12:30)

- Sausage Sizzle orders through the canteen
- Coffee and cakes/snacks available all day

COLA Presentation (12:30- 1:45)

- **Kindergarten** - Beach Poems and “Wipeout” dance
- Year 6 skippers
- **Stage 1** – Queensland Back-step and Home Among the Gum Trees
- **Stage 2** – Play School songs and “Solid Rock” dance
- **Stage 3** – From the Centre to the Sea dance
- Whole school song - “Rather Be”

Book Fair and Kids Matter survey in library (9:30 – 2:00)

We hope to see you all there!