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Term 2
Weeks 3 & 4

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Calendar

- Wednesday 17 May**
Stage 2 AFL Gala day
- Thurs 18 May**
District Cross Country
- Fri 19 May**
School Leaders to Wollongong
- Friday 26 May**
Walkathon
Mini Conference
- Monday 12 June**
Queen's Birthday Holiday
- Thurs 15 June**
Public Speaking Finals
- Friday 16 June**
Asia Expo Bomaderry HS
- Thurs 29 June**
K-6 Athletics Carnival
- Fri 30 June**
Last Day Term 2
- Monday 17 July**
Students & Staff Return for Term 3
- Thurs 20 July**
Koomurri Performance
- Mon 31 July to Fri 4 Aug**
Education Week

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Term two is in full swing with lots of activities occurring across the whole school. Naplan, cross country, debating /public speaking workshop, AFL days, Jolly Bops science show, K-2 pet talk, grip leadership day for our year 6 student leaders, PSSA trials and games. Many of these activities require notes to be returned to the school and I would like to thank the vast majority of parents who diligently return notes to the office by the dates due. Our office staff, Jo Jennings, Megan Rigney, Mandy Courtney and Ann Foreman, do a great job collecting and processing notes and money and it makes it so much easier when we have parents who cooperate in this matter.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The school cross country was held on the 3rd of May on a beautiful autumn day. For our Year 2 students it was their first time at Willandra when many of them ran the 1km course and they all tried hard to complete it as quickly as they could. Cross country is not for everyone; however, there was a lot of school spirit on the day with many children entering their age races to gain points for their house. They may have walked parts of the course (especially Heartbreak Hill) but they still entered and had a go! Waratah was the winning sport house which makes it two in a row. With the athletics carnival fast approaching I wonder if they can have a clean sweep in 2017.



District cross country is this week and notes have been given out in week 3. Please return notes as quickly as possible.



NAPLAN

Well done to all year 3 and year 5 students for completing their NAPLAN assessments last week. The students were tested in Spelling, Grammar, Writing (persuasive text), Reading and Numeracy. All students participated in the tests and results are usually returned towards the end of term 3.

Teachers at Berry are also in the process of organising mid-year reports which will be sent home in week 9. Interviews times will also be available around this time. If you do need to see your child's teacher before this please ring the office to organise a suitable time.

SOUTH COAST REPRESENTATIVES

Well done to three more senior students who have made South Coast Sport Teams. Dakota Caliskan-Yates has made the South Coast Girls Basketball Team. Charlie Heidke and Henry Parrish have made the U11 South Coast Rugby League Team. These students will play in NSW PSSA carnivals later in the year. We wish them every success.



BEHAVIOUR

Whatever events our students attend it is always gratifying to hear how well our students behave and how well they participate in activities. In Jolly Bops, the Science Show two weeks ago the presenters commented how well the children listened and participated. We have also been lucky to have basketball, AFL, and rugby league clinics this term and again instructors have made positive comments on students. In our playground each day over three hundred children usually play well, cooperate and share. Our Kids Matter signs which are part of our school values incorporating the Berry Way are certainly paying dividends.

- We are respectful
- We are a team
- We are safe
- We are learning
- We are caring



Berry Public School Open day will Be on Thursday 3rd August 2017 and the Staff Development day will be Friday 4th August 2017.

EXCURSION

Last Friday stage 2 went on an excursion to Hyde Park Barracks in Sydney. It was an early 7:00am departure when we left arriving in the CBD at around 9:30. From here the stage split up into two groups one walking down to the Botanical Gardens and the other heading into the barracks. The groups met again for lunch and travelled



over to Hyde Park for a run around. We then swapped activities; the children were really interested

in how the convicts lived in the barracks especially their sleeping hammocks. The Sydney excursion finished about 2:15 and we arrived back to school at 5:00pm. The students behaved wonderfully on the excursion.



COMING EVENTS

The school walkathon is next week in our school playground on the Friday 26th of May and I am asking all families to support this term 2 fund raiser for our school P & C. The P & C uses their funds to help in many areas of our school like the upcoming library extensions. Without your support many of their initiatives would not occur. **A donation card was sent home at the end of Term 1 and this needs to be returned on the day of the walkathon.**

The Celtic Festival is also coming up on the 27th of May and the organising committee have asked if they could have some student volunteers to help carry signs in the parade. Though this is not a school event it is always good to see Berry Public School represented in a community event. The parade starts at 9:00am and the students will be needed for approximately an hour and a half in their school uniform. If there are any students who are going to the festival could they please come and see me.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This week will see our second assembly of Term 2.

Our whole school assemblies are each fortnight in the school hall and parents are welcome to attend. Class awards are also given out each assembly. 34M will present a class item this week. Well done to the Berry Way Award winner from Year 1.

Dean Haddon - Relieving Principal

MINI LITERACY CONFERENCE FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Today all students in Kindergarten will receive a note about the mini literacy conference on Friday 26th in our school library. We are looking forward to presenting this informative conference to all our Kindergarten parents. The highlight of the conference is the opportunity to practise newly learnt literacy strategies with your child. The conference begins at 9.15am and concludes at 12.15pm.

We hope to see you there on the day.

Sue McAuliffe
Sue McIntosh

BERRY WAY AWARD

Alex Nade

“The Professor”



- Excellent general knowledge developing
- Very good mathematician
- Great writer
- Attentive focused listener
- Keen independent reader
- Very tolerant, patient & kind
- Great sense of humour
- Co-operative with peers and his teachers
- Has a thirst for knowledge & to learn
- Outstanding role model to others

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving classroom awards at the assembly this Friday 19th May 2017, commencing 2pm.

Bronte Schoon, Toby Dent, Walt Gallan, Edward Sullivan, Ruby Norris, Tom Robinson, Peter Gallenca, Julian Stack, Isabella Wood, Nathaniel Lawther, Talis Richards, Skyla Parker, Zoe Ardill, Katie Cofield, Micah Jallard, Mikaela Monkerud, Mila Martijn, Maeve Keane, Bailey Masters, Hugo Canaris, Cooper Price, Zac Dezarnaulds, Ava Carter, Zali Thomson, Jay Hammond, Lucy Lidbetter, Imogen Wall, Will Thomas, Riley Marsh, Jack Sewell, Charlie Ryan, Oscar Jarman, Gabriel Lombardi, William Strong, Bailey Parker, Darcy Tobin, Taj Barrett, Mishka Hilkemeijer, Meah Dearsley, Georgia Phillpott, Pia Dezarnaulds, Keanu Clarke, Blake Mandile, Lulu Zwar, Abigail Jorgensen, Noah Jennings, Emile Gasbarri, Blake Hayes, Anna Pigott, Olivia Healey, Kenan Schoon, Khan Devine, Lachie Turner, Jedd Randall, Sienna Zwar, Eleanor Anderson- Young, Fraya Duggan, Milla Smith, Ivy Armstrong, Miranda Danswan

Messages from the office

Please ensure that you advise the office of any change in family circumstances or contact details including email addresses, telephone numbers and residential and postal addresses. This will assist the school with the communication process throughout the year. Sent out this week will be a Student Medical Emergency Report. Please check the student and family details and indicate, where necessary, any information or emergency contact details and phone numbers that need amending and we will make the changes within our system. We request that the report is completed, signed and returned to the school office by Friday 26 May 2017.

Carers of students who travel on school buses are now required to update address details online via the Transport NSW website, apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails

NEPAL PRESENTATION



On Friday, Peter, Bill and Leslie Pigott gave an exciting presentation on Nepal to the Stage 3 students. It included interactive activities such as: drinking Nepalese chai tea with biscuits while listening to traditional Nepalese stories, drawing Nepalese artefacts from temples, rolling hula hoops along the ground like the children of Nepal roll tyres along the ground for fun, playing a Nepalese version of “Captain’s Coming “ which included fox-walking and learning about the Nepali language. The students had a great time learning about the culture of

Nepal. A big thank you to Peter, Bill and Leslie for informing the students about the rich culture of Nepal.

By Olivia Healey and Eloise Stanford.



Notes sent home this and last week

Stage 3 Sydney Excursion, ICAS Competitions, Walkathon

Canteen Roster

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2				
May 15 th	May 16 th	May 17 th	May 18 th	May 19 th
Lunch	Lunch Skye	Lunch Laura Dent	Lunch Ali Lidbetter	Lunch Mimi Fahey until 10.30am Tuesday Heather
Recess Steph Debeck	Recess Hayley Ellis	Recess Linda Page	Recess	Recess Bec Heather
Week 3				
May 22 nd	May 23 rd	May 24 th	May 25 th	May 26 th
Lunch Liz Warner	Lunch Wendy (Training Day)	Lunch Zara Motbey	Lunch Diana Price	Lunch Mimi Fahey until 10.30am Megan Fitt
Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess Zelinda Turk	Recess Rachel Martin

2017 Walk-a-Fun-a-Thon Friday 26th May

We hope that you have been busy collecting donations for the 2017 Walk-a-Fun-a-Thon – happening on Friday 26th May. The Walk-a-Fun-a-Thon is a great event to be involved in. Students are encouraged to gain sponsorship from friends and family and then walk the Walk-a-Fun-a-Thon course within the school grounds.

Donation cards AND money can be brought to school either Thursday 25th or Friday 26th May and be handed in to P&C Volunteers (not classroom teachers) at the tables set up outside the office BEFORE school.

Donation cards and money must be returned on one of these days to be eligible for prizes.

Students can wear mufti and are encouraged to get fun and creative – there are prizes available for best dressed! PLEASE remember to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and drink bottle. The Walk-a-Fun-a-Thon will be followed by a tasty BBQ for all participants and helpers.

There are some great prizes up for grabs: every class will award an Il Locale Gelato voucher; Roxy movie ticket; and a voucher for Flip Out Nowra. The three highest fundraising classes will choose between a movie and popcorn in the hall for your whole class or an ice cream party for your whole class!

We would appreciate any help from parents who are able to assist with money collection from 8:30am to 11am on Thursday 25th or Friday 26th; cook the BBQ and serve the sausage sizzle on the day; or help out during the Walk-a-Fun-a-Thon. If you can spare a few hours to help out, please email, phone or text Alison Mackinnon on 0410 008 791 or alisonmack@hotmail.com.

If your child would like a vegetarian or gluten free sausage sizzle, please email, call or text Clare Leslie BEFORE Friday 19th May at clare.leslie@llsc.org.au or 0402 068 597. We will happily cater to these needs, but MUST to be informed BEFORE Friday 19th May.

Alison Mackinnon and Clare Leslie
Walk-a-Fun-a-Thon Coordinators

Berry P and C Meeting

Tuesday 16th May 2017
In the school library

6.30pm

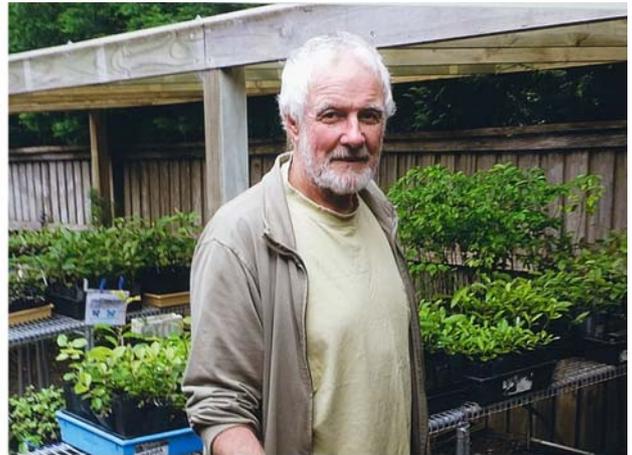
All welcome.

Come and hear the Principals Report and other things happening at Berry Public School such as Library update, Leadership program, Fundraising night and more!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Barry's leaving Berry and the Plant Propagation Nursery

Barry Virtue and his friend, Dave Johnson set up the Plant Propagation Nursery, (affectionately known as Plant Prop), at Berry Public School in the mid 1990s. Barry, a teacher at Berry Public School at that time, and Dave prepared a program to give children opportunities to gain practical skills in plant propagation, as an extension to the more formal classroom Environmental Science lessons.



Barry had always wanted to encourage young children to have an appreciation and understanding of the natural world around them, as well as an understanding of the principles of conservation. He was inspired by his particular interest in native bird and animal wildlife, their feeding patterns and the special habitat that they live in the areas around Berry. Growing and planting out local native plants was a way forward to expand learning into the real world. The school nursery provided the means and the solution for real and practical experiences to achieve this aim.

Under Barry's guidance, and as joint ventures with the community, the children entered Environmental Competitions, and in 2007 Berry Public School won The Regional Landcare Education Award.

Over the years, Barry's pupils grew and supplied thousands of plants for Landcare sites, National Tree Planting Days, Camp Quality, Berry Sport and Recreation Camp, Conservation Volunteers Projects in Berry as well as Gerringong, Shoalhaven Heads and Albion Park.

More recently, plants have been supplied to FH for the Berry to Foxground Bypass, Illawarra Conservation Volunteers and Berry Bushlinks projects.

Barry's knowledge and expertise about plants and birds has been greatly appreciated on seed collecting forays with volunteers from plant prop and Berry and Illawarra Landcare. The seeds collected are either stored in The Seed Bank or planted out in The Living Tree Bank.

Thanks to Barry, the nursery currently stocks over 80 plant species of known local provenance in a range of ground covers, shrubs and trees that are available to anyone who wishes to grow them.

Barry has always had the education of the children in mind, and, most recently, he initiated a monthly article in The Town Crier to promote the activities of the children at Berry Public School Plant Propagation Nursery to the local community.

Barry has been a facilitator at 2 community workshops held in the school hall for Leon Fuller's project "Growing Illawarra Natives". When the community website is finalised, it will provide information and planting guides for local gardeners to know which local plants will best suit the specific requirements for their gardens. It will provide a great resource for teaching the children at Plant Prop as well. Barry's local knowledge of the flora and fauna of the area has been of great value to this project.

The volunteers had a last seed collecting day at Barry's former property in mid April to farewell him. The children from years 3,4,5 and 6 signed a farewell card which Barry appreciated very much. The children, volunteers and staff will miss him greatly.



BERRY COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL NEWS

Picture plate drawings will be done during week 4 – 15th to 19 May 2017.

Tennis Coaching Program – Term 2 2017

Garry O'Connor will be conducting tennis lessons during the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunch breaks (depending on numbers) in Term 2 commencing Wednesday 3rd May 2017. The total cost is \$35 and the lessons will run for six weeks leaving a few weeks available for inclement weather etc. The money for these lessons is to be paid to Mr O'Connor at the first lesson on Wednesday 3rd May not at the School Office. If you do not have a racquet Mr O'Connor has some spares that can be borrowed.

If you would like your child to attend these lessons, please complete the Parental Consent Form and return with money to Mr O'Connor.

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Parental Consent – Enrichment Tennis Program Term 2 2017

I give permission for my child
of class to participate in the Tennis Program at Berry Public School in Term 2 2017.

I understand the cost of the lessons, \$35, is to be paid to Garry O'Connor on the first Wednesday 3rd May 2017.

Special needs to the child of which you should be aware
(eg. Allergies, etc)

To the best of my knowledge, he/she has no medical condition, physical disability or injury which puts him/her at risk in participation in the sport.

Parent/caregiver signature

.....Date:



COME TO PLAY CHESS, WIN PRIZES
AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS AT LUNCH!

Berry Ps Chess Club

Ice Blocks
& Prizes

Leaders
to Help

Chess
Battles

Term
Champions

TUESDAY IN THE LIBRARY

We meet at lunch time, boards are provided. You don't need to know how to play, our friendly team will be happy to help.
IT'S FREE. EVERYBODY FROM K-6 IS WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!