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Term 1 2018

Weeks 1 & 2

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Calendar

Thursday 8 Feb

School Swimming Carnival

Thurs 15 Feb

Stage 2 Swimming for sport starts

Tues 20 Feb

P & C Meeting

Wed 21 Feb

Scripture Begins

Thurs 23 Feb

FIRST Whole School Assembly for 2018

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Principals Message

Welcome Back!!!

We wish everyone a warm welcome back to Berry Public School for 2018, and a special welcome to all of our new families joining us for the first time.

Also, welcome to Mrs Snell who we welcome back as our substantive Assistant Principal after state-wide merit selection.

We are all thrilled to be back and into our classes this week and looking forward to another great year working and learning together.

Once again, I'd like to thank Mr Haddon, and all of the Berry staff for their incredible work last year which allowed me to devote some time drafting the Curriculum Planning, Programming, Assessing and Reporting to Parents Policy for the Department of Education.

Our Staff Development Day was a fantastic opportunity for us all to come together and reiterate what "The Berry Way" means for our staff and how it sets the highest expectations in relation the department's Code of Conduct. We also spent time being inspired by the Secretary's address about the Department's Strategic Plan, learning about managing type 1 diabetes in students and planning in our stage teams.

Loving the Library

Our library lessons are back in our library and we have completed the order for new furniture and a significant technology upgrade to the rooms. The Library will form the information and learning hub for students and staff with access to video conference training and meetings. After years of planning and negotiations, it is wonderful to see it all come to life.

Natural Selection

The other great piece of capital works news is that our new plant propagation area is now complete and will form a significant upgrade to the long standing plant propagation program and significantly enhance our kitchen garden program. A huge thanks to Lyn and John, as well as our asset management team for their outstanding efforts.

Berry Show

Last Friday our students enjoyed their annual visit to the Berry Show. We are grateful for the opportunity each year to experience the show together during the first week back at school. Everyone looks forward to it. A huge thanks to Mrs Quinn for her work putting together the student display for us once again this year.

Mrs Grivas shines at her own art exhibition opening.

Congratulations to Mrs Grivas who opened her own art gallery exhibition at the Shoalhaven Exhibition Centre last week.

The exhibition is open all month so don't miss the opportunity to see her amazing artworks. We are so lucky to have such passionate and talented teachers working with our students.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival is to be held this Thursday. It is always a great event to start the year and build school spirit. We look forward to seeing you there to cheer on our students. Volunteers are always appreciated on the stop watches throughout the day.

A Flourishing System - Deputy Secretary Visit

Next Week the Deputy Secretary of Education, Murat Dizdar is visiting our school. He is particularly interested in school culture and the Flourish Project which continues to have an amazing impact on Principals and schools throughout NSW.

I have been invited to present the Flourish Project Pilot Research at the National Future Schools Expo in Melbourne in March this year.

<http://www.futureschools.com.au/index.stm>

Notes sent home this and last week

School Swimming Carnival, Stage 2 Swimming, 2018 Band, Student Invoices (to eldest student in the family)



HELP PLEASE

Tiler advice needed.....

We need advice and help to install a metal sign and 350 4"x4" tiles for our "Every Face Has a Place" mural on the brick surface of the school hall. Please contact Jo or Megan in the school office on 44641158 if you are able to assist us.

Any help will be very much appreciated.



Berry Public School Blue-Berry Bites Roster: 2018 Term 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Week 1</i>				
January 29 th	January 30 th	January 31 st	February 1 st	February 2 nd
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Recess	Recess	Karen Turley Recess	Recess	Mimi till 10.30 Recess
February 5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Megan fitt	Recess	Sally Jacobs Recess	Swim carnival 3-6 Recess	Mimi till 10.30 Correna Recess
Recess	Hayley Ellis	Julie Munley		Mel Bolton
<i>Week 2</i>				
February 12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Recess	Recess	Rosanne Mar	Cath Philpott	Mimi till 10.30 Lee Healy Recess
Steph Debeck	Sally Jacobs	Linda Page	Julie Munley	



Dear Bob, Staff, Parents and Children at Berry Public School,

After some 26 years of operation, Pam and I have decided to sell the "Berry Bus Service", and retire at least from Bus operations. We will be staying in Berry on the farm and will continue to enjoy our lovely town and our various associations with its residents. The new owners are Ben and Brooke Ogle who we know will very capably assist you with your transport needs and we particularly want to formally wish them every future success. Thank you to the School and Parents for your continued support and interaction over many years and above all, we will miss the interaction with the children who have become part of our life. Wishing you all the very best for the future. Kind Regards
Dave and Pam Lamshed

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tennis Coaching Program – Term 1 2018

Garry O'Connor will be conducting tennis lessons during the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunch breaks (depending on numbers) in Term 1 commencing **Wednesday 7th February 2018**. 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 8th February 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 1 2018

I give permission for my child

of class to participate in the Tennis Program at Berry Public School in Term 1 2018.

I understand the cost of the lessons, \$35, is to be paid to Garry O'Connor on the first Wednesday 7/2/2018.

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:



Due to urgent unscheduled maintenance, the Berry Village Pool will be CLOSED to the public until Saturday 10th February 2018. Please call Nowra Aquatic Park on 02 4429 5641 or via email at nap@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au for more information

Tuning In

Music Classes

for kids from 2—9 years old

Come Join the Fun!

Classes in Nowra and Berry

We offer general music classes for toddlers, for pre-schoolers, and school-aged children

Our JuMP classes are for children who would like to try out all sorts of instruments

Stringlets is especially for kids who would like to learn the violin, the viola or the cello

For more information phone 0490 627 235



E: tuninginmanager@gmail.com
W: www.syo.shoalhaven.net.au



Tuning In

CHOIR



Wednesdays 5:00-5:45pm at Nowra School of Arts
in 2018

For children in Yrs 2-6

\$130 for each 9-week school term

For more information:

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F: www.facebook.com/Tuning-In

Saver Plus is a free ten-month savings program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips, and matches participants' savings up to \$500 for education costs.

What can the \$500 be used for?

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- vocational education
- camps & excursions

Am I eligible?

To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

To find out more:

Enquire online at www.saverplus.org.au

Email saverplus@bsl.org.au

Call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.



Junior Basketball

starts Feb 7 and 9

Shoalhaven Basketball Association

summer competition starts on Wed 7 Feb for children born 2006 or before, and Fri 9 Feb for children born 2007 or later.

Competitions for Junior Girls, Junior Boys and Senior Boys are played on Wednesdays from 4pm. U10s, U12s and AussieHoops Learn to Play are on Fridays from 4pm.

SBA is a registered organisation for **Active Kids Rebate**. Use your **\$100 grant** to cover costs of registration or term fees and give your kids a great fun team sport to play.

Contact Cheryl for more details on **02 4421 3800** or visit our website: **www.shoalhaven.basketball.net.au**