

# Berrima Public School NEWSLETTER

SAS Appreciation Week

**SAS  
Appreciation  
Week  
3-7 September  
2018**



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

TERM 3, Week 7

*Growing hearts and minds of lifelong learners*

## Student absences

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Starting this week our administration team we will be sending SMS notifications to parents to remind them to provide an explanation for their child's absence. Parents are able to reply via SMS in an easy and convenient manner, saving you time.

## Morriset Camp

Next week our stage 3 children will be attending a week long camp at Morriset. They will be joining a number of schools from our Bong Bong Community of Schools and have an action packed week to look forward to. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to be given a broad range of experiences to develop their independence, confidence, relationships with peers/teachers and ability to persist when faced with a challenge.

We sincerely thank their teachers, Miss Jones and Mrs Visman for their dedication and commitment. They are both going above and beyond for our students and we appreciate their willingness to leave their own families for a week to make sure the children from Berrima can make the most of this experience. We look forward to hearing about all their adventures and wish them safe travels.

## After School activities

Next week (Week 8) there will be NO after school activities due to the Stage 3 camp. We will be holding the Friday Run though!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TERM 3 WEEK 7

Monday September 3	
Tuesday September 4	Debating vs Glenquarry Abbey visit
Wednesday September 5	Senior Stars Dance Kindy/Year 1 excursion – Sydney Aquarium Cooking Year 3 Lunch orders due
Thursday September 6	Cooking Year 4 Regional Spelling Bee Year 2 excursion – Harper's Mansion Learning Sprints - Professional Learning
Friday September 7	<b>FRIDAY RUN @8am</b> Lunch Orders PSL Suzanne Crouch

### TERM 3 WEEK 8

Monday September 10	<b>First day of Stage 3 camp</b> P&C Meeting @7pm
Tuesday September 11	NO Big Boppers
Wednesday September 12	Cooking Year 6 NO Senior Stars Lunch orders due Book club orders due
Thursday September 13	Cooking Year 5 NO Choir
Friday September 14	<b>FRIDAY RUN @8am</b> Lunch Orders <b>Final day of Stage 3 camp</b>

## SCIENCE SPACE CENTRE VISIT BY 3/4/5 STUDENTS

Last week's excursion was a great learning experience and lots of fun. Here are some thoughts from the students in Year 3/4:

*We went on an excursion to the Science Space. The first show was the space one. I learnt about how all the stars make pictures in the night sky. My favourite ones are Scorpio and the Southern Cross. (Aubrey)*

*Tippi and I were together, and we started with the top floor. We found amazing things, then we went downstairs. My favourite part was the cloud machine that made a mini-tornado! After all that exploring, we had to line-up at a door which had a show inside. (Brigid)*



*When we got there, we put our bags down in the locker area and went straight in to the Planetarium and learnt about space. It was so cool. (Annabelle)*

*It was awesome. I got to try stuff with friends. There was an air machine, a building simulator and an electrical bike. (Jack)*

*At the Science Space we went into a big dome called a Planetarium. We watched a film inside about a few space creatures who wanted to go on vacation, but they could not decide which planet to choose, so they asked their spaceship to show them all the planets. (Jackson)*

*After the film we were allowed to walk around the place. There were a lot of activities to go to upstairs and down. Upstairs there was a test where you had to hold on to a rubber bar for a particular time and I managed to hold on for the full time even though it was very hard. (Aida)*

## A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

A massive thank you to our Kitchen/Garden team for their wonderful organisation for the Father's Day stall. The team were able to raise over \$600 from this event to have existing tools sharpened and buy new tools for the collection. Special mention must go to:

- Kimmo and Megan for their organisation
- Imogene for her wonderful creative flair and gorgeous presentation of gifts
- Latesha for her generous donation of Nature's Botanical ~ we hope the dads enjoy a fly and mosquito free summer!
- All the beautiful mums who helped make rocky road, package gifts, donate goods and helped serve at the stall.



We couldn't have done it without you all!



## CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS ~ Southern Stars Performers and Chess

### Chess

Tuesday 28 August saw 8 very talented students attend the Southern Highlands Chess Competition at Tudor House. All students did a phenomenal job and both our teams finished in the top 3! We are so proud of Elyse, Jamie, Sam, Mali, Harry, Fred, Noah K. and William for representing our school with such passion. Each student had such concentration and surprised the other players with their great skills. A big thank you to Sam, William and Mali's parents for transporting and supporting these students.



### Southern Stars

I had the pleasure of taking a very talented group of students to the WIN Entertainment Centre over 4 big days last week to dance in Southern Stars. The girls represented our school with pride showing exceptional



respect, responsibility and resilience. We received lots of praise regarding our behaviour, knowledge of our dances and responsibility of our area and belongings. Congratulations and thank you to Ava, Amelia, Bela, Cassie, Charlie M, Charlotte C., Charlie L., Claire, Elyse, Ginger, Isabella, Lilea, Milli, Olivia, Sasha and Zara on a fabulous show, you all worked so hard and made Berrima proud!

Thank you to all of our families and staff for all their support and assistance to help the show and rehearsals run as smoothly as possible.

Kindest regards  
Mrs Visman

## MORRISET CAMP

Last week all students attending the Morisset Camp were given information regarding travel times, equipment and packing requirements. If your child did not receive this information, please see Mrs Visman or Miss Jones to arrange a copy. Students are reminded that they are not permitted to bring any electronics, lollies or jewelry to camp and any cameras taken to camp should be disposable. We also have a \$10 limit on spending money which must be placed into an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and given to their class teacher before we board the bus.

With thanks  
Miss Jones and Mrs Visman





## SAS Appreciation Week ~ 3-7 September

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF



### Appreciation Week 2018

September 3-7



SAS Appreciation week is an opportunity to acknowledge the valuable work our SAS staff do every day at our school. This week we recognise and thank our:

- ❖ School Administration Manager ~ **Belinda Temporalì**
- ❖ School Administration Officer ~ **Maree Goulder**
- ❖ School Learning Support Officer ~ **Denise Howes**
- ❖ Garden Specialist ~ **Kimmo Moule**
- ❖ General Assistant ~ **John Jordan**

We invite you to share in thanking our SAS Staff throughout the week.



From all staff, students and parents of Berrima Public School. **Thank you** to our wonderful SAS staff who are **essential** to our school community.

Our SAS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community.

SAS staff work in school offices, in classrooms and libraries, maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they are unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions.

At Berrima Public School we are very fortunate to have Belinda, Maree, Denise, Kimmo and John who play a vital role at our school. The teaching staff are showing their appreciation this week in a number of ways; a decorated office, random acts of kindness and a special morning tea on Thursday. You too can show your appreciation this week if you happen to be in the office or working in the kitchen/garden.

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

A BIG THANKYOU TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY!!!

There is still plenty of time to click on the link below and complete the online survey. We would really like your feedback so that we can make the best decisions for our lovely school.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/1209berrima>

The Tell Them From Me Parent Survey is anonymous, voluntary, and easy-to-use. It is based on a comprehensive questionnaire covering parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at home and at school.

There are two huge benefits to families who complete this survey. Firstly, your responses will help us make decisions for future directions AND you can have a chance to win a great prize. Each family will receive a token to fill in when they have completed the survey. Please return these to school to go into the draw for a chance to win 1 of 3 \$40 Rebel Gift Vouchers.

To complete the survey please click on the link below:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/1209berrima>

Don't have access to the internet?

Please call into the library on Monday or Wednesday mornings and we can help you.

We thank you for support and look forward to your responses.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

### SMS notifications

Coming home on the Skoolbag app is an information guide for parents on the importance of regular attendance at school and what to do if your child is absent. At Berrima Public School we are reviewing our



attendance procedures and would like to keep parents informed on important Departmental guidelines and policies. We are also trying to streamline these processes for parents to make things easier and more convenient.

Be on the lookout for SMS notifications reminding you to explain your child's absence from school.

### **BOOKCLUB**

A reminder that Bookclub orders are due on **September 12**.

Warm regards  
Belinda and Maree

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS ~ PBS**

### The focus for this week is **RESPONSIBILITY**

#### *Do the right thing at the right time*

Thank you to Mrs Bowyer and the 3/4 children for their efforts last week in promoting one of our core values – Respect for the environment.

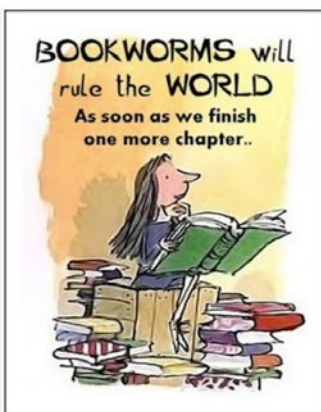
This week will be focusing on responsibility. At Berrima Public School we respect our school environment and take responsibility by following some simple rules. We remember to:

- Put our rubbish in the bin
- Pack equipment away
- Use sticks for building



Warm regards  
Ms Lehmann ~ PBS Leader

## **LIBRARY NEWS**



Just a reminder about library days and opening times:

Monday – Year 4/5 and Year 2

Tuesday – Year 5/6 & Year 3/4

Wednesday – Kindergarten and Year 1

Students need to remember to bring along their library bags.

The library is also open before school on Monday and Wednesday mornings for reading, returning and borrowing or just for some good company!

Keep on turning the pages,  
Mrs Kennedy

~ WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE CHILDREN OF BERRIMA PUBLIC SCHOOL ~

Warmest regards Karyn, Anita, Belinda, Jo, Bri, Natalie, Lauren, Ruth, Crystal, Bec, Megan, Maree, Denise, Kim and John



**LUNCH ORDER – Please enclose \$6 with your child’s order and return your order by 3pm  
Wednesday September 5, 2018**

**Friday September 7, 2018**

Name:.....Class:.....

**RECESS: (Please select ONE option below)**

- Fruit Salad (GF)
- Popcorn (GF)
- Carrot & celery sticks with hommus (GF)

**LUNCH:**

- Salad Roll
- Please tick if you require a GF bread roll
- Plain meat pie
- Cheesy chicken pizza pocket

