

Berrima Public School

NEWSLETTER



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Growing hearts and minds of lifelong learners

Monday November 15, 2021

WEEK 7

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

A very big thank you to our Stage 3 children and School Leaders who walked to the Memorial in the Berrima Village to commemorate Remembrance Day. We were very proud of their respectful behaviour and how capably they represented our school values of gratitude and giving back.

2022 SCHOOL LEADERS

Well done to our Year 5 children who have nominated themselves for a position of School Leader for 2022. They are now busily preparing their speeches, which will be presented on **Wednesday November 24, 2021**, in the COLA. We will record the speeches and share them with parents as soon as possible. After the speeches, students from Years K to 5 and staff will vote to elect the 2022 School Leaders. There are 6 positions to be filled:

- 2x School Captains
- 2x Vice-Captains
- 2x School Leaders

The successful applicants will be inducted at the End of Year Assembly on **Friday December 10, 2021**.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

As we have transitioned to Face to Face Learning we have noticed that some of our children are struggling to adjust and meet expectations of behaviour throughout their day. While we have been expecting some adjustments and unsettled children we are concerned that some behaviours we are observing are out of character and at times completely unacceptable. There are a number of ways that we are working to support our children at school and we encourage parents to talk to their children about what they are doing to feel settled and ready to learn at school. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you feel your child needs some support in this area.

P&C – SAVE THE DATE – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are very excited to be hosting the Berrima Schoolyard Markets on Sunday December 12, 2021. We are expecting a bumper crowd for this market as the *Bowral Classic* is scheduled for the same weekend. Please consider volunteering your time as this is the last chance for the P&C to fundraise for our Kitchen/Garden program. It has been another tough year and we are keen to increase our bank balance so that we can continue to support this much loved program for 2022.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4 WEEK 7

Monday November 15	
Tuesday November 16	
Wednesday November 17	
Thursday November 18	
Friday November 19	2022 School Leader speeches due

TERM 4 WEEK 8

Monday November 22	Wombaroo note due P&C Meeting
Tuesday November 23	Semester 2 reports to go home
Wednesday November 24	Year 5 School Leaders speeches and voting
Thursday November 25	Kindy orientation at Berrima Park
Friday November 26	P&C Ice block day – gold coin donation

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday December 10	End of year assembly Organisation TBA
Sunday December 12	Berrima Schoolyard markets

P&C MEETING DATES FOR 2021

Term 4 Monday November 22



End of year organisation

2021

CURRENT GUIDELINES THAT WILL IMPACT OUR END OF YEAR PLANS

The following information is taken directly from the Department's website and outlines the restrictions in place until the end of this year. This has meant that we have had to change quite a few of our plans and won't be able to hold some of our end of year traditions. We empathise with the sense of frustration this brings however, the staff have rallied to quickly organise a number of events to celebrate the year with some fun and adventure! This newsletter now has all of the dates set for our activities. Permission notes and more details will start to trickle home over the next few weeks.

PARENTS AND CARERS ON SITE

- Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, vulnerable students or students with disability, student wellbeing activities and school operations
- Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in, show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site and follow mask-wearing requirements.
- One fully vaccinated parent or carer is permitted to attend their child's Kindergarten orientation when conducted outdoors.

P&C MEETINGS

P&C associations may hold meetings on school sites outside of school hours without a Community Use Agreement or COVID-19 Safety Plan.

The local President of the P&C, or a delegate, must ensure:

- All P&C members that attend meetings on the school site must be fully vaccinated. The President (or delegate) must visually sight vaccination status to verify that requirements are met.
- All P&C members in attendance at each meeting must check in using either the school check-in code or a P&C-specific QR code.

EXCURSIONS

- Excursions will be allowed outdoors and indoors. If the excursion is indoors, the cohort will need to **have sole use of the venue** – including Environmental Education Centres.
- Excursions are day-only **and not overnight**.
- No reward excursions are approved for Term 4.

ASSEMBLIES

- Assemblies and presentations will be allowed outdoors on site. Cohorts should be separated with physical distancing in place where practicable.
- Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school. All visitors must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination.

GRADUATIONS AND FORMALS

- Graduations and formals will be allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues.
- For graduations and formals held on school sites, students in the cohort may attend regardless of vaccination status. Fully vaccinated parents and guests may attend at the discretion of the school and if there is sufficient capacity based on COVID-safe capacity limits (square metre rules) in effect for indoor or outdoor venues on the date of the event.
- Unlike events and activities on school sites, external venues have vaccination requirements that affect students. In external hospitality venues, current public health orders mean:
 - ✓ children under 16 years of age who are not fully vaccinated can attend as long as they are accompanied by a fully vaccinated member of their household.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4 WEEK 9

Monday November 29	Killalea note due
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Tuesday November 30	
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Wednesday December 1	
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Thursday December 2	*2022 KINDY Orientation *Year 6 Leadership day @Camp Wombaroo
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Friday December 3	
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TERM 4 WEEK 10

Monday December 6	
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Tuesday December 7	Stage 3 excursion to Killalea State Park
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Wednesday December 8	Year 6 Graduation Picnic
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Thursday December 9	
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Friday December 10	End of year assembly Organisation TBA
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Sunday December 12	Berrima Schoolyard markets
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TERM 4 WEEK 11

Monday December 13	WHOLE SCHOOL WET N' WILD/MOVIE DAY
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Tuesday December 14	
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Wednesday December 15	
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Thursday December 16	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS Year 6 Farewell Arch
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Friday December 17	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
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ABILITY TO WAIT, BUT
THE ABILITY TO KEEP
A GOOD ATTITUDE
WHILE WAITING.