

# Berrima Public School

## NEWSLETTER



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### *Growing hearts and minds of lifelong learners*

Monday November 22, 2021

WEEK 8

#### P&C MEETING – Last one for 2021!

Our final P&C Meeting will be held tonight at the Surveyor General Inn at 6.00pm. Items in the agenda include:

- Christmas market
- End of year activities.
- Gifts for families whose youngest child is graduating in 2021

We hope you can join us!

#### 2022 SCHOOL LEADERS

Our Year 5 candidates have been very busy preparing their speeches, which will be presented to the whole school 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**.

#### HANDY PERSON NEEDED!

Are you a builder, carpenter or all round handy person who could volunteer to help us construct some things in our new Play Area? We would really appreciate your help over the Christmas holiday break. If this is you, could you please call the school and chat with Mrs Kennedy? Thank you!

#### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We are really looking forward to meeting our new Gumnuts for 2022! Mrs Olegario will be meeting with the children and their parents at the Berrima park this Thursday for their first orientation session. We are excited to be welcoming some new families to our school community and getting to know them!

#### P&C ICE BLOCK DAY

A friendly reminder that the P&C have kindly organised an Ice Block Day for the children this Friday. Children are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and enjoy a nice treat.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

##### TERM 4 WEEK 8

Monday November 22	Wombaroo note due P&C Meeting @6pm
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 *Principal Network Meeting
Friday November 26	P&C Ice block day – gold coin donation

##### TERM 4 WEEK 9

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



## 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 10

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

#### TERM 4 WEEK 11

Monday December 13	WHOLE SCHOOL WET N' WILD/MOVIE DAY
Tuesday December 14	
Wednesday December 15	
Thursday December 16	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS Year 6 Farewell Arch
Friday December 17	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

