Berrima Public School
NEWSLETTER

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Growing hearts and minds of lifelong learners

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WEEK 5

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Good luck to our District Swim team who will represent our school this Friday at Bowral swimming pool. A big thank you to Mrs G, Mr Harris and the parents!

NSW CURRICULUM REFORM

The NSW education system is reforming the curriculum which will be taught in all classrooms from Kindergarten to Year 12. The new curriculum will give students more time to focus on key learning areas so that they can acquire a deeper understanding of central concepts. It will ensure students develop strong foundations for learning, life and work in a complex and fast-changing world.

This reform has been informed by extensive consultation with teachers, parents and education experts, and is underpinned by extensive research. Curriculum reform involves change that spans many aspects of schooling, including teaching, learning, assessment and reporting to parents. New syllabuses provide schools with a unique opportunity to re-focus and place curriculum at the heart of school planning. Key curriculum changes include:

- building strong foundations for future learning with new English and mathematics syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 2
- an entirely new curriculum from 2022 with new syllabuses focused on what is essential to know and do in early and middle years of schooling, and key learning areas in the senior years
- providing more time for teaching by reducing the hours teachers spend on extra-curricular topics and issues and compliance requirements

The new curriculum will ensure every student develops strong foundations for learning, life and work. The reforms are vital for the young people in our schools today, and for those who will arrive in the years to come.

KITCHEN AND GARDEN FEES

We are excited that this year's kitchen/garden program continues to thrive and that children began their lessons last week. We highly value the potential of the Kitchen/Garden program to support and deepen classroom learning whilst developing important life skills such as collaboration, resourcefulness, persistence and flexibility. The classes are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesdays: Year 1 Waratahs for an hour each week. Year 3 Silver Wattles - 2 hours every odd week and Year 4 Gold Wattles - 2 hours every even week.
- Wednesdays: Year 2 Banksias for an hour each week. Year 5 Snowgums - 2 hours every odd week and Year 6 Rivergums - 2 hours every even week.

Most kitchen classes will involve producing food and this may be a sample or a portion taken out to eat at the next break or wrapped to take home. To cover these costs we ask that families pay the following fees:

- Year 1 & 2 - $60 per year
- Year 3/4/5&6 - $120 per year

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 1 WEEK 5	
Monday February 20	
Tuesday February 21	
Wednesday February 22	
Thursday February 23	
Friday February 24	District Swimming Carnival
Sunday February 26	Berrima Schoolyard Markets

TERM 1 WEEK 6	
Monday February 27	
Tuesday February 28	
Wednesday March 1	
Thursday March 2	
Friday March 3	Friday morning run @8am

P&C MEETINGS for 2023

Term 1: Monday March 13
Term 2: Monday May 8
Term 2: Monday June 12
Term 3: Monday August 7
Term 3: September 4
Term 4: Monday October 23
Term 4: Monday November 20

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on Monday afternoons from 3pm And Wednesday mornings from 8.30am