

# Berrima Public School NEWSLETTER



# Growing hearts and minds of lifelong learners

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We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land past, present and emerging.

We gather each day on Gundungurra Land to continue our learning adventure together.

Monday July 29, 2024

WEEK 2

### PSSA WINGECARRIBEE DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wishing our district team all the very best for a great day at the District Athletics carnival this Friday. Mrs Elatm and Mr Lee will be the supervising teachers and we thank the parents for supporting their children in getting to and from this event. Should these arrangements need to change, due to the weather and availability of the grounds we will let you know as soon as possible via ClassDojo.

#### **GYMNASTICS AND DANCE LESSONS**

We have been successful in gaining a Schools Sporting grant which covers the cost of specialised gymnastics and dance lessons for this term. Every Friday all children will participate in 4 weeks of gymnastics lessons followed by 4 weeks of dance classes, led by an expert facilitator.

#### **GROUND WORKS AND MAINTANENCE**

As you may have seen there are a number of large-scale ground works and maintenance jobs in progress throughout the school. This is impacting quite a number of normal school activities as well as extra-curricular activities, such as the markets. While we are very grateful that these necessary works are in progress, this does have some flow on effects for this term. We have made the decision to push back our Education Week plans to Week 5 to coincide with Book Week. We will announce an official date for Lantern Walk when we can confirm arrangements with the new land-owner. We would like to thank the community for your patience and understanding in all of these changes. Unfortunately, we have encountered a few factors, like the weather that were out of our control and changed our plans.

#### BERRIMA SCHOOLYARD MARKETS

The market committee have made the decision to cancel the July and August markets due to ground works in the school. We look forward to hosting the September market, just in time for Spring!

#### **BOOK WEEK - Week 5**

We will be hosting Book Week activities on Wednesday August 21, with further details coming home next week. Children will be able to come dressed as a favourite character from a book or dress up with this years' theme: Reading is Magic! Parents will be invited to join us in the morning to celebrate Public Education Week and Book Week together.

#### **EXTERNAL VALIDATION**

Once, during a four-year cycle, schools undergo an external validation of the evidence of their school self-assessment. Schools put together a written submission based on evidence and then engage in discussions with an external panel to have their self-assessments validated using the School Excellence Framework. Our school is currently undergoing this process with our submission due on August 15 and the panel will meet with us on August 29. An external validation panel report is provided to the school following the external validation and will inform our next 4-year Strategic Improvement Plan.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Monday<br>July 29    |   |
| Tuesday<br>July 30   |   |
| Wednesday<br>July 31 |   |
| Thursday<br>August 1 |   |
| Friday<br>August 2   | District Athletics Carnival<br>Gymnastrix |
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#### **TERM 3 WEEK 3**

| Monday<br>August 5    | P&C Meeting                     |
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| Tuesday<br>August 6   |                                 |
| Wednesday<br>August 7 | Rescheduled Netball Gala<br>day |
| Thursday<br>August 8  |                                 |
| Friday<br>August 9    | Gymnastrix                      |

## **P&C MEETINGS**

#### Term 3:

Monday August 5, 2024 Monday September 2, 2024

#### UNIFORM SHOP

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Our uniform shop is closed until further notice, for maintenance reasons in the old schoolhouse. Limited stock is available through the front office via a phone call and pick up.