



Berrigan Public School 'The Bell Ringer'



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Remembrance Day



It has been a big Week 5 at BPS—Remembrance Day, Robotics Challenge Day, Boat Rock excursion in amongst NAIDOC Week.

Our school leaders ran a very personalised Remembrance Day service in the school hall to commemorate all those Australians who lost their lives in wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations.

~Lest We Forget~



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Principal's Report

It has been a week filled with many different activities mainly because Remembrance Day, NAIDOC Week, the Boat Rock excursion and the Robotics Challenges all fell in the same week. It has been great to see how everyone got in and participated fully in the many activities on offer.

Robotics Challenge Day

With great excitement and anticipation we welcomed Ms Vicki Kempton back to BPS to run our annual Robotics Challenge. Yr 3/4 worked with LEGO WeDo 2.0 while the Yr5/6 students used the LEGO Mindstorms EV3 kits.

The level of engagement is a joy to see as is the students problem solving, innovative thinking and teamwork. This is creative use of technology in action!

Everyone was a winner on the day but the 'Star Performers' were:

Yr3/4—Jordan Swann and Nic Arnold

Yr5/6—Miley Driscoll and Mia Cameron

While the older students were working with Ms Kemp-ton, the Yr 2 students had a lot of fun driving Sphero robots in maths rotations during the morning. It was a novel way of practising maths facts.

Principal's Assembly

As mentioned in previous newsletters, you need to have received six School Merit Awards in this school year to receive a Principal's Award. A Principal's Assembly will be held on Friday 11th December and be followed by a morning tea for all those students who reach this milestone. ***Please bring them into the school front office for recording, I am sure there are a lot more out there!***

Transition

Next week we begin our Kinder transition program. Each Tuesday for the next 4 weeks our next crop of eager learners will join us from 9:15am – 12:00pm. Miss Charlotte Franco will be taking charge of this morning of fun for these little people.

Most of our Yr 6 students will go to Finley High School's Taster Day next Tuesday. They will go for the whole day and experience a day in the life of a secondary student.

Boat Rock Excursion – K-3

Everything is in order for the excursion today to Boat Rock, Savernake. Miss Reynoldson has organised this excursion to compliment the geography units being studied this term—*Significance of Place*. Jono has organised Uncle Freddy, Aboriginal Elder, to join the excursion. He can add an Indigenous perspective to the significance of the local environment.

It was very appropriate excursion to take place in NAIDOC Week.

Swimming for Sport & Intensive Swimming Program

Please note: Kinder students will not be participating in the Swimming for Sport until next year. Apologies for the miscommunication about this but we feel it is not necessary to involve our youngest students at this stage.

Swimming for Sport & Intensive Swimming Program notes have gone home with each student. Swimming for sport will start Friday 27th November. **Please return signed permission notes ASAP and return them to the office.**

A huge thank you to Murray Irrigation who sponsored our swimming program. We are very appreciative. and NSW Education Department School Swimming and Water Safety who sponsor the school towards costs of the program.

Variation to After School Travelling Routines

We have had a few issues with mixed messages and confused students recently with students going home in the afternoons.

Students are to return home after school by their usual means unless of course parents have notified the school of any change to normal routines.

You can ring the school or send a note letting us know what is to happen should there be a change, otherwise it is our duty of care to ensure your child/children leave school the way you have previously indicated.

Mrs Dorothy Dore, Principal

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