



Berrigan Public School 'The Bell Ringer'

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'Thank you' OzHarvest



OzHarvest

Since March 2020, we all have witnessed COVID-19 spread to at least 212 countries and territories. Few places have escaped for this pandemic wreaking havoc on the environment, economy and society. COVID-19 has uncovered a multitude of weak spots within our food systems. Australia's food system is not immune to its effects and there is currently a large degree of uncertainty around the full impacts. Donations made to OzHarvest help us get food to those who need it during these difficult times – as intended by our supportive and generous donors.

The FEAST program has run at BPS this term and Year 4-6 have learnt many new skills cooking varied dishes they could potentially make at home for you to enjoy. The \$50 voucher will provide the students with and opportunity to cook for you. Go on be brave!!

Principal's Report

Over terms 2 and 3 the Year 4/5/6 cohort have been learning all about cooking healthy food and combating food waste. The students are absolutely loving cooking and experiencing new foods and also learning about where different foods come from. The program is hands on and encompasses mathematics skills, Science and Technology and Health concepts in a fun and interactive way. The FEAST Program is offered through the nationwide company OzHarvest. The overarching goal of OzHarvest is to reduce food waste in Australia through rescuing good quality unused or unsold food and rehoming it to people in need. We have been very lucky to be able source funding of \$1500 through Paul Newman's Own to purchase 6 classroom cooking sets, including 6 electric frying pans, and to pay for teacher training to run the program. OzHarvest have also given us \$300 to put towards our weekly grocery shops to carry out the class cooking activities which has been a fantastic help.

Today we have an exciting announcement that OzHarvest has very kindly donated \$2400 worth of IGA vouchers to the families of Berrigan Public School. The last couple of years have been tough on our local community and 2020 has probably been one of our hardest with the Covid-19 pandemic. As a school we have decided that each of our families will receive a \$50 voucher to purchase groceries at our local IGA. With the voucher each family will receive a recipe booklet with 6 simple wholesome family friendly recipes that also help to reduce food waste. These vouchers can not be redeemed for **cigarettes or alcohol**. We encourage you to involve your children in the cooking process and enjoy some wholesome healthy family meals together.

As a school community we sincerely thank OzHarvest for their generous donation and are sure that each and every family will be very appreciative of this support in what is a difficult time for many.



Thank you very much to Mrs Swann who initiated this valuable learning opportunity for BPs students.

Maths Challenge—see who can get the answer first!

I am a whole number greater than 50. I am a two-digit number. The sum of my digits is 15. Both of my digits can be divided by 3. I am an even number. What number am I?

The Tell Them From Me student survey (Term 3, 2020)

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students have participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey on an annual basis. Asking students to complete the survey allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 10 August and 23 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Please contact the school if you do not want your child or children to participate in this survey.

https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12019e.pdf

School Photos

Monday 31st August, our annual school photos will be taken. All students will receive a labelled order form soon. All school photo orders must now be done online then the form returned to the school office. MSP Photography will no longer accept cash for your school photos. Family photo order envelopes have been attached to the eldest students envelope.

Full summer/winter uniform to be worn. **Please Note: a \$20 fee will apply to any orders received after photo day.**

Dorothy Dore
Principal



** wash your hands *cover your cough *stay home if you are unwell*