



Berrigan Public School 'The Bell Ringer'

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Week 8 @ BPS



Today we farewell Mrs Kerrie O'Dwyer who has supported teachers and students over the past 6 years here at BPS. We appreciate the contribution Mrs O'Dwyer has made in our classrooms, for our students and as an integral part of the team. Good luck Mrs O'Dwyer!



.... Cricket NSW Country Blitz visited us by Zoom and the Sydney Museum also popped in for a virtual visit too.



We were excited to have Bluearth back in the school. The spring sunshine was a perfect backdrop for Drew's activities this morning. The opportunity to 'check-in' and focus energy on developing teamwork through physical activities is very valuable.

Principal's Report

Crazy Hair Day

Last Friday the SRC organised a Crazy Hair Day. They hoped to raise some funds to buy some sporting equipment to use at lunchtime. All manner of crazy hair styles came to school and \$92 was raised. Well done to the SRC!

Footy Colours Day

There are preliminary plans for a Footy Colours Day on the last day of term. Hot dogs might be on the menu! We will have a Bluearth session on the last day of term too!

Warmer Weather

The weather has certainly warmed up, spring is here! Please ensure students have their water bottles and perhaps locate hats ready for wearing on these days too.

Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtime art and craft activities started today, there was plenty of interest in the loom bands. LEGO has been ordered and construction will become another lunchtime activity for students. It is proposed that we run these activities on Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime.



Bluearth

Bluearth is a valuable program which has been part of our fortnightly routine for the past few years. It promotes the benefits of physical activity and an active lifestyle and the value of mindfulness.

This is supported by our Smiling Minds program running across the school, which Mrs Swann has initiated. By adding mindfulness to our programs we hope to build healthy minds, engaged classrooms and equip a generation of young people with skills they need to thrive in life.

Mrs Swann is our schools 'Mindful Champion'.

Jars for Science

Miss Reynoldson has requested each student in K/1 and 2/3 to bring an empty 250ml jar with lid and no label for a Science activity they are doing in week 10.

If you have extra for the students to use it would be much appreciated.

They can be dropped off at the front office.

'Check-in' assessments

Year 3/Year 5 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Term 3, 2020.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3/5 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Year 3 students will do their assessments in Week 9 and 10

Due to COVID-19 NAPLAN was cancelled this year so these check-in assessments will provide us with valuable information to inform our planning.

Reminder about supervision

Students are not to be at school before 8:30am in the mornings. Playground supervision commences at 8:40am when students can go to the back of the school where there will be a teacher on duty.

Mrs Dorothy Dore, Principal