

Berrigan Public School

Newsletter

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Term 4

- By Wednesdays - lunch orders to office for Fridays lunch delivery
- Fridays - Lunch orders delivered



No Hat - Play in the Shade

It is no surprise that the Australian sun causes some of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Luckily students have been very proactive making sure they are wearing their hats whenever they are outside.

BPS is a Sunwise School and it is that time of the year, when it is our policy to wear hats. Students who do not wear the school hats will be asked to stay under shelter, out of the sun and play in the shade of the COLA or go into the Wellbeing Hub.

Drink bottles are an essential accessory along with hats!

As students are being discouraged from drinking from the bubblers, they are required to bring a drink bottle to school that can be refilled when necessary.



Term 4 Already!



Term 4 has started strongly..... there were engaged learners everywhere we looked this week.



Flag Flies Proudly Again

You might have noticed that our flag is proudly flying again. Our banners, gates and flagpole have been powder-coated giving front of school a fresh feel. The cement posts will get a fresh lick of paint shortly. Thank you to Amy and Noel, Keith and James for taking them down and to Amy & Noel for ferrying them to and from powder-coaters in Cobram.

Our relieving GA, Craig Knight stood the flagpole up this week.

Return to school Level 3 school operations

- Masks are mandatory in all indoor and outdoor settings for all staff
- Students are encouraged to wear masks
- Non essential visitors are not permitted
- Minimal mingling of class groups
- Well ventilated rooms
- Parents are requested to not congregate outside of the school gates at drop off and pick up times and to adhere to mask wearing as per current public health orders

2021 Tell Them from Me Survey

PARENT/CARER SURVEY This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

The parent survey will be conducted early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm. To access the survey for our school go to: **<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/vnz2h>**

STUDENTS SURVEY This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary for students in Yr 4, 5 and 6. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, let us know.