

# BERRIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 3rd December 2021**

## TERM 4

- Wednesday 8th - Tuesday 14th December - Intensive Swimming for K-Year 6
- Thursday 9th December - Monologues, Principal's Assembly followed by Morning Tea for awardees.
- Tuesday 14th December Award Giving Ceremony 9:30-10:30 (livestreamed), 2022 School Captains will be announced.
- Thursday 16th December Year 6 Breakfast @ Berrigan Bakery 7:30am.
- Thursday 16th December - Last Day of Term 4 for students
- Friday 17th December - Staff Development Day
- By Wednesdays - lunch orders to office for Fridays lunch delivery
- Fridays - Lunch orders delivered

## MENTIONS

Attendance rates have been very good across the whole school so far this term - well done!

End of Week 9 we sit at 97%

This exceeds our school target and sits well above the state average - go BPS!

## End of year activities

It is our intention to run all end of year activities in some format. We will be adhering to all guidelines provided by the Department of Education - I simply cannot operate outside of them. The Level 3 School Operations Guidelines have not changed over the course of the term and therefore our Award Giving Ceremony will be livestreamed on Facebook next Tuesday morning from 9:30am.

We understand the year has been difficult and full of disappointment and that has been the case for all of us in one way or another. We do need to be mindful of not venting that disappointment on others.

Decisions are based on the healthy and safety of all. As it stands at present your children, in our school, are the most vulnerable group and every decision made keeps that in mind! The last thing any of us want for Christmas is a period of 'isolation'.

**Tuesday 14th December - Award Giving Ceremony**

**9:30 am (livestreamed on Facebook)**

# Intensive Swimming Program

Intensive Swimming Program will begin Wednesday 8th December for 5 days for all students in Kinder to Year 6. We will repeat a similar 5 day program at the start of next year for Years 1 - 6.

***No rashie, no swimming. Students who do not swim stay at school.***

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



## Congratulations Mrs Gregory

Early last week I was able to present Mrs Gregory with her Certificate of Proficiency and later last week she and husband Dave welcomed little George into their family. It was a big week for Lucy!

## Principal's Award Assembly and Morning Tea

We will be holding our Principals Award Assembly on Thursday 9th December. Students need to hand in SIX merit awards from **Term 3 & Term 4** to be eligible. Mrs Dore will reward these students with a Principal's Award and a special Morning Tea. Please hand your awards to the front office by **no later than Tuesday 7th December.**

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## Looking ahead to the 2022 school year...

I am yet to finalise plans for how we will start the 2022 school year. It is no secret that staffing schools has become a bigger challenge over the last couple of years, not just BPS, it is a statewide problem. Certainly locally many schools will be significantly impacted by a teacher shortage next year. I am yet to find a teacher to complete my staffing. I am in discussions with the DoE recruiting people and would like to think I may get some positive news later this week, otherwise I'll have to look a plan B.

What I do know is we will run with K/1, Yr 2/3, Yr 4/5 composite classes and a straight Yr 6 class. Mrs Tait will return for 3 days a week and Mrs Liz Mehmet has moved to Tocumwal from Melbourne and is very excited to be joining the BPS team for 3 days a week as well.

As soon as I have these plans set I will communicate them to you.

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# BALDWINS BUSES

## GET READY FOR 2022



### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Children who live in NSW and who are in Kindergarten – year 2, regardless of distance from school.
- Primary School Students who live in NSW and live greater than 1.6km from the school as the crow flies or walking distance is greater than 2.3km to the school.
- Secondary School Students who live in NSW and live greater than 2km from the school as the crow flies or walking distance is greater than 2.9km.

### HOW TO APPLY.

- To apply for your child to travel on the services that are provided go to the following website. <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel>
- Or Google “Apply SSTS”
- Please note that the link will not work on a mobile phone.

### CODE OF CONDUCT.

- When applying you will be required to tick a box that states you have read the code of conduct for your child. These rules should be read to your child, we follow these guidelines strictly and any breach will result in disciplinary action which may result in a suspension or termination of travel privileges.
- If you have already registered your child and have any questions about the code of conduct the link is as follows  
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/studentCodesOfConduct#scrollTarget1>

### UPDATED BUS STOP POLICY

- Baldwins Buses have implemented a new policy in regards setting children down on the roadside. If a parent is not present at a stop and the driver feels the stop is unsafe for the child they are to wait up to 2 minutes, if no parent or guardian turn up to collect the child, the driver will notify the office and keep the child on the bus for the remainder of the run, the office will make an attempt to contact the parent/guardian if no success, the Police are called to collect the child/children from the depot when the bus arrives back at the end of the service.

Any questions please contact the office on 03 5874 3355