

Berrigan Public School Newsletter

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Term 2



WASH YOUR HANDS

COVER YOUR COUGH

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL

Anzac Day - Berrigan Shire Celebrations

A group of our students participated in the Berrigan Shire Anzac celebrations on Monday. Thankyou to Mrs Phillips for leading the way and to our school leaders who represented our school, reverently delivering a poem on the occasion.



PGA Golf Clinic

On Monday 2nd May, Year 4/5 will be participating in the PGA Tournament Golf clinic at the Tocumwal Golf and Bowls Club at 1pm. Students are required to wear sensible footwear and full school uniform. The Golf Club has kindly offered their courtesy bus to transport the students to and from this event.

GRIP Leadership

On Tuesday 3rd May, Year 6 are travelling to Albury Entertainment Centre to participate in the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. Our student leaders will leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader in our school.

Students are reminded to be at the school by **7.20am for a 7.30am sharp departure**. Students will need to be picked up from the school at approx. 4pm.

Finley Zone Netball Trials

Congratulations to Tahlia Wood and Sophie Baxter who travelled to Narrandera to trial for the Western Riverina Netball team last term. The girls enjoyed the day. Tahlia was selected and will now trial in Wagga in Week 4 for a spot in the Riverina team. Good luck Tahlia



Riverina Trials - AFL

Jack Magill and Jordan Swann participated in the Riverina PSSA AFL trials in Albury on last term. The boys had a great day and congratulations to Jordan Swann who was selected in the Riverina PSSA AFL team to play in Coffs Harbour in May.



JeriBerriO Netball Trials

On Monday 2nd May at the school netball courts 4pm, seven of our Year 5/6 girls along with students from Jerilderie and Oaklands will be trying out for the NSWPSA Riverina Netball JeriBerriO team.

Mrs Liz Mehmet will be coaching the team. The first game will be against Mulwala PS on Monday 9th May at Mulwala.

COVID Smart operations

You will be aware that the rules have changed with regard to 'close contacts'. If your child is a close contact but tests negative on a RAT test, then they are able to attend school. Providing

- You notify the school you are intending to return under this provision and that
- You should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.

You can of course choose to keep your child home and access the learning from home packages as per the DoE link.

It is the winter term, the first wave of COVID is behind us but we cannot emphasize strongly enough -

- do not send sick children to school
- children must be two days free of symptoms (covid, gastro, flu, cold etc) before returning to school

Tell Them from Me survey

I am delighted that this term, our schools Years 4, 5 and 6 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. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

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.

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. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

If you do not want your child or children to participate, please inform school by Monday 9th May 2022.

Berrigan Public School ready to shave it all off!

On May 13th Berrigan Public School have a team of students ready to shave it all off as part of the World's Greatest Shave run by the Leukaemia Foundation.

Team Captain Jack Magill was keen to be a part of the shave as his Grandmother Wendy Henderson has recovered from Leukaemia, Jack said "I want to raise as much money as I can to help find a cure for my Nan and so it doesn't happen to anyone else."

Jack has a team of school mates joining him and they are all going to be bald come May 13th. The shave event will be held at the school as part of the SRC Crazy Hair Day festivities.

Berrigan Public is also represented by year six students Taylor Thornton and Tom Baxter. Year 5 student Hudson Ware. Year 4 student Maddie Kortum and year 2 students Paddy Arnold and Kobe Smith.

Organising teacher Emma Phillips commented "Berrigan Public has some mighty mullets in the playground currently but none more spectacular than Year 2 student Paddy Arnold. I have been pestering Paddy for a long time to use his mullet to help the school raise a large amount of money for the Leukaemia Foundation and finally he agreed!"

The Leukaemia Foundation CEO Mr Chris Tanti said, "with the incidence of blood cancer continuing to grow, we can not sit by allow this cancer to increasingly wreak havoc on families across Australia. By signing up or donating you are ensuring patients have access to support and care they need to fight the disease. Together with our brave and big-hearted shavers we believe it is possible to achieve our goal of zero lives lost to blood cancer by 2035."

Maddie Kortum is the only girl to join the boys and shave her head. Maddie has been busy fundraising for the event and will bravely buzz off her beautiful locks for this fabulous cause. Maddie explained that she wanted to shave her head to raise lots of money to help people with Leukaemia. "My Poppy's Mum had Leukaemia and she passed away when he was a little boy."

All the team has been busy fundraising and are hoping the whole community will continue to support them to raise a significant amount to donate. Mrs Phillips commented how pleasing it is to have such community minded students participating in this event and how proud she and all the teachers are of them and is very excited to announce that so far they have raised \$7000.

If you would like to donate to Team Berrigan Public School and help the Leukaemia Foundation please follow this link <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/TeamBPS>



MOTHER'S DAY

To celebrate Mother's Day each class is holding an open classroom from 10:00-11:00am with fun activities planned.

All mothers and significant females are welcome.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a dash of pink!

Morning tea and coffee ☕ will be available at recess for all of our loved ones.

Students will proceed back to their normal classrooms after recess.

All visitors need to check in through the front office.

Friday 6th of May