Berrigan Public School Newsletter

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CRAZY HAIR AND WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE DAY

BEFORE



AFTER



What an amazing effort! These seven brave students combined to raise over \$14,000 for the Leukemia Foundation. There are still some donations to be collected so we expect the final figure to be higher!

A HUGE thank you must go to Mrs Phillips for all of her hard work over the last few months, promoting and encouraging this fundraiser and bringing it to fruition. She also single-handedly cooked enough carbonara to feed 65 hungry students. Thank you to the parents who baked cup cakes and to the wider school community who came along to share in the day. A big thank-you to Chantelle Henderson and Stacey Gorman for their hairdressing skills, it wouldn't have happened without you!

BPS Cross Country

The students are right into their practice sessions for the school cross country event to be held this Friday 20th May. The cross country will take place at the **Berrigan Racecourse.** We plan to run the cross country and finish with a picnic lunch. Please come along and cheer your kids on, lay out the picnic rug and have lunch together afterwards.

Students will walk to the racecourse at recess so all students will come to school as usual. Parents can take their children home after the cross country/lunch provided they inform their class teacher.

NAPLAN

The remaining assessments for students in Years 3 and 5 will happen this Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday: Language Conventions (grammar, punctuation and spelling) Wednesday: Numeracy

There will be an opportunity for students to 'catch up' if they miss any of the assessments but the NAPLAN window closes this Friday.

IeriBerriO Netball

Congratulations to Sophia-Ruby, Tahlia and Sophie on being selected in the JeriBerriO netball team. The JeriBerriO netball team played their first game against Mulwala Public School last Monday. Mrs Mehmet, the coach, was very impressed how well the girls all played strongly as a team, winning the game 20-4.

The next game (Round 2) is yet to be announced.



Mother's Day Morning Tea

What a wonderful morning we enjoyed at BPS on Friday 8th May! We welcomed our mums, grandmas, nans and others into our classrooms. There were lots of activities for the special person in the students lives to join in.

Everyone enjoyed morning tea in the sunshine with complimentary coffee and scones. Many parents commented that is is great to be back in the school!

Tell Them from Me survey

Berrigan students in Year 4/5/6 participated 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 to get valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, their aspirations, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

Bucket Drumming

This term we have Chris Bodey running bucket drumming sessions for Year 4/5 and 6 every Friday. The students really enjoy this opportunity. We look forward to hearing the sounds of drumming ring out across the school and for the rest of us to 'learn by beat' as it reverberates across the school.

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, they are able to attend school. Providing

- You notify the school you are intending to return under this provision and that
- You will 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