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Upcoming Events

Thu
11 June
› Riverina Primary Cross Country, Gundagai (NB: corrected day & date)

16 June
› Principals’ Network Meeting

Tues
23 June
› School Photos

Fri
29 June
› School Athletics – Field (at school)
› Last day of Term 2

Tues
14 July
› Students return for Term 3

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 2 brings cooler weather and coughs and colds. With the weather cooling and winter now officially upon us, we remind families that winter uniform is to be worn by students, and this includes long pants and jumpers. A jumper is definitely needed at school. While inside at home may be warm and cosy in the morning, outside it is now going to be cold, and may be wet and windy. For students’ health and comfort, we ask that parents do not send students to school in summer uniform. Students can take jumpers off when they warm up but they need to have one with them. Please make sure clothing items are labelled with your child’s name.

Teachers are currently completing learning units and assessment to support the ‘reporting to parents’ process. Students’ Semester 1 Progress Reports will be sent home in the last week of term.

To ensure our reports reflect the new syllabuses now implemented in schools and provide meaningful information for parents and carers and students, some changes have been made to the format of the Barham PS reports. An initial draft was presented to P&C last month, and further amendments that
have been made will be presented at this month’s meeting.

Semester 1 Reports will highlight the learning focus in each curriculum area for Semester 1. The reports will indicate students’ achievement of syllabus outcomes in these subjects and provide an achievement level in the subject using the mandatory A to E grading. Kindergarten students are not graded, but reports will clearly indicate students’ progress in learning.

Principals met for two days of training and information sharing late last week. Principals heard presentations that explained the latest Teaching Award, including the new salary and classification system and accreditation processes. Principals will present this information in detail to staff in coming weeks.

Of great value was the session with Local Area Police Command and Police School Liaison Officers. The partnership with local services is extremely important to schools, and Principals were appreciative of the time and information given by the police officers who attended.

Thank you to families who have paid their excursion deposits. The Stage 2 and 3 excursions are earlier this year than normal, and parents and carers are invited to make payment in full or to take advantage of a payment plan. A Fundraising Meeting is being held today at 3.30pm at school for families with a child in Year 5 or 6. All families are urged to attend.

This week is again full of activity. Enjoy reading of the happenings at school, and the week ahead.

Catherine Peach

STUDENT WELLBEING

The importance of student wellbeing for effective learning has long been recognised. The NSW DEC has recently released The Wellbeing Framework for Schools. The Framework’s vision is to have students “Connect, Succeed, Thrive in an enabling school environment”.

“The school environment is pivotal to the growth and development of our most important assets – our children and young people. Our schools strive for excellence in teaching and learning, connect on many levels and build trusting and respectful relationships for students to succeed.”

This comprehensive framework will assist our school to shape our Student Wellbeing policies, and the systems and strategies we use to manage students’ behaviours at school.

Students have been working together with teachers to understand and meet the behavioural expectations of the school setting. The expected behaviours are being made explicit through teaching, guidance and reflection, and are based on the core values our school has identified as being vital to personal development and growth - Respect, Responsibility and Initiative.

There will always be times when students will face differences and challenges within their friendships and interactions with others. It is important that teachers are aware of such issues in order to ensure matters are addressed and ongoing monitoring is put in place.

If any issues do arise, parents are encouraged to contact the school directly. Your concerns will be heard and matters will be addressed. All parents are respectfully reminded that it is the role of teachers to speak to students if concerns regarding actions or behaviours need to be addressed.
We look forward to unpacking *The Wellbeing Framework for Schools* as we move to achieve the milestones of our *2015-2017 School Plan*, specifically with regard to *Student Engagement*.

We will be sharing information with you throughout the year.

**PSSA District Cross Country**

Well done to all students on their efforts at last week’s PSSA District Cross Country. A total of 30 students represented our school at the District Cross Country held at Wakool, Burrapoi PS, with everyone doing their best and having a go.

All students showed enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and a positive attitude towards their event, students and the wider community. We had some pleasing results amongst the age groups.

- Eli B. 1st place
- Jarvis K. 1st place
- Eboni B. 4th place
- Teesha T. 4th place
- Ben M. 4th place

These students have qualified to compete at the Riverina Cross Country being held at Gundagai on Thursday 11th June. We wish them well for the next level of competition.

Our thanks go to parents for transporting students to this event, and for helping out with carnival duties. Thank you, Miss Hughes for supervising and assisting on the day.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCHOOL LEVIES**

The P&C have set our 2015 Voluntary School Contributions at $33.00 per student. Voluntary Contributions help fund essential resources for your child in learning, such as paper, stationary and art supplies. Thank you to those families who have already made a voluntary payment. Please remember all payments are greatly appreciated.

Families are reminded that the Kitchen Garden levy is not voluntary. This payment is needed to ensure our school Kitchen Garden program is sustainable. Thank you in anticipation of your payment.

**LUNCHES AT SCHOOL**

Recently, some students have been requesting that staff heat their lunch in the microwave at school. For safety reason, and to ensure your child has a warmed lunch, families are reminded to send food in a thermos. Teachers are not necessarily in the staff room, and with the number of students we have, staff cannot commit to heating lunches every day.

Please make sure you child has their recess and lunch pre-packed or ordered so that they can manage their food for themselves. If bringing food that is to be eaten warm, please pre-heat it and store it in a thermos.

Our school also operates under the guidelines of the NSW Fresh Taste @ School Policy which promotes healthy food choices for students. The *NSW Fresh Tastes @ School Guidelines* use a system that categorises foods into a colour spectrum ranging from **GREEN** to **AMBER** to **RED**.
GREEN foods are to be encouraged and should ‘fill the lunchbox’. These foods are good sources of nutrition, have less saturated fats and/or added sugars and/or salt, and help to avoid an intake of excessive kilojoules.

AMBER foods should not dominate children’s food choices and should be ‘selected carefully’. These foods have moderate levels of saturated fat and/or added sugar and/or salt and can, in large serve sizes, contribute excess kilojoules.

RED foods are have little nutritional value and are high in saturated fats and/or salt and/or sugar and/or kilojoules. These are occasional foods and include sweetened drinks, lollies and deep fried foods. These foods are ‘occasional foods’.

Examples of GREEN Foods:
- All fruit, legumes and vegetables
- Lean meat, fish and lean poultry
- Breads and wholegrain cereals
- Low fat milks, yoghurts and cheeses
- Water

Examples of AMBER Foods:
- Full fat dairy foods
- Some savoury commercial products
- Processed meats
- Margarine, mayonnaise and oil
- Spreads, sauces and gravy
- Snack food bars
- Cakes, muffins and sweet biscuits
- Ice creams, milk based ice confections and dairy desserts
- Ice blocks, fruit based and ice confections
- Fruit juices and sugar sweetened drinks

We ask parents to consider what is being packed or ordered for children to eat. What students eat impacts on how they feel and learn. Here are some great lunch ideas from Fresh Taste @ School website to keep your child satisfied and able to engage in learning:

- Sushi bread sandwiches – made by flattening the bread and rolling it up
- Egg salad roll on wholemeal bread
- Pasta salad
- Corn fritters with chicken, turkey or ham slices
- Vegie or zucchini slice
- Spaghetti frittatas
- Homemade soups
- Meatloaf and salad.

Keep the lunch box safe with an ice block or food stored on a thermos, and don’t forget to pack a drink bottle full of fresh water.

The Canteen also offers a variety of Green and Amber lunches and snacks for your child to order. Check out the Term 2 Menu.

P&C Meeting
Tuesday, 9th June (Week 7.30pm at school
All welcome!
YELLOW CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to these students who have collected 10 green Merit slips to achieve their Yellow Certificate.

RED CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Jess who has collected 20 Green Merit slips to achieve her Red Certificate.

RAiders Training

U/12 and U/14 football training will now be held on a Thursday night at 5pm and finishing at around 6.30pm. A sausage sizzle will be provided when it is a home game or a sit down meal will be on offer at around 7.15pm for all if you choose. The club would love your support.

GUN CLUB ROSTER

Saturday 6th June
BBQ - 7am
Barnes
McInnes
Volunteer Required
Salter (Grylls)

BBQ - 10am
Burger
Hollins

Canteen 8am
T & A Davis
Burger
K Wilson

Canteen 10.30am
Corner
Carnell

Cake
Kerr
Painter

Slice
Comitti
Laskowski

Coleslaw (6lt)
Gordon
Bassett

Soup (6lt)
Camps
Miller
Penglase

Salad Items
2 dozen eggs – Long, Pasco, Taylor
4 Carrots, 6 tomatoes, 1 lettuce – Lobb, Nicholson, He.

Items are to be left at school on Friday 5th June.

For alternate arrangements:
Tracey Davis  0409 246 916
Alleena Burger  0428 278 277

NETTA

Netta starts this Tuesday, 2nd June. If you are in Years 3 to 6, and are interested in playing netball, come along to the Raiders courts at 4pm. Sessions will run for 45 minutes. For those who are not VNA registered, there is a registration fee of $50. Thank you to Kylie Brear and Natalie Lake, who have offered their time to run this program.

If you have any questions, please call Michelle Robinson on 0439 631739.
Canteen Roster

Mon 1st June  Natalie Lake
Tues 2nd June  Sam Irwin
Wed 3rd June  Mandy Anthony
Thur 4th June  Rita Jones
Fri 5th June  Julie Sleep

Mon 8th June  Queen’s Birthday
Tues 9th June  Brooke Holins
Wed 10th June  Julie Estep
Thur 11th June  Gina Petrascu
Fri 12th June  Lana Scoullar

Please arrange your own swap, or contact Sonya at the canteen, 54532321.

School Jumpers
Polar fleece school jumpers, in sizes 6 and 8 are now available from Purple Patch Skate’n’Surf.

Cancelled…..
Due to an unforeseen change, the upcoming visit by the Australian Government Mobile Service has unfortunately been cancelled. It is their intention to visit Barham at the earliest possible opportunity. We will be notified when a date has been finalised.
A Letter Of Thanks - Aspire Me Sports Camp

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd May, forty-two students from fifteen Deniliquin District Schools participated in the inaugural Aspire Me Sports Camp. The Deniliquin Sports Complex provided a fantastic venue. Students were engaged in gymnastics, basketball, netball, indoor cricket, indoor soccer and indoor hockey. Also on the agenda were Muay Thai, dodgeball, dance and Zumba. A cyber-safety/anti-bullying information session and being an appreciative audience for some very talented young singer/dancers completed the camp.

Aspire Me Camps are conducted in drama and art under the organisational skills of Gayle Andriske (Principal, Berrigan Public School) and Catherine Peach (Relieving Principal, Barham Public School). The Director of Public Schools Deniliquin, Vicki Kempton is acknowledged for her inspiration and support of the camps …and for sleeping over.

I must pass on my appreciation to the following for giving our students a unique opportunity:

John Arthur, Manager of Deniliquin Sports Complex. John’s unbelievable energy and contacts made this camp possible.

Peter Hupfield, Allana Moore, Rachel Bucholtz, Rachel Phyllis Campbell, Chloe and Bella Condor, Katrina Ives

The students who participated received high praise for their behaviour and endeavours from all coaches. I can thoroughly concur with this. Everything was positive with children giving “everything a go”. They were without exception a credit to their schools and parents.

Talking of parents, many thanks to you all for supporting and transporting of participants. You may have come from the local schools of Deniliquin North, Deniliquin South or Edward or a little (or a lot) further afield- Moulamein, Mulwala, Oaklands Central, Tooleybuc, Balranald Central, Barham, Berrigan, Carrathool, Finley, Jerilderie, Moama and Mathoura. THANK YOU! Ditto to their principals and teachers! A big thank you to Mathoura’s SAM Allison McKeen and SAO Deb McKindlay, for their thorough organisational skills; huge job.

It’s all about our students.

Regards,
Julie Szwec
Principal
Mathoura PS