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Term 3 2018

Weeks 1 & 2

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## Calendar

### Tues 31 July

Shoalhaven Music  
Festival Preliminary  
Rehearsal Yrs 3 & 4

Futsal

### Fri 3 August

Library Opening

EDUCATION WEEK

### Tues 7 August

ICAS English

### Thurs 9 August

Open Day &  
Grandparent's Day

### Fri 10 August

District Athletics

### Mon 13 August

STEPS screening

### Tues 14 August

ICAS Maths  
Room 8 at 8am

### Mon 20 August

Life Ed begins

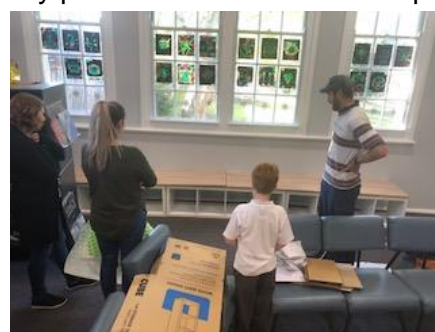
### Thurs 30 August

Kidsmatter Celebration  
Day

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### Library opening

We are so excited to be officially opening our library extension this week. A huge thanks to so many parents who have been helping us to prepare for the day.



Students are requested to dress up as a book character to help bring the day to life. A parade will be held at 10.30am for students to show off their costumes.

### Plant Propagation is OPEN!!

Last Friday was a truly amazing day of activity at our school. Students were involved in National Tree Planting Day with the support of our Plant Prop volunteers.

Most significantly all of the plants the students were planting at the school came out of our NEW plant prop area. The Plant Prop team was able to have a nice cup of tea in their new home to celebrate.



A huge thanks to John and Lyn for their passion for this capital works project and special thanks to Mrs Jennings for managing the incredible additional administration load associated with the project.



## Education Week Open /Grandparents Day - 9th August

Our education week open day and grandparents always showcases some of the wonderful talents and work of our students and staff. Students absolutely relish the opportunity to show their parents and grandparents around the school and share their learning. We look forward to seeing everyone here. The details and program are later in the newsletter.

## New Website and App

We have been working incredibly hard to develop a new website and app to enhance our communications and parent access to information.

The department has a new school website service which we are moving across to which we believe will assist us to deliver more detailed and current information about our school to parents and our wider community.

Our existing website always been recognised as beautifully designed and we are extremely grateful to Catherine Hutchison and Katie Rivers for their amazing work. Both are also assisting us with the transition to the new site and we wish to thank them for their ongoing support.

## Rotary Public Speaking

Last week our public speaking champions presented their speeches to a packed house of Berry Rotary members at a dinner in Bomaderry.

What an amazing event it was and the students performed brilliantly. Thank you to Berry Rotary Club for their continued support and generosity. Special thanks to Mrs McAuliffe and Mr Sutton.

## Get Physical!

The importance of sport and physical activity to promote lifelong positive habits is vitally important.

Our school has fully implemented the department's policy of 150 minutes of planned physical activity thorough the school and our students are really fortunate to have such an amazing playground to enjoy every day.



Playing sport is also a great way to build relations and friendships that last a lifetime.

Here is a photo of Mr Willetts making new friends at rugby on the weekend.

Have a great week.

Bob Willetts

Principal



***Flynn Munley*** in KV has been chosen to represent our Federal electorate at Parliament House in Canberra in August.

*Flynn and his Mum Julie*

*(pictured with our Federal Member Ann Sudmalis) will travel to Canberra for the Kids in the House event on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).*

*Flynn has had Type 1 Diabetes since age three and his family are passionate about advocating for funding for research into this life-threatening autoimmune disease.*





## KidsMatter Survey Time - We Value Your Feedback

Early this term students, parents and staff will be participating in the KidsMatter survey. It is important to hear from all members of the school community. The survey asks participants for their views about aspects of the school that relate to supporting students' mental health and wellbeing. All responses are completely anonymous and are stored securely by KidsMatter and Berry Public School.

**Parents are invited to complete a survey on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August on our school's Open Day.** Surveys will only take approximately 10-15 minutes and will be conducted in the new Library.

### *What is the parent survey about?*

The survey asks parents and carers for their perspectives on their child's school and what they think is important for schools to consider to better support children's mental health and wellbeing.

### *Who should participate?*

The consultation process encourages parents and carers to complete a short survey (15 multiple choice questions) about how well our school supports the mental health and wellbeing of your children. As an extra incentive, the class with the highest number of parent responses to the survey will have a movie & popcorn reward later this term.

### *What happens to the answers?*

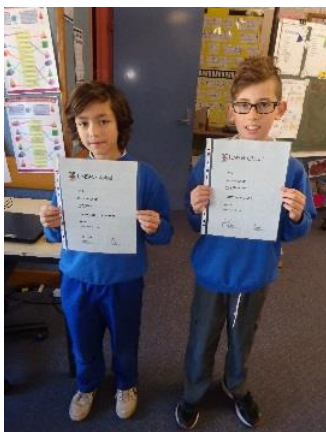
The answers provided by parents and carers are completely anonymous and are stored securely by KidsMatter and Berry PS.

Our school values the information gained from these surveys; the data drives future school planning.

## **ICAS Digital Technologies**

Last term eight students participated in ICAS university exam. Certificates were given out in Week 10 of last term. The university competition involved questions in general computer skills, word processing, graphics/multimedia, internet/e-mail, spreadsheets/databases and programming.

Congratulations to all students and to Emile Gasbarri -High Distinction, Jarvis Turk - Distinction and Edward Turley -Distinction.



## **ICAS Science**

Last term twelve students participated in ICAS Science university exam. Certificates were given out last week.

Congratulations to all students and to Jonty Warner who achieved a High Distinction and Thomas Den Hollander a Distinction. These two boys will receive their certificates at the next whole school assembly in week 4.

## Sport news



### State Rugby League Carnival

In week 9 of last term, Henry Parrish was a member of the South Coast Open Rugby League Team. Henry and his family travelled to Mudgee for the four day carnival against all the regions of NSW. South Coast played seven games winning four. South Coast came seventh in the carnival.

Well done to Henry who is a great rugby league player and sportsperson for our school.

### Futsal Competition

Our senior boys futsal team has been training hard for their state carnival on Tuesday the 31st of July up in Sydney. We wish them success in what is a very tough competition. Thank you to Paul Eyland for training the boys at lunchtime at school.

### District Athletics

After our school athletic carnival a team has been selected to represent Berry at the Shoalhaven District Athletics Carnival that will be held on Thursday 9th and 10th of August at Shoalhaven High's athletic track. A separate note will go out to the team this week. The carnival is in two parts with high jump on the Thursday and all other events on the Friday (please note that high jump coincides with our open day and students will have to make a decision about participating).

No teacher from Berry School will be there on the Thursday but on the Friday, Mr Simpson, Mrs Pearson and Mr Haddon will be at the carnival. Travel to the carnival will be by private car and this will need to be arranged over the coming week.



### Berry Public School Blue-Berry Bites Canteen Roster 2018: Term 3

Week 2				
July 30th	July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Horses birthday	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	August 3rd
<i>Lunch</i>  Zara	<i>Lunch</i>  Nicole Ison	<i>Lunch</i>  Steph Debeck	<i>Lunch</i>  Cath Philpott	<i>Lunch</i> <i>Mimi till 10.30</i> Lee
<i>Recess</i> Zara	<i>Recess</i> Isi	<i>Recess</i>	<i>Recess</i> Julie Munley	<i>Recess</i> Jenny R
Week 3				
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	August 7 <sup>th</sup>	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	August 10th
<i>Lunch</i> Megan fitt	<i>Lunch</i> Hayley Ellis	<i>Lunch</i> Karen Turley/Steph D	OPEN	<i>Lunch</i> <i>Mimi till 10.30</i> Carolyn
<i>Recess</i>	<i>Recess</i> Isi	<i>Recess</i>	DAY	<i>Recess</i> Erica

### Notes sent home this and last week

2018 Spelling Bee, Year 6 T-Shirts, Shoalhaven Music Festival Preliminary Rehearsal Years 3 & 4, Library Opening Invitation, Open day lunch order form.

# You're Invited



Parents, Grandparents & Carers, please join us to celebrate the official opening of the newly refurbished library at

**Berry Public School**

**Friday 3rd August 2018**

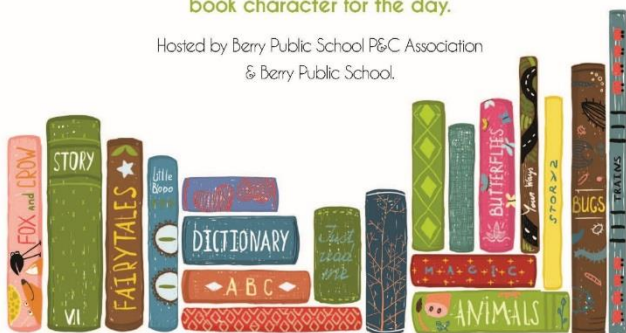
A special assembly will take place in the school hall  
from 1:45pm

followed by a ribbon cutting, library tours and  
afternoon tea adjacent to the library  
from approx. 2:30pm - 4pm.

We will be joined by special guest, author Jackie French.

Students are encouraged to dress as their favourite  
book character for the day.

Hosted by Berry Public School P&C Association  
& Berry Public School.



## BERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY OPENING

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018**

Students are requested to dress up as a book character to help bring the library opening day to life. A parade will be held at 10.30am for students to showcase their costumes.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Garry O'Connor's Tennis Coaching Program – Term 3 2018

Due to the fact that our tennis court resurfacing has taken longer to complete than expected, our final week of tennis coaching (Term 2) will now take place on the first Wednesday of Term 3 (1<sup>st</sup> August 2018) at 11.30am. Term 3 Tennis will then commence on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Garry O'Connor will be conducting tennis lessons during the Wednesday lunch breaks (depending on numbers) in Term 3 commencing **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018**. The total cost is \$35 and the lessons will run for six weeks leaving a few weeks available for inclement weather etc. The money for these lessons is to **be paid to Mr O'Connor** at the first lesson on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August **not at the School Office**. If you do not have a racquet, Mr O'Connor has some spares that can be borrowed.

If you would like your child to attend these lessons, please complete the Parental Consent Form and return with money to Mr O'Connor.

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### Parental Consent – Enrichment Tennis Program Term 3 2018

I give permission for my child .....

of class ..... to participate in the Tennis Program at Berry Public School in Term 3 2018.

I understand the cost of the lessons, \$35, is to be paid to Garry O'Connor on the first Wednesday 9/8/2018.

Special needs to the child of which you should be aware

(eg. Allergies, etc) .....

To the best of my knowledge, he/she has no medical condition, physical disability or injury which puts him/her at risk in participation in the sport.

Parent/caregiver signature .....Date: .....

# BERRY PS OPEN/GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Thursday, August 9th, 9:30am - 2:30pm

Open Classrooms (9:30 - 10:30)

Recess (10:30 - 11:00)

- Coffee and cakes/snacks available all day

Hall Presentation (11:00 - 12:30)

- Welcome: Principal
- Band and music groups
- Stage 1 - students read grandparent descriptions
- Stage 2 - our grandparents are special
- Semester 1 Slideshow
- Stage 3 - poems
- Kindergarten video
- Public Speaking winners
- Stage 2 and 3 Choirs

Picnic Lunch (12:30 - 1:15)

- Canteen lunches will be available for pre-order
- Coffee and cakes/snacks available all day

COLA Presentation (1:15 - 2:30)

- Kindergarten - Shine Bright Like a Diamond and What a Wonderful Life
- Year 6 skippers
- Stage1 - 'Thunder and A million Dreams.
- Stage 2 - Carpool Karaoke and Advice for the Future
- Stage 3 - Wings
- Whole school song

Book Fair in library (9:30 - 2:30)

Kidsmatter survey in the Beam room

We hope to see you all there!





## BLUEBERRY BITES CAKE STALL

*sweetest*  
**CELEBRATION!**

**Open Day & Grandparents Day Thursday August 9 2018**

The biggest fundraising opportunity of the year for our Blueberry Bites Canteen is fast approaching! We need everyone to bake items for us to sell and volunteers to work on the stall throughout the day.



### BAKING

Visitors will be able to buy cake and coffee from 9.30am to 2.30pm so its great to have items that we can sell individually, such as a tray of slice, banana bread, a bag of biscuits, muffins, individual cup cakes, scones, fruit loaf, fruit skewers etc. Whole cakes are very welcome too as we can slice them. Savoury items were very popular last year and we would love to see more Vegan and Gluten Free options. Anything you can muster up will be greatly appreciated.

### ITEM & INGREDIENT LABEL

It is imperative that each item includes an ingredient list and the name of the item. People who suffer from allergies need to know what to avoid if there is gluten, egg, dairy or nuts etc.

### DELIVERING THE GOODS!

Please deliver your goodies to the Canteen on Wednesday 8th August or on the day to us at the cake stall. The stall will be set up near the big COLA.



### VOLUNTEERING

If you can volunteer on the day please write your name and contact number on the roster at the Canteen. If you cannot get to school to pop your name down let us know using the slip below and we will be in touch to work out a shift.

Any questions please contact Stephanie Debeck on [stephaniedbeck@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniedbeck@gmail.com)

Name: ..... Email address: .....

Child's Name: ..... Child's Class: .....

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CANTEN BY MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY

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Yes, I can do a shift on the Cake Stall

## BLUEBERRY BITES PINCIC LUNCH – Open Day Thursday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

Please bring your pre-order form back to the canteen by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug

BLUEBERRY BITES LUNCH PRE-ORDER FORM			
ITEM	QUANTITY	COST	TOTAL
<b>Sandwiches all on Wholemeal Bread</b>			
Cheese & Tomato		\$4.00	
Ham Cheese & Tomato		\$4.00	
Egg & Lettuce		\$4.00	
<b>Drinks</b>			
Apple Popper		\$1.50	
Water		\$1.50	
<b>Snacks</b>			
Red Rock Chips - Honey Soy		\$1.50	
Red Rock Chips - Sea Salt		\$1.50	
Gluten Free Veggie Crackers - Honey Soy		\$1.50	
<b>Lunch options served in COLA</b>			
Homemade Lentil Soup; vegan and gluten free		\$3.50	
Sausage Sandwich w/ Sauce		\$4.00	
<b>Please return this form to the canteen by Wed 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>		<b>Total Cost of Order :</b>	<b>\$</b>
Childs Name:	Class:		



**Saturday, August 4th**

**NOWRA LIBRARY**

# Free Children's Festival

**10am: Story time and craft**

You're never too young to discover the joys of reading! Settle in and enjoy a story and some craft activities. (Age 2-5)

**11am to 12: A remarkable appearance by Tim Harris**

A fun writing workshop by the author of the Mr Bambuckles series for kids aged 8 and over.

**1.30 to 2.30 Meet Jackie French**

Jackie will be awarding some special (book) prizes for those who wear costumes. Categories are:

- Best koala or wombat\* (any age)
- A 'book parade' with a difference: Prizes for the best book costume... not a favourite character from a book, but the book itself.

'Book parade' awards will be given in the following categories: Under 10, 10-16, adult, over 65.

\*Kangaroos will be disqualified, but may compete in the Best Book Costume (Don't forget to register)



**Meet Allison Tait**



A.L Tait is the internationally published bestselling author of two middle-grade adventure series: The Ateban Cipher and The Mapmaker Chronicles. Allison is Director of the Children's Festival and will be signing books and taking selfies!

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