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Term 2 2018
Weeks 7 & 8

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Calendar

Mon 18 June

Tapstar K-6
Maggie Dent 6.30pm

Fri 22 June

Jeans for Genes day

Mon 25 June

P&C Meeting in the
library at 6.30pm

Tues 26 June

Interrelate

Thurs 28 June

Public Speaking Finals

Friday 29 June

Musica Viva
Dr Stovepipe

Tues 3 July

Jump Rope

Thurs 5 July

Athletics Carnival

Fri 6 July

Last Day Term 2

Mon 23 July

SDD

Tues 24 July

Students return
Term 3

PRINCIPAL NEWS

"The best way to inspire your children to develop into the kind of adults you dream of them becoming is to become the kind of adult you want them to be. (Robin Sharma – as cited in Maggie Dent Real Kids in an Unreal world)

Maggie Dent

After reading her latest book and drawing some parenting inspiration myself I'm really excited about tonight's session. Last minute tickets for this great session with Maggie Dent still available!!!

Thanks again to our P&C for organising the event.

Tickets on sale online at:

<http://bps-early-bird-maggie-dent.eventbrite.com.au>

Staffing

A year has flown and we will soon be bidding a sad farewell to Miss Ridley-Thomas who is returning to Portugal at the end of the term.

Miss Stanger will be returning from her exchange program and will be taking over KRT and the role of relieving Stage 1 Assistant Principal.

Mrs Snell has also had to move her maternity leave forward a few weeks and will be replaced by Miss Boan.

Mid-Year Reports

Our mid-year reports will be released next week and parents are encouraged to organise an interview with teachers to discuss the progress of students in more detail.

Thank-you to our teachers for the additional time they put into the reports and interviews.

School Plan Strategic Direction 3: "Culture"

Purpose: To provide a comprehensive and inclusive wellbeing framework, and advance parent and community partnerships to further strengthen our school culture "The Berry Way".

We are always seeking ways to enhance our school culture,

customer service and relationships with our partners, parents and community.

Our school is reviewing our communications strategies as part of our school plan and currently reviewing all of our customer service including our website, social media and introducing an app.

Parents will soon be sent an invitation to complete a survey to provide information and some additional baseline data for us to monitor our progress.

Student Health and Wellbeing

Over the last few weeks I have been reviewing individual student health care plans in partnership with parents. A huge thanks to our administration team and learning support team for the outstanding work they do to coordinate the plans and review processes.

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

Approximately 5% of our students have life threatening food allergies specifically relating to nuts. Our school community can reduce the risk for these students by minimising the prevalence of nuts at school. Being nut and allergy aware means being informed about allergies and their triggers. We aim to create a greater understanding of severe allergy and the risk of anaphylaxis. Avoidance of the food trigger is the only way to prevent a reaction. It is critical that we implement strategies to prevent allergic reactions and that we are able to recognise an allergic emergency and act when it occurs. We have a duty of care to everyone in our community and the key to managing severe allergy is awareness, avoidance and action.

Milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, fish, shellfish, wheat and soy are the most common food triggers, which cause 90 percent of allergic reactions; however, any food can trigger anaphylaxis. It is important to understand that in some people even very small amounts of food can cause a life-threatening reaction. Some extremely sensitive individuals can react to just the smell of particular foods being cooked (e.g. fish) or even kissing someone who has eaten the food they're allergic to.

The safety and wellbeing of every child is of paramount importance to us, including where children are diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction. It is important that parents notify the school if their child has an allergy.

For further information:

- NSW Public Schools website [Anaphylaxis section](#)
- [Anaphylaxis Procedures for Schools](#) contains action steps for parents.

The Department of Education and Communities develops support material for schools about anaphylaxis on an ongoing basis.

Bob Willetts

Principal



Supporting children's thinking and learning

Most children tend to develop skills for thinking and learning in predictable sequence. Often children's learning and development occurs in bursts, with new skills appearing almost overnight. However, it is important to remember that each child develops at a different rate and that individual differences are common. Differences may be due to children's inherited tendencies, the experiences and opportunities they are exposed to, or a combination of both. Parents, carers and teachers can promote children's cognitive development by 'scaffolding' children's thinking. Scaffolding involves supporting children as they attempt tasks that stretch their abilities just beyond what they can already do for themselves. Children can generally do more difficult things with an adult than they can on their own. As children's abilities develop, they gradually become more independent in their learning and the scaffolds placed around learning this particular skill can therefore be reduced.

Other ways to support children's cognitive development:

- Break difficult tasks into smaller steps
- Encourage persistence
- Watch for signs of frustration
- Give prompts and ask questions
- Praise your child for attempting the task, not just for succeeding
- Watch for signs of struggling or frustration as these may be signs that the task is too difficult.

If you are concerned about your child's development talk to your child's classroom teacher, the school counsellor, and/or contact your family doctor to be referred for an assessment by a paediatrician.

Information sourced from <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/about-thinking-and-learning>

On Friday June 22nd 2018, the SRC would like to have a mufti day to support Jeans for Genes day and Children's Medical Research.

Berry Public School have been long -time supporters of this cause.

Please allow your child to wear jeans or mufti to school on Friday June 22nd, 2018. A gold coin donation for wearing mufti would be appreciated and will be collected by the SRC.

Thank you for your support.

BERRY WAY AWARD



Mali Mustapic

“Marvellous Mali ‘Miss Chief’”

- ✓ **M**akes every day sparkle
- ✓ **M**isses nothing
- ✓ **M**agical smile
- ✓ **M**ature and meticulous
- ✓ **M**erry and mischievous
- ✓ **M**emory like an elephant
- ✓ **M**odel listener
- ✓ **M**indful of others
- ✓ **M**onitors the teacher!

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving classroom awards at the assembly beginning at **2pm** this **Friday 22nd June 2018**.

Angus Henry, Piper Barnett, Madison Brennan, Hayden Watson, Xavier Thompson, Mia Stokes, Claude Norris, Isabella Jackson, Tyler Fenwick, Patrick Ball, Hannah Thomson, Finn Coutts-McClelland, Tokujin Harris, Imari Harris, Jasper McFadyen, Rachel Ellis, Thomas Grout, Lennox Morrow, Isabella Wood, Zoe Ardill, Donovan Eagle, Oliver Webster, Boston Mastrangelo, Grace Vassallo, Ian Jung, Alexander Smart, Maizie Coles, Kienan Abbott, Bailey Masters, Laura Brennan, Ewan Debeck, Toby Rootham, Cooper Price, Nash Cattell, Riley Masters, Patrick O'Leary, Noah Vaughan, Reef Gallo, Imogen Wall, Grace Davies, Thomas den Hollander, Jenna Walker, Indi Garvan, Josh Blow, Darcy Bramley, Noah Hinkley, Jonty Warner, Will Webster, Emile Gasbarri, Harriet Urquhart, Eddie Turley, Bronte Thomson, Poppy Campbell, Declan Salmon, Henry Adams, Daniel Whittaker, Felix Colfelt, Ruby Norris, Toby Dent, Sebastian Danswan, Myf Salisbury.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS THURSDAY JUNE 28, 2018

Congratulations to the children who have reached the finals of our school Public Speaking Competition. This will be held on Thursday June 28, in the school hall.

Students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will contest the finals. The Year 5 and 6 finals will commence at 10.00am, whilst the Year 3 and 4 finals will commence at 12.15pm. Please note that the timeslots have been changed around, with Year 5 and 6 students speaking in the first session. Short musical interludes will allow judges time to make their decisions.

The Year 3 speakers will be: Vivien Heather, Summer Craig, Finlay Noonan, Lucy Lidbetter, Sam Larcombe and Noah Vaughan.

The Year 4 speakers will be: Kayla Smith, Grace White, Will Page, Alec Redlich, Mia Monkerud and Taylor Sedgwick.

The Year 5 speakers will be: Jarvis Turk, Audrey Heather, Will Bizeray, Ryan Alfano, Tessa Noonan and Jonte Warner.

The Year 6 speakers will be: Ollie Rootham, Dan Whittaker, Rohan Tavener, Anna Pigott, Kate Leung and Emile Gasbarri.

Our judges will be: Mr. Rick Gainford, Mrs. Leonie Winlaw and Mrs. Sandra Groom.

A warm invitation is extended to all parents and friends who are able to attend.



Berry Public School Blue-Berry Bites Canteen Roster 2018: Term 2

Week 8				
June 18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Megan Fitt			Julie Munley	Mimi till 10.30Aimee Bramley
Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
			Zelinda	Jenny R
Week 9				
June 25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
		Karen Turley	Diana	Mimi till 10.30Jo Wilesee
Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
		Steph Debeck	Sally Jacobs	Carolyn

Notes sent home this and last week

Regional Performing Ensemble, Musica Viva - Doctor Stovepipe K-6, P&C Maggie Dent, Interrelate.

Berry Public School P&C

Meeting Summary from Monday 14 May 2018, 6.30pm

Principal's Report

- Mini-literacy conference was held for K-2 parents at the end of Term 1.
- Students were commended for their respectful behaviour at recent Anzac Day ceremonies.
- The 2018-2020 School Plan has been finalised with the three strategic directions being Capacity, Curriculum and Culture. The School Plan will be available on the school website in due course.
- NAPLAN discussion centred around school results, pressure on staff and students, funding allocations re results.
- Additional funding in 2018 has provided for increased Student Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) working with students in the classroom.
- Many events coming up during the term - keep an eye on the newsletter and for permission notes.

General Business

- Thank you to Steph Debeck who is our new Canteen President.
- The Library Opening Party will take place on 3 August. More details to come.
- Electricity will soon be connected to Plant Prop. A recent successful plant sale was held at the end of Term 1. Grants are being sought for further improvements and it is hoped to have Plant Prop available for viewing on Open Day in Term 3.
- The recent walkathon raised approximately \$7250. Thank you to Diana Price for her organisation of this fundraiser.
- ParentsMatter - Maggie Dent is coming to BPS on 18 June 2018 to talk on "Real Kids in an Unreal World". Tickets will be available soon.
- Trivia Night Fundraiser to be held in Term 3.

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When kids ask "the" questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: Years 5-6
*Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Date: Tuesday, 26th June 2018
Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

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Berry Public School is a KidsMatter school, providing a mental health and wellbeing framework for students and teachers.

BERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

MAGGIE DENT

MONDAY 18 JUNE IN BERRY

**Real Kids in an Unreal World:
Building Resilience and Self-esteem
in Today's Children**

Tickets \$40 per person

<https://maggie-dent-berry-public-school.eventbrite.com.au>

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Commonly known as the "queen of common sense", Maggie Dent has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience.

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<https://www.maggiedent.com/>

Share your Parents Matter ideas with us at berrypandc@gmail.com

Look out for Parents Matter posts on Facebook



How to help keep SCHOOLMATES who have FOOD ALLERGIES



1 Don't Share your food with friends who have food allergies.

2 Don't forget to wash your hands after eating.

3 Know what your friends are allergic to.

4 If a schoolmate who has allergies becomes sick, get help straight away. (Even if they don't want you to.)

For more information about Food Allergies contact: 1300 728 000 or visit allergyfacts.org.au

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**WILLANDRA
SATURDAY
23RD JUNE
2018**

**WARATAH SERIES CHALLENGE
+ GREATER BANK FUN 1, 2 OR 4**

2km / 3km / 4km / 6km / 8km / 10km
1km / 2km / 4km Fun Run

**FUN RUN IS OPEN TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
ENTER ON THE DAY!**

OR register online today at www.runnsw.com.au

Now you can join in the Cross Country Fun!

All Fun Run participants will receive a Greater Bank Medal!

