NAPLAN

NAPLAN results were sent home yesterday. We will now analyse the results. As a school there are two issues for us to consider:

1. Individual Results – these provide guidance of areas in which we can support students; and
2. Whole School Data – this data provides guidance as to trends in areas for future focus.

NAPLAN is just one way in which we determine students’ progress. The school administers ongoing assessments of students. These include diagnostic tests, class assessment tasks and across class assessment tasks.

SCHOOL PLANNING 2015-17

Thank you families who returned the recent surveys. They are a valuable tool for the school to assess what we have achieved and what our future programs will be. The current trend in opinion for future planning areas include:

- Literacy and Numeracy, Technology in the classroom, PBS – student welfare,
- Implementing the Australian Curriculum and Intensive support for high needs students (Enriched Learning Classes).

Of course the eventual school plan will cover a host of school priorities. These include:

- Creative Arts, Gifted and Talented Education, Transition to School and more.

The next step is to start to plan strategies for the three years of the plan.

MADD PERFORMANCES

Our creative arts teams will be presenting plays, music etc next week on three occasions. MADD performance times:

- Wednesday 17 September - Matinee 1.30pm Night 7.00pm
- Thursday 18 September - Night 7.00pm

Tickets can be purchased from the Berinba Office for $5 each.

DATES

Friday 12 September: School Photos - white collared school shirt for most students and dresses for girls if they wish.

Friday 19 September: Talk Like a Pirate Day and Turning Waves Concert in the afternoon. Last day of Term 3 - enjoy the holidays.

Tuesday 7 October: First day of term 4.

Mr Ray Claydon
(Principal)

BOOROWA NETBALL/TOUCH CARNIVAL: 17 October at Boorowa Showground

Permission notes went home recently to all those students participating in the carnival. Please return with $5 per child by Friday 19 September if your child is participating at the Boorowa Carnival.

Student Representative Councillors - Term 3, 2014

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IF YOU HAVE SPARE GREEN TRACKSUIT PANTS OR TROUSERS OF ANY DESCRIPTION- PARTICULARLY THE SMALLER SIZES.

Please consider the school clothing pool if your child is growing quickly and you need to replace their trousers. Thank you.

Movies in the Nest

19th Sept 2014

6.00 PM - 7.30 PM
Bring your friends!

Gold coin entry, Candy bar, Beanbags welcome,
Sign in/out
(Happy Feet 2 will be screened Oct 17th)
DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday, 10 Sept**  
Please return school surveys

**Friday, 12 Sept**  
School Photos-SCHOOL UNIFORM NO ASSEMBLY TODAY

**Wednesday, 17 Sept**  
MADD performance 1.30 and 7pm

**Thursday, 18 Sept**  
MADD performance 7.00pm

**Friday, 19 Sept**  
Turning Wave Concert 2-3pm  
Talk like a pirate day

**Enjoy the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Tuesday, 7 October**  
Term 4 classes resume

**Friday, 17 October**  
Boorowa Netball/Touch Carnival

**18 & 19 October**  
Murrumbateman Field Days

LEARNING TIME LOST

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

**YASS GOLF CLUB FAMILY DISCO:** Sunday 14 September
Then every 2nd and 4th Sunday – 5-8pm @ Yass Golf Club

**JUNIOR GOLF CLASSES**
Mondays, 4 - 5pm 8 Sept–1 Dec 2014; 2 Feb–27 April 2015
Recommended ages 8 to 12. *Free* coaching for 1 hour.
**School Holidays Golf Day:** Friday 26 Sept 2014
Open to all juniors. Entry Fee: $10. $200 in prizes
Contact: Kirk Davis 6226 1977; kirkadavis@gmail.com

Yass Little Athletics – Registration Day
Tues 16 September 3.30pm-5pm, Victoria Park
Enquiries:  email **skye@lovephoto.com.au**
Find us on Facebook: Yass Little Athletics

Yass Football Club Inc.
**SUMMER FOOTBALL REGO DAY**
K-6 Wednesday, 17 Sept 4–6pm @ Walker Park
2014 Seniors Summer Comp - info www.yassfc.com.au
Enquiries:  Jodie Gallagher 0400 260 172  
Drew Gallagher 0408 633 143

YASS JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATION DAY
**Saturday 20 September 2014**
9am – 11am @ Victoria Park, Yass
1.  Milo In2 Cricket – 4/5 to 9/10 year olds
2.  Weston Shield – Competition for 9/10 to 14yo
3.  Milo T20 Blast
Email:  yassjuniorcricket@hotmail.com

**CARTOON CAMP:** 29 Sept – 3 October @ Queanbeyan
Enquiries 9011 7729 or 9343 0833
Email: bookings @cartoonkingdom.com.au
www.illustrating-man.com.au

**YASS TOUCH ASSOCIATION:** 15 Oct – 10 Dec 2014
Yass Junior Touch Football Rego will be taken on Wednesday 15 October. Cost $25 per child.
Inquiries: Mary Jane Fernandez 0409 778 038.  
Email: mjfernandez_1@yahoo.com

**Scouts Markets & Classic Yass**
**Saturday, 1 November 2014**
Meehan St Yass
**STALL HOLDERS WANTED**
Info contact: Kylie Adams 0458 006 273
1styassscouts@gmail.com
www.classicyass.com
BOOK WEEK
Thank you to all those students and parents who were able to make a gold coin donation on our Book Week parade day. Due to your generosity, we have been able to contribute $128.50 to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This foundation purchases books and provides Literacy programs for students in outback and remote areas of Australia. More information about the foundation and the work it does, is available at the following website: www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au
See photos this page.

Deb Armour/Librarian

SCHOOLS SPEC WOOD RAFFLE
Many thanks to all who supported our fundraising event. Winners:
1st Jamie Clarke
2nd Lyn Walker
Louise Armour

PLAYGROUP DATES TO REMEMBER
The last Playgroup session for Term 3 will be held on Tuesday 16 September 2014.
We will recommence Playgroup in Term 4 on Tuesday 7 October 2014.

Kalli Rajic and Eric Seddon

POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Lisa Pumpa

P&C NEWS:
We need lots of HELPERS for the MURRUMBATEMAN FIELD DAYS to be held Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October. The field days bring in around $5000 (shared between Berinba and Yass Public Schools) and this money helps the school to buy resources. So if you can cook on a BBQ, make hamburgers/egg and bacon rolls or serve customers please come and help.
Contact Tracey Oostermeyer 0408 374 360 or Sonia Finch 0432 214 995.
Overview

SpecConnect is designed to broaden educational opportunities for teachers and their students through the Schools Spectacular primary choir experience. The program involves five metropolitan and five non-metropolitan schools and builds on and complements 2 key departmental initiatives Great Teaching, Inspired Learning and the Rural and Remote Education blueprints by providing opportunities to:

- strengthen collaborative practice - link schools and students and establish connections through a series of activities
- share and showcase good practice - share skills and knowledge to strengthen the capabilities of staff involved in the Schools Spectacular
- offer students in rural and remote schools access to paired urban schools - broaden views and break down barriers between metropolitan and non-metropolitan schools.

Our school was selected to participate and we have been paired with Pymble Public School in Sydney.

SpecConnect in action

During Terms 3 and 4, our school will work together with our paired school to complete 3 activities, including a partner school orientation, student connections and the creation of a culminating SpecConnect presentation. We will be sharing these activities with the school and the school community.

The first meeting of SpecConnect schools took place in Sydney on Friday 22 August. Our choir teacher/s met their paired schools for the first time and shared ideas on how best to connect students and school communities.

We are very excited to be part of this program and feel privileged to have been selected.
We have been paired with two delightful and experienced teachers who will support and teach us well.

“Sharing ideas and knowledge of our schools and how different they are. I feel this will provide a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop relationships and make connections prior to Spec.”

“An excellent opportunity for our students and whole school.”

“I’ve learnt so much about Schools Spec and I am very excited about sharing this project with my school, students, staff and families.”

We are interested in hearing about any ideas that our school community may have on how best to connect our students. Please feel free to come and let us know. Louise Armour/Choir Teacher