Congratulation to all of the children that participated in the Cross Country carnival on Tuesday. The District Cross Country will be held on 29 April at Gunning.

Further information will be made available closer to the date.

Good luck to our students heading off to Dapto for this Fridays Regional Swimming Carnival. It is a great achievement to make it to this level of competition.

SCHOOL ABSENCES
If your child is away for any reason please remember to send in a note or ring the school to advise of the circumstances.

Late arrivals/early departures: Students arriving to school late, after 9.00am or leaving early need to be signed in or out by a parent or guardian at the school office. Regular late student arrivals is becoming a problem and I am working closely with our Home School Liaison Officer to fix this issue.

Please consider, if child is 20 minutes late to school each day that equates to 12 days absent from school in a year. This loss of valuable class time could be impacting on your child’s education.

MATHS TEXTBOOKS- Years 2-6
Please send in $20 ASAP for a Maths textbook for your child if you haven’t already done so. There’s a copy of the textbook note on the school website.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Last Friday each Berinba class cleaned up an area of the school.

Chris Bradley
(Relieving Principal)
FUNKY HAIR DAY-Leukaemia Foundation
On Friday 13 March we would like you wear a wild and whacky hairdo for our “Funky Hair Day”, raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation.
Gold coin donation.

P&C FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER - **Sunday, 22 March 2015**
Berinba Public School invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. Advancedlife Professional Photographers will provide you with a colour Family Portrait for only $20 or A3 B&W Pencil Sketch. Also you will receive a bonus keyring and wallet sized portrait. Other packages are also available. Please contact Tracey Oostermeyer on 0408 374 360 or email oosterba@iinet.net.au to reserve your photography session before they’re all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on Sunday, 22 March at Berinba School.

P&C CLOTHING POOL
There’s a second hand clothing pool at the office available to all families. We have a lot of good quality jumpers if you are thinking of buying a new jumper for your child. Gold coin donation.

Please label all your child’s clothing clearly so that they can be returned.

P&C - Attached to this bulletin is the latest P&C News and information about the P&C levy. Please try to help your P&C by assisting in the canteen, fundraising and paying your levy. The monies raised go towards helping the school buy equipment, books etc.

P&C AGM: 7.30pm in the Berinba Staffroom on Tues, 10 March. ALL WELCOME

BERINBA CANTEEN ROSTER MARCH 2015

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Australian War Memorial’s Soundscape Project
The Australian War Memorial is inviting school children aged between 10 and 12 years of age to assist them in recording the name and age of the 62,000 Australians who died during the First World War. These voice recordings will be played in the First World War section of the Cloisters in the Commemorative area at the War Memorial.

We have decided to register our school to take part in this project. Students will be able to search for specific soldiers either by service number or full name and then make the recording of that soldier’s name and age. If you, or someone in your family would like a recording of a particular soldier’s name (it must be on the War Memorial’s First World War Roll of Honour), could you please complete the following information slip and return to the school. You may also nominate a student to do the recording (must be between 10 and 12 years of age).

Further information on the project is available from the Australian War Memorial website: [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)
Mrs D. Armour

Full Name and/or Service Number of Soldier ____________________________
Name of Student ____________________________________________ Class ____________

DATES TO REMEMBER

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

**2014-2015 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE** helps cover the cost of energy bills for NSW household with dependent children. For more info and assistance - Phone: Service NSW 13 77 88
Email: fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
Web: www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergrebate

**CARTOON CAMPS**
Goulburn - 14-15 March Goulburn East PS
Canberra - 21-22 March Latrobe Park Scout Hall
Enquiries: 02 93430833

**2015 SPORTS EXPO @ National Hockey Centre**
Date: 15 & 16 April 2015 9-2pm both days
Ages 6-16 years old Cost $100 Register by 6 April

**ELEMENTZ rhythmic gymnastic club - Berinba PS**
6112 8460 info@elementz.com.au3

**NUTRITION AUSTRALIA** - NUTS are power-packs of nutrients (ONLY for those who can eat them!)
[www.nutritionaustralia.org](http://www.nutritionaustralia.org)

**KIDS ZONE WORKSHOPS 7 March 10.30-12.30pm**
Also a poetry competition, manuscript assessment
More details: [www.jugiongwritersfestival.com](http://www.jugiongwritersfestival.com)
Joy Coggan on 02 6945 4272

**SINGING LESSONS**- Cecilia Pavlovic
“Songbirds Singing Studio” for ages 6-106yo.
Beginners through to advanced
Classes also for Tiny Tunes - 0-6 yo
Contact Cecilia 0427 771 786
Cecilia@ceciliapavlovic.com.au

**NETBALL NSW** - School Holidays - Clinic
Wednesday April 15 @ 10:00am
Classes also for Tiny Tunes
Registrations close: 2 April 2015

**SPORTING CLUBS CONTACTS**

**MINOR RUGBY LEAGUE** — Peter Timmer 0418 261 050

**JUNIOR RUGBY**—Mandy Crozier—0427 311 972

**NETBALL**—Gennen KEMP—0418 159 079

**SOCCER**—Contact [www.yassfc.com.au](http://www.yassfc.com.au)
What does YOUR P & C do???

- Raise valuable funds to buy much needed equipments and resources for our school
- Run the Berinba Uniform Shop
- Run the Berinba Canteen
- Organise many fundraising and social events for the school community
- Assist teaching staff in setting school policy
- Bring parents and teachers together to share information about what is happening in the school

Why be Involved with YOUR P & C???

P&C funds are spent on YOUR kids – have your say about what should be funded. Help us make the difference! Participating gives you a great way to find out about what is going on at the school, what decisions the school is facing, and what changes are on the horizon. One 2014 focus we hope will be helping the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum—This involves a lot of new hands on equipment!!!
You can get involved in your P & C at a variety of levels. From attending P & C meetings to helping to run a fundraising event, there are many ways that you can contribute to our school.

How do I get involved?

The best way to find out what is going on is to attend a few P&C meetings to find out how things work. The Berinba P & C meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month during school terms.

There is always a warm welcome for new faces, especially for anyone willing to lend a hand with our many activities.
Join the Fundraising Committee and have your say in which events and programs we get involved in. If you can’t make it to meetings but would be willing to manage ‘an event’ that is GREAT too!

Below are just a few of the ways new parents can get involved
Join the executive. Are you the next President/Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer of the Berinba P&C?
Join a Sub-Committee. Canteen Committee oversees the operation of our canteen. Sports committee liaises with Teachers for assistance with sporting activities. Uniform Committee operates the uniform shop. Grounds Committee oversees garden club. Fundraising committee is responsible for finding and coordinating new and exciting fundraising opportunities for Berinba.
Take on a Coordinator position. School Banking, Book Club or the Clothing Pool

Unfortunately, if we do not have an executive there will be no P&C. At this point, there has been no interest in taking on these position which will therefore leave the P&C with no other choice than to fold. If there is no P&C, extra resources like home readers, sports equipment, Uniforms and the Canteen will not be available.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would just like to be on the committee please come to the AGM or contact K. Baker
Canteen News
The P&C relies heavily on volunteers to help operate the canteen. Volunteers are placed on a roster to attend once per month for 3 ½ hours. If you can spare some time please speak to Mrs Yates in the canteen. Slushies are selling very well during the hot weather. We had a successful meal deal day for the Infants while the bigger kids were at the swimming carnival.

Garden Club
Garden club is currently run at lunch times on school days by volunteer parents with the students. If you have a green thumb and a spare lunch time please pop in and help our gardens grow!!

Uniform Shop
Hours—Mondays & Fridays—8:45-9:45am
Any concerns outside these hours can be directed to uniform shop coordinator – Megan Ironside. Order forms are available at the front office

P & C Membership
Being a member of the P&C is a very rewarding experience. If you wish to become an active financial member of the P&C please complete the slip attached, enclose $2 per person and return in an envelope to the front office before the AGM. Membership entitles the individual to vote at all meetings.

Fundraising
A major part of the P&C is fundraising. In 2014 the P&C donated $10 000 to the school which has been used to purchase further interactive whiteboards so that all classrooms now have their own. Berinba P&C have been contacted already by community groups looking for assistance in 2015. Unfortunately, we are going to have to start declining opportunities if we can not round up some more helpers for these events.

Athletes Foot—Have us registered to gain extra rewards for the school. Don’t forget to mention Berinba when buying new shoes!

Stuck On You—When buying new name labels remember to say Berinba when finalising your order to gain extra rewards!

Music Club—Our next Music Club will be in July/August. If you are available to help in any way please let us know!

Mothers Day—Marcia Osborne and Megan Ironside have volunteered again to organise the stall. Which will hopefully be the Thursday before Mothers Day! We will be asking for donations for the stall soon.

Family Portraits—Advancedlife Professional Photographers will be at the school on Sunday 23rd March. Booking need to be made with Tracey Oostermeyer prior to this date. For $15 you will receive a lovely family photo and they will also be back for Mothers Day!

Voluntary P & C Levy
Each year the P&C asks each family to pay a voluntary donation to help the P&C provide much needed support for the staff & students at the school. This levy is used to improve sporting equipment, classroom resources or playground equipment. In 2013 the levy is set at $35 per student or $70 per family.

A personalized letter with banking information will be sent to each family with this newsletter outlining the levy and payment options in more detail.

Suggestion Box
Do you have a suggestion to help the P&C? Please share with us below and return to school. Or come to the AGM and get involved!!!

Yes! I would like to be a financial member of the Berinba P & C
Parent Name__________________________
Parent Signature________________________
Eldest Childs Name & Class________________
Please return to the from office with $2 per member

Hope to see you at the AGM—Kylie
3rd March 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

The Berinba Public School P&C actively supports the programs and activities offered by the school. This involves hands on support such as canteen, reading and sports volunteers as well as providing much needed financial support.

Each year a voluntary P&C Levy is set, proceeds of which help purchase learning materials and equipment that the Department of Education does not provide adequate funding for. Income from the P&C Levy is spent within the school for the direct benefit of current students.

This voluntary contribution is kept to the minimum possible level.

The 2015 Levy is $35 per child $70 per family

Payment can be made by cash, cheques or EFT. Cheques should be made payable to Berinba Public School P&C Association. Please place the payment in the attached envelope and return it to the school.

EFT Details
Account Name: Berinba P and C Association
BSB No: 032771
Account No: 154602
Reference: Please state your eldest child’s full name so that the payment can be identified and receipts issued.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated

Families experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to confidentially discuss their individual circumstances with the relieving school principal Mr Chris Bradley.

Kylie Baker
(Treasurer)