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  Monday 7th November
- K/2 Excursion - Kyabram
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Principal’s Report

Welcome back everyone to the start of Term 4. We have a very busy term ahead with many things happening. We welcome Belinda Taylor in a more full-time role over the next two weeks as she is covering Mrs. Hickey who is away on a well-deserved break. There are several excursions this term and many other exciting activities happening within the school community.

Over the holidays James Waugh donated many hours of his time to help develop our oval. He killed off all the old grass, removed all the debris and planted new seeds. We would also like to thank ProWater & CRT for their contribution to the works and James Whelan for the use of his bobcat. Children have been asked to stay off the oval for the next few weeks as the new turf develops. Thanks so much to James for all your work, I’m sure it’s going to look great as the weather starts to warm up. James also put in many hours putting together the yard for our new chook pen. It looks fantastic and is ready for some chickens!

A reminder that Terms 1 and 4 are considered Summer terms and children are required to wear their full summer uniform and must wear a hat when in the yard. If the children do not have a hat they need to sit in the shade during play times. It would also be advisable that students come to school with sunscreen on in the morning, especially as it starts to heat up. We will have some available for the students to use at school.

With all of the water laying around and the weather warming up it brings out all the mosquitoes. I would advise looking at getting some sort of repellent for the children to bring to school. We will look at purchasing some Aero Guard or something similar for school that the children can access if it gets quite bad. If you’d prefer that your children didn’t use this could you please inform me or Arlena so that we don’t give this to them.

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songwriter who has written many popular children’s gospel songs. He is an amazing performer and the children know many of his songs. The children will be participating in workshops throughout the day followed by a **concert at 7:30pm** in the evening which the children will have active parts in. More information will be sent home about this event in the coming weeks.

**Kinder Transition will start tomorrow** for our prospective 2017 Kindergarten students. The children will be here for a full day of school and will join with Mrs Taylor in the K-2 classroom. If you know of any families that have children starting school next year it is not too late to welcome them to join our transition program.

Masters Video Production have delivered our **Production DVD’s**. Orders that have been paid for will be sent home with students today. If you have ordered a copy or would like to, please send your money to school or contact Arlena as soon as possible. DVD’s are $15 each.

We received a **Head Lice Treatment Sample Pack** from Licener during the holidays. Coming home with the newsletter is some information about the product and parents are welcome to see Arlena in the office if they would like some of the treatment and information packs to take home.

**Damien Taylor**
Principal
BERRIGAN SHOW IS HOSTING
THE VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL SHOWS (VASL)
COMPETITIONS AT JOAN DAVIS MEMORIAL ROSE SHOW
Friday 14th October 7 pm to 9 pm
Saturday 15th October 10 am to 4 pm

- Rich Fruit Cake (Open)
- Carrot Cake (Open)
- Boiled Fruit Cake (Under 18)
- Carrot & Date Muffins (Under 18)

Two photography classes ‘Sunrise/Sunset’ (Open) and Spider Web (Under 18) both must be within a 50km radius of Berrigan Show, unframed but mounted and a print no larger than 20cm by 30cm.

- Patchwork
- Embroidery
- Sewing
- Crocheting
- Knitting

All the competition rules and regulations are in the current Show Schedule. The entries will need to be in by 9 am Friday 14th October at Berrigan Memorial Hall or can be dropped off before hand to Del Schwecker 5885 2386. More information Lyndall Horne 5885 2610.

BERRIGAN LIONS WILL BE HOLDING A STREET STALL ON FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER IN SUPPORT OF THE DAIRY CRISIS.

A Load of Wood will be offered for the Raffle Prize. Donations of Saleable Goods would be appreciated in support of this worthy cause.

WHERE THERE’S A NEED THERE’S A LION
Three gardens: ErinEarth, Kooringal and Brucedale
Saturday 15 October 2016, 9.30 am – 3 pm
Admission: $5 (children under 15 free)

This spring, in addition to ErinEarth, two other wattle and gardens will be open to show how native plants can create gardens suited to their locations, each adapting to soil, location and area. Start your tour at any garden.

1. **ErinEarth**, 1 Kildare St, Turvey Park – a 0.5 ha site, large enough for several “rooms”. Garden cafe open from 10 am, sausage sizzle from noon to 1.30 pm.


3. **“Hickory Grove”**, 215 Brucedale Drive, Brucedale. A 2 ha block on a southerly slope, also granite sand soil and exposed granite boulders. Expansive views over the Murrumbidgee Valley and Wagga Wagga.

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**BERRIGAN LIONS**

**ANNUAL BLANKET & CLOTHING DRIVE.**

**SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER.**

Please leave Bags of Clothing at your Letter Box or on your Verandah if the Weather is inclement.

No Shoes, Socks or Jocks.

Clothing is forwarded to the Salvation Army.

Enquiries to Neal Gorman (Projects Officer)

02 60359430
UPCOMING EVENTS

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  Friday 21 October
- Fr. John’s Anniversary Luncheon
  Sunday 23 October following 10:30 Mass

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Principal’s Report

The chickens have arrived, the grass is starting to grow and the weather is slowly getting warmer. It’s starting to feel a little more like Spring. Spring is a time to reflect, a time to sow, a time to start a fresh and a time to grow. Spring is a reminder of how magnificent and wonderful this beautiful world is. God’s creation is showing us its beauty and wonder and we are lucky to be a part of this fantastic time of the year.

Father John McGrath is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination. Mass is at St Columba’s Church at **10:30am this Sunday** and it would be great to see our families showing their support. Mass will be followed by a BBQ at the War Memorial Hall.

James Waugh is continuing to assist with the development of our **oval**. He is still putting in many hours work cleaning the yard and watering the lawn. It is important that the children stay off the lawn for a couple more weeks as the grass starts to develop itself. Thanks again James for all of your hard work.

The **School Council Street Stall** is taking place on **Saturday 29th of October**. If you are able to assist can you please let Arlena know in the office, or return the attached note.

During **Terms 1 and 4** students are required to wear their **full summer uniform** and have a **hat** on when in the yard. Starting from next week if students don’t have a hat they will need to sit in the shade during play times. If your child’s hat has been misplaced they can wear a hat from home as long as they have a note explaining this.

We have **four chicks** in the chicken coop and the students have had a great time caring for them. If you have any scraps at home that you would like to give to the chickens feel free to bring them in. We will also be looking for helpers over the holidays to care for the chickens. If you are able to assist in any way please let me know.

Mosquito Repellant is available in the office if children need. Please let the office know if you would prefer for your child to not use it.

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(5:00pm during non-daylight saving months)

School photos are taking place on Wednesday the 26th of October. Photo envelopes were sent home today, please ensure these are returned to school by Wednesday. If you wish to have family photos taken please see Arlena in the office for an order form.

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Head Lice Treatment Sample Pack are still available in the office.

School Merit Awards - Term 4 Week 1

Principals Award
Matthew Whelan

Student of the Week
Mrs Denny - Finlay Laing
Mrs Taylor - Kye Laing

Golden Spade
Lachlan Whelan

Leadership Award
Willow Laing

A celebration for Fr. McGrath’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood will be held on Sunday 23rd October at the Berrigan War Memorial Hall Supper Rooms. All families are invited to attend a luncheon following the 10:30am Sunday Mass at St. Columba’s. For more information please contact Viv McGee on 03 5885 2415.

RSL Remembrance Day
The annual Family Day will be held Sunday 6th November at the RSL starting at 11:00am. Parents from both schools are being asked if they could provide a salad for lunch and the children will be singing some items together with the public school children.
Berrigan RSL Sub-Branch invites you to the:

REMEMBRANCE FAMILY DAY

Sunday 6 November
At the Berrigan RSL Sub-Branch
Jerilderie Street, Berrigan from 11am

Featuring:
Ray Macartney & Damien Taylor
performing live!

Plus:
Time Capsule Burial
Spinning Wheel + Fantastic prizes
Children’s Activities, Face Painting
Winner of the Poppy Poetry Competition announced

Lunch available - Drinks at bar prices
Entry by gold coin donation
All Welcome

Berrigan RSL Sub-Branch
Remembrance Day
Time Capsule

Be involved in history!

The Berrigan RSL Sub-Branch will be interring a Time Capsule at this year’s Family Remembrance Day.

Here is your opportunity to submit your entries to be buried inside.

Ideas include:
letters, paintings,
photos, journals,
newspaper articles,
poetry, stories,
or even USB sticks
with interviews of your family and friends!

Remember to include your name and address on your entries.

The Time Capsule will be opened in 25 years.

Entries can be posted to
Berrigan RSL Sub-Branch, PO Box 198, Berrigan NSW 2712
MELBOURNE CUP 2016
CALCUTTA SWEEPSTAKE
PROCEEDS RAISED FOR
BERRIGAN CRICKET CLUB

Tickets $2 each or
$50 per book

Calcutta held on Sunday 30th of
October 2pm at-
The Royal Hotel

Gold coin donation for entry-
Complimentary glass of bubbles or crown stubby and nibbles provided
Giddy up!

A Centre Stage Scripts Production
Starring
JOHN WOOD
and CHRIS PEDD

Carpe Diem

Set in a rural town Carpe Diem is a contemporary portrayal of everyday Australian males dealing with issues of health, grief, loss and depression. It is an entertaining look at how friendship and proper care give a man the strength to cope and the tools to carry on...

Berrigan War Memorial Hall
26th October 2016
Curtains Up at 6.30pm
Dinner to follow at 7.15pm
Catering $20 per person

Bookings and payment can be made through the Berrigan Shire Council Office.
Online bookings can be made via the following link: https://register.eventor.com/3504/carp-diern
Please note this link incurs a $2 booking fee but it will issue a ticket.

RSVP for catering Monday 10th October 2016

Centre Stage
Riverina Health & Safety
Health Murrumbidgee Local Health District
NSW Department of Primary Industries
NDCO
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Play To Learn Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th November
Assembly 2:30
Friday 18 November

Week 7
Presentation Sisters Day
Monday 21st November

Principal’s Report

John Goonan came and spoke with the children last Tuesday about Catholic Missions and the important role they play all over the world especially in places like Cambodia. John shared a little history about Cambodia and discussed some of the major issues they are faced with every day. The children were very engaged and interested in doing something to help out. We will be holding a special fundraising day in a few weeks time. The details of this have not been finalised, so please keep an eye out for information that will be sent home later this week or early next week.

Thank you to Mrs Taylor for the past two weeks. The children have really enjoyed having you here on a full time basis. Belinda will continue doing “Play to Learn” for four more weeks and be finishing up for the year.

All Saints Day is next Tuesday the 1st of October. All Saint’s Day is a very important date on the Catholic Calendar and is a day when we celebrate and remember all Catholic Saints. The children will be doing activities in their classrooms next week.

Father John McGrath celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday. It was great to see so many staff, students and their families there to support this very important celebration. Thank you to all those people who attended. A big thank you to Alyssa Denny and Naomi Hooper who did the Altar Serving and Sebastian Graham and Matthew Whelan who did the Offertory.

The School Council Street Stall is taking place this Saturday 29th of October. We are still in need of helpers for the stall as some of our parents are already committed to helping at the races. If you are able to assist can you please let Arlena know in the office. We will be selling culcutta tickets for the Melbourne Cup. If you have sold some tickets already could you please ensure these tickets with the money are returned to office. You are also more than welcome to collect more ticket books from the office.

Students need to be wearing their hats when they play outside. We have started “No Hat, No Play.” Children who do not have a hat will have to sit under the weather shed during recess and lunch times. We have had a few issues with who’s hat belongs to whom. I would advise making sure that names are clearly printed inside each of the hats.

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Children’s week activities took place in Apex Park last night. Thanks to all those families who supported the evening and attended. The children had a magnificent time. The annual Mud Run will be held in Finley on the 2nd of November.

There will be a Pupil Free Day on Friday 2nd of December. Staff will be taking part in a Spirituality PD during that day.

I will be taking Long Service Leave next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will be at a Principal’s Meeting in Griffith on Thursday and Friday.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
“A smile is happiness you’ll find right under your nose.” - Tom Wilson
Liturgy
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(5:00pm during non-daylight saving months)

George Martin and Belinda Denny will be replacing me during this time.

Four students from our school will be making their **Confirmation next Saturday the 5th of November** at 6:00pm at the St Columba’s Church. We wish Naomi Hooper, Alyssa Denny, Matthew Whelan and Patrick Waugh all the best on this special occasion.

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Damien Taylor
Principal

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**School Merit Awards - Term 4 Week 2**

**Student of the Week**
Mrs Denny - Jaxon Simpson, Jessica Lorimer,
Matthew Whelan, Kye Laing
Mrs Taylor - Miller Simpson

**Golden Spade**
Marley Glanvill

K-2 Class received a **Special Gardening Award** for their efforts in the school garden last week!

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2018 Year 7 selective High School Applications

The school has received information booklets for those families with students in Year 5 this year that wish to apply for selective high school placements. Please note the following in regards to applications:
- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications open on 11 October and close on 14 November 2016
- Placement Test for applicants will be held on Thursday 9 March 2017

Further information is available from Arlena in the office.

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Today’s Play To Learn Group had fun learning all about numbers

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Sophia-Ruby Morgan and Zac Monteath

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Lola Mcglory and Jack Phillips

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Sloane Bonat and Harry Taylor
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Melbourne Cup 2016
Calcutta Sweepstake
Proceeds Raised for Berrigan Cricket Club

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Calcutta held on Sunday 30th of
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Complimentary glass of bubbles or crown stubby and nibbles provided

Giddy up!
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- Andrew Chinn Workshop & Concert
  - Monday 14th November
- Play To Learn Christmas Party
  - Wednesday 16th November
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  - Friday 18 November

**Week 7**
- Presentation Sisters Day
  - Monday 21st November
- 5/6 Canberra Excursion
  - Tues 22 - Fri 24 November

**Week 8**
- 3/4 Borambola Excursion
  - Mon 28 - Wed 30 November

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**Principal’s Report**

Thanks to those who assisted with our School Council Cup Sweep Raffle. Well done to all our winners - Narelle Laing won first place with Almandin, Terry Ward won 2nd place with Heartbreak City and Megan Gorman won 3rd with Hartnell.

Tickets will be going home for our new raffle which is a **wheelbarrow full of good and services** from local businesses worth almost $1,000. The wheelbarrow is on display at the Berrigan Newsagency, so make sure you tell your friends and family to buy a ticket - it’s a great prize just in time for Christmas! The money raised from this raffle is helping lower the costs for our excursions.

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The **Mud Run** is happening in **Finley this afternoon** as a part of Children’s week activities. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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**School fee statements** are being sent home today. As the end of the year is approaching, we will be making contact with families over the next few weeks to finalise school fee accounts.

Damien Taylor
Principal

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**Direct Deposit your School Fees**

**School Bank Details**
- BSB: 012 823
- Account: 2070 07437
- Name: Diocesan Provident Fund
- **Please use Reference:** SCB + your SURNAME

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**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don’t quit.” - Conrad Hilton
**School Merit Awards - Term 4 Week 3**

**Principal’s Award**  
Jasmine Luscombe

**Student of the Week**  
Mrs Denny - Naomi Hooper  
Mrs Hickey - Marley Glanvill

**Golden Spade**  
Jessica Lorimer

**Leadership Award**  
Willow Laing

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**Finley Farmers Market**

The Finley Farmers’ Market is on this Saturday between 8am and 12noon at Railway Park, Endeavour Street Finley. Drop by to start, or continue your Christmas shopping with our local producers and craft stalls. Delicious bacon and egg rolls and fresh coffee is available all morning. Stop by and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere on what will be a beautiful morning. If you are interested in volunteering with, or joining the FFM committee drop by the Gourmet Stall and chat with Nola and Toody.

**This Week’s Birthdays!**

Kye Laing - 6 November

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**Year 3-6 making Apricot Muesli Balls**

Finlay & Teagan enjoying their time at KidFest last week
Play to Learn Christmas Party

WHERE
Ararat Park

WHAT
Bilby in the park
All the children who attend will receive a gift from Santa

WHEN
Wednesday 15th November 5.30pm

RSVP
Please inform the Berriigan Children's Centre or St Columba's PRIMARY School if you will be attending.

FAMILY DAY

REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 6 November
At the Berriigan RSL Sub-Branch
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Featuring:
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Winner of the Poppy Poetry Competition announced

Lunch available - Drinks at bar prices
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All Welcome
Sport and Recreation’s
Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $70 for school-aged children and $50 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02
Congratulations to Patrick Waugh, Naomi Hooper, Matthew Whelan and Alyssa Denny who all did their Confirmation at St Columba’s Church on Saturday night. It was a great celebration for the students and an important step in their Faith. Confirmation is the third and final Sacrament of Initiation. Father John gave each of the students a special blessing which seals them with the Holy Spirit. Three students from the Berrigan Public school also completed their confirmation, Hamish Cameron, Darcy Pyle and Reagan Fox. Also a special mention to Dakota Connell who came back from Corowa to complete her First Holy Communion. Amelia Packer and Xavier Fox from the Public School also completed their Holy Communion.

Mrs Hickey and the K/1/2 children are going to the Kyabram Fauna Park this Friday. The children have been reading “Wombat Stew” and learning all about Native Australian Animals in preparation for their excursion. I’m sure they will have a magnificent time and come back with many stories to share.

The students are going to St Joseph’s in Finley on Monday to participate in workshops with Andrew Chinn. Notes have been sent home about this and need to be returned by the end of this week. There will also be a concert at St Joseph’s in the evening at 7:00pm. Please indicate on the note if you will be attending and whether you are able to take extra passengers or your child/ren need a lift. The children will be involved in the concert and will be performing several songs.

Sporting Schools is starting next Wednesday after school until 4:30pm. The children will be provided with afternoon tea. This term the children will be participating in tennis at school. Notes need to be returned as soon as possible.

There will be a Pupil Free Day on Friday 2nd of December. Staff will be taking part in a Spirituality PD during that day.

Excursion notes have been sent home please take the time to read and review these. Make sure they are returned by the due date and that money is paid in full. The Wheelbarrow Raffle is currently on display at the newsagency and raffle tickets have been sent home. Please support this fundraiser as it is helping to assist costs with each of the excursions. Thank you to all the local businesses who assisted with the prizes, the wheelbarrow is worth almost $1,000.

Matthew Whelan and Patrick Waugh are going to Wagga next Friday to try out for the Diocesan Cricket Team. We wish Matthew and Patrick all the best.

Rosemary Clarke was at school today for the teachers to complete and update their CPR. The Grade 6 girls also completed a CPR course and learnt important steps to take when they come across someone who is unconscious.
Play to Learn will be finishing next week. I would like to thank and congratulate Belinda Taylor on a successful program this year. The children will be having a Celebration/Christmas Party at the Apex park next Wednesday the 16th of November at 5:30pm to mark the end of their time with us. All children and their families are welcome to attend. There will be a free BBQ and Santa will also be making an appearance. This is not only for Play to Learn students, other children from the Berrigan Children’s Centre and St Columba’s are welcome to attend with their families. Please let the office or the Children’s Centre know if you will be attending.

There have been some incidents in the junior class with other children eating or misplacing fruit. Due to this we are asking children to leave their fruit in their bag until crunch ‘n’ sip time.

Next Thursday, all students will have an opportunity to share an Italian style meal for lunch in the Nagle Centre. Students will not need lunch on this day, however they can bring lunch with them if they prefer.

Damien Taylor
Principal

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**School Merit Awards - Term 4 Week 4**

**Student of the Week**
Miss Mac - Jaxon Simpson
Mrs Hickey - Joshua Monteath

**Golden Spade**
Acacia Dart

**Leadership Award**
Lachlan Whelan

**Congratulations!**

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**This Week’s Birthdays!**
Joshua Monteath - 12 November

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**Liturgy**
1st, 3rd & 5th
Saturday Berrigan 6.00 pm
Sunday Mulwala 8.00 am
Sunday Barooga 10.00 am

2nd & 4th
Saturday Mulwala 6.00 pm
Sunday Barooga 9.00 am
Sunday Berrigan 10.30 am

1st Sunday of the Month
evening Mass at Savernake 6.00pm.
(5:00pm during non-daylight saving months)
Alyssa, Jasmine, Naomi & Hayley learning CPR with Rosemary Clarke from CSO today.
Berrigan Children's Centre is holding a street stall on Thursday 10th of November. Come along and pick up something yummy for morning tea.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

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For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 131302
UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 6

Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 16 November 3—4:30pm @ School

Play To Learn Christmas Party—5:30pm Apex Park
Wednesday 16 November

‘Taste of Italy’—lunch for students
Thursday 17 November

Assembly 2:30
Friday 18 November

Week 7

Presentation Sisters Day
Monday 21st November

5/6 Canberra Excursion
Tues 22- Fri 25 November

Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 23 November 3—4:30pm @ School

Berrigan Pool Opening
Friday 25 November

Week 8

3/4 Borambola Excursion
Mon 28 - Wed 30 November

Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 30 November 3—4:30pm @ School

Pupil Free Day
Friday 2 December

Week 9

Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 7 December 3—4:30pm @ School

Christmas Ecumenical
Friday 9 December

Principal’s Report

The Grade 5/6 students are very excited because they will be going on an excursion to Canberra next week. The children will arrive bright and early at 6:15am on Tuesday morning to make the long trek to Canberra for four days. It is a very jam packed trip and the students will be very busy every day. In preparation Mrs Denny has been teaching the students all about the levels of government in Australia, how parliament works and the history behind it all. This has sparked many conversations about the recent election in America and the difference between Donald Trump and Malcolm Turnbull. It’s interesting to listen to the children’s view about it all. Good luck to all the 5/6 students on their excursion. Keep up to date with what the children are doing on our Facebook page.

Mrs Hickey and the K/1/2 children went to the Kyabram Fauna Park last Friday. From all accounts the students had a magnificent time. Some of the highlights were getting to pet the koala, seeing all the reptiles including the crocodile and the students being chased by the plovers. Thanks to Belinda Taylor, Paul Glanvill and Narelle Laing who helped out on the day.

On Monday the students went to St Joseph’s Finley to participate in some singing and dancing workshops with Andrew Chinn. The children were magnificent and did a great job representing our school. I’m sure you would all agree that the concert that evening was awesome and a great reflection of the day that we had with Andrew. Thanks to all the families who attended, it was great to see so much support.

Sporting Schools is starting after school today. The children will be provided with afternoon tea. This term the children will be participating in tennis at school.

There will be a Pupil Free Day on Friday 2nd of December. Staff will be taking part in a Spirituality PD during that day.

The Excursion raffle is being displayed currently at the Berrigan Newsagency. Please show your support by purchasing tickets. If you need some more tickets for at home please collect these from the office.

Mary Atkinson visited our school yesterday and spoke with the children about Aboriginal artefacts, the history and the culture and the importance of reconciliation. The children were able to hold all the artifacts and learnt lots about their uses. They learnt how to do some dance moves, “Mob Style!”

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“I’m not here to be average, I’m here to be awesome.” - Unknown

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HONESTY, WORK AND PEACE

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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Matthew Whelan, Patrick Waugh and Sebastian Graham are going to Wagga this Friday to try out for the Diocesan Cricket Team. We wish Matthew, Patrick and Sebastian all the best.

Our last Play to Learn for the year took place today. I would again like to thank Belinda Taylor for doing such a wonderful job running the program, it has been a massive success. Don’t forget about the BBQ and Santa visiting this afternoon from 5:30 in Apex Park.

There have been some incidents in the junior class with other children eating or misplacing fruit due to this we are asking children to leave their fruit in their bag until crunch ‘n’ sip time.

Damien Taylor
Principal

Our Visit from Mary Atkinson
K-2 Excursion
Kyabram Fauna Park

Andrew Chinn Concert
Play to Learn
Christmas Party

Where: Agora Park
When: Wednesday 16th November 5.30pm
Who: Children and their families who attend the Barrington Children’s Centre and St Coloman’s Children’s School
What: Free BBQ in the park, and all the children who attend will receive a gift from Santa
RSVP: Please inform the Barrington Children’s Centre or St Coloman’s if you will be attending

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Week 7
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Tues 22 - Fri 25 November
Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 23 November
3—4:30pm @ School
Berrigan Pool Opening
Friday 25 November

Week 8
3/4 Borambola Excursion
Mon 28 - Wed 30 November
Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 30 November
3—4:30pm @ School
Pupil Free Day
Friday 2 December

Week 9
Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 7 December
3—4:30pm @ School
Christmas Ecumenical Service—ST. COLUMBA’S TURN FOR MORNING TEA
Friday 9 December 10am

Week 10
Presentation Night
Monday 12 December 7pm
Yr 3-6 Excursion—Big Bash Cricket—Albury
Tuesday 13 December
Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 14 December
3—4:30pm @ School
Last Day Term 4 2016
Friday 16 December

Principal’s Report

From all the Facebook reports, the Year 5/6 Excursion to Canberra is going along nicely with all our students enjoying lots of activities with students from Tocumwal and Coleambally.

We’re sure Mr Taylor & Mrs Denny are enjoying the week too! We wish them safe travels and can’t wait to hear their stories next week.

Finlay, Jaxon and the K-2 Class have been busy here at school with Mrs Hickey. The younger students are really enjoying watching our chickens grow and are doing a great job looking after them while Year 5/6 are away.

Finlay and Jaxon are looking forward to their trip to Borambola next week with the students from Sacred Heart. They both prepared slide shows this week about the camp at Borambola and presented them today to the K-2 class.

Just a few reminders for the weeks ahead—

* **Today we have Sporting Schools** after school and we will do some activities in the hall if it is too wet for tennis
* **There will be no assembly this Friday**
* **Don’t forget the Pool opens this Friday at 3pm** with a sausage sizzle from 5pm
* **Next Friday 2nd December is a Pupil Free Day**
* **Christmas Ecumenical Service** is on Friday 9th December at 10am and it is our turn for morning tea
* **Presentation Night is Monday 12th December 7pm** in the School Hall

Mrs Hickey & Mrs Pyle
Liturgy
1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday
Berrigan 6.00 pm
Sunday Mulwala 8.00 am
Sunday Barooga 10.00 am
2nd & 4th Saturday Mulwala 6.00 pm
Sunday Barooga 9.00 am
Sunday Berrigan 10.30 am
1st Sunday of the Month evening Mass at Savernake 6.00pm.
(5:00pm during non-daylight saving months)

School Merit Awards - Term 4 Week 6
Principal’s Award
Mrs Denny

Student of the Week
Mrs Denny - Finlay Laing
Mrs Hickey - Ashleigh Lorimer

Golden Spade
Matthew Whelan

Leadership Award
Jaxon Simpson

Berrigan Swimming Pool Opening
The pool is opening this Friday 25th November at 3pm. There will be a sausage sizzle from 5pm and approximate closing time of 7pm. Entry is once again FREE for the year!

The City of Jerusalem is hosting the International Children’s Games in July 2018. For children aged 12 years to 15 years of age, the ICG is the largest multisport youth games in the world and a member of the International Olympic Committee. Swimmers and track and field athletes must be no older than 15 as at the 31st December 2018. Interested swimmers and track & field athletes and respective qualified coaches are encouraged to complete the summer months of 2016 to 2017 and to seek copies of their events and times/distances for the purpose of future selection.

A team of swimmers and track & field athletes and respective qualified coaches are being sought for this amazing sporting and cultural experience. Berrigan Shire has been invited to send a team of swimmers and track & field athletes. We are seeking youth who live in and/or attend school in the Berrigan Shire who are interested in this opportunity. Please lodge your expressions of interest at berrigan.shire@gmail.com

2018 International Children’s Games – Jerusalem
Swimming and Track & Field Athletes & Prospective Qualified Coaches

Expressions of Interest
UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 8
Pupil Free Day
Friday 2 December

Week 9
Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 7 December
3—4:30pm @ School

Visit to Amaroo
Thursday 8th December 2pm

Christmas Ecumenical Service—ST. COLUMBA’S TURN FOR MORNING TEA
Friday 9 December 10am

Week 10
Presentation Night
Monday 12 December 7pm

Yr 3-6 Excursion—Big Bash Cricket—Albury
Tuesday 13 December

Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 14 December
3—4:30pm @ School

End of Year Celebration
Day—Activity to be confirmed
Thursday 15th December

Last Day Term 4 2016
Friday 16 December

Principal’s Report

What a great time Finlay and Jaxon had at Borambola this week, tennis, swimming, rock climbing, rope challenges and raft building—all these activities kept the boys very busy and I’m sure they’ve returned home needing some rest! Thanks to Pat Boake from Tocumwal Sacred Heart for including our students and Tracey for accompanying them to Borambola.

The children have been busy practicing a song to perform at the Berrigan Market Night this Friday; it would be great to see as many children and their families as possible there to showcase our wonderful musical talent! Please meet Mr Taylor at the stage area at 7pm and come dressed in ‘Aussie’ clothes—t-shirts & shorts, singlets, thongs etc.

A reminder that this Friday 2nd December will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be taking part in a Spirituality PD during that day.

At the recent deanery cricket trials, Matthew Whelan was selected to attend the Diocesan trials in Wagga this Friday. Congratulations Matthew and we wish you all the best for Friday.

The whole school will visit Amaroo Hostel next Thursday 8th December. The students will perform some Christmas carols and are preparing lovely Christmas gifts for the residents.

Next Friday 9th December is our annual Christmas Ecumenical Service at 10am. All families are welcome to attend and as it is our turn for morning tea, some cakes and slices would be most appreciated. These can be brought to school on Friday morning.

We are still in the process of finalizing our end of year celebrations for the final week of school. The Year 3-6 students will be attending the WBBL cricket match in Lavington on Tuesday 13th December, and a second day is being planned for the whole school. Notes will be sent home with further details as soon as arrangements have been made.
Next Thursday 8th December will be the final day for **Kinder transition**. Harry & Devon have had a wonderful time meeting everyone and joining in with the school routine. We look forward to seeing them on their first day next year.

On behalf of the school community we would like to extend our sincere thoughts and prayers to the Laing family following Narelle’s accident last week. Thankyou to the families that have offered their support in the past week. It will be a long journey for the Laing family and your continued support is appreciated. We will continue to pray for Narelle as she recovers.

**Mrs Hickey & Mrs Denny**

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**School Merit Awards - Term 4 Week 7**

No awards last week due to the 5/6 Excursion

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**Finley Farmers Market**

The Finley Farmers' Market is on this Saturday between 8am and 12noon at Railway Park, Endeavour Street Finley. New stalls will be attending for people to buy their Christmas presents such as wooden educational toys, children's clothes and costume jewellery as well as soy candles, pottery and timber pieces for the home and garden. You can also get cherries along with a range of fresh fruit, vegetables and locally made food products, perfect for making up Christmas hampers. Delicious bacon and egg rolls and fresh coffee is available all morning. Santa is stopping by at 10am so bring the kids and enjoy all that the market offers.

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**Berrigan Red Cross**

Mini Fashion Extravaganza

5pm till 9pm

@ Momalong Hotel

**BERRIGAN MARKET NIGHT**

Friday 2nd December

Come Dine on

Chanter Street from 6pm

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**Liturgy**

**1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday**

Berrigan 6.00 pm

**Sunday**

Mulwala 8.00 am

Barooga 10.00 am

**2nd & 4th Saturday**

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**1st Sunday of the Month**

evening Mass at Savernake 6.00pm.

(5:00pm during non-daylight saving months)

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Naomi, Jaxon, Finlay, Jasmine and Teagan presenting the Advent Prayer
Week 9

Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 7 December
3—4:30pm @ School

Visit to Amaroo
Thursday 8th December 2pm

Christmas Ecumenical Service—ST. COLUMBA’S TURN FOR MORNING TEA
Friday 9 December 10am

Week 10

Presentation Night
Monday 12 December 7pm

Yr 3-6 Excursion—Big Bash Cricket—Albury
Tuesday 13 December

Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 14 December
3—4:30pm @ School

End of Year Celebration Day—Kidstown & Trolls Movie
Thursday 15th December

Last Day Term 4 2016
Friday 16 December

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017—Week 1

Staff Return—Pupil Free Day
Friday 27th January 2017

Pupil Free Day
Monday 30th January 2017

Yr 1-6 Students First Day
Tuesday 31st January

Kinder Best Start Interviews
Wednesday 1st February

Kinder Students First Day
Thursday 2nd February

Principal’s Report

This time of the year is always very busy. Christmas shopping, Christmas parties, end of year celebrations, finishing work and preparing for holidays. Remember it is also a very special time of the year and it is important that we stay safe and enjoy the time we get to spend with our families and friends. Advent is a time to prepare and plan for the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives.

Our 5/6 students had a magnificent time on their excursion to Canberra and learnt lots about the significance and history of our Nation’s Capital. The 3/4 students had a very busy excursion in Borambola last week and enjoyed participating in a variety of outdoor activities including archery and canoeing.

Congratulations to Belinda on the arrival of our third baby. Maggie Anne was born last Thursday weighing a very small 5 pounds. Please keep Maggie in your prayers over the next few weeks as there have been a few complications, she is showing steady improvements and we hope that she will be home before Christmas. Harry and Jack are very excited about their new baby sister.

Presentation night is on Monday night. We will start the evening with a free Barbeque for families at 6pm. The evening’s presentation will follow in our hall at 7pm. The children will be singing some songs, the annual awards will be handed out and we will farewell our Grade 6 students.

Thanks to all the children who turned up on Friday night at the Berrigan Night Markets for our Christmas Carols. The children did a magnificent job singing the four songs that they have learnt over the last few weeks. We will be visiting Amaroo tomorrow at 2pm to sing these songs plus some others to the residents there.

Reports will hopefully be going out on Tuesday. We have had a few printing issues and if they are going out any later than this day parents will be informed. If you would like to see one of the teachers about your child’s report please book a meeting in the next few following days.

On Tuesday next week the 3/4/5/6 students are going to Albury with James Waugh and myself to watch the Women’s Big Bash League Cricket match. Notes have been sent home to families involved.

The Public School students will be visiting our school on Friday for our annual Advent Ecumenical Service. They will be staying for morning tea and we will also practice our songs for Carols by Candlelight which will be held on Saturday 17th December.

Congratulations to Matthew Whelan on making it through to the Wagga Wagga Diocesan cricket team. Matthew will be playing games next year in February.

Next Thursday we will be having a celebration day in Shepparton to celebrate the completion of the year. The children will be having a barbeque lunch at KidsTown followed by going to Village Cinemas to watch ‘Trolls’ in the afternoon. Times of our return will be confirmed next week.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Rest and be thankful.” - William Wordsworth
School Merit Awards - Term 4 Week 8
No awards last week due to the pupil free day

Congratulations on your selection in the Wagga Diocesan cricket team Matthew!

Berrigan Christmas Market Night singing

FRESHEN UP BEFORE XMAS
We would like to advise that the Berrigan Pool will be open for early morning lap swimming.

6-7am Monday to Friday.
Starting from 12th December to 23rd December, 2016.
Cost - $50 per head in advance.
Please phone Sue 0448 852976 to reserve your lane.

Liturgy
1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday Berrigan 6.00 pm
Sunday Mulwala 8.00 am
Sunday Barooga 10.00 am

2nd & 4th Saturday Mulwala 6.00 pm
Sunday Barooga 9.00 am
Sunday Berrigan 10.30 am

1st Sunday of the Month evening Mass at Savernake 6.00pm.
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Berrigan Christmas Mass Times
6.00 pm Christmas Eve
10.30 am Christmas Day
Carols By Candlelight
Saturday 17th December in Apex Park (Opposite Fire Station)
Starting—6:30pm
Santa Arriving –7:45pm
Bring Your Own Chairs
B-B-Q/ Soft Drinks/ Ice Cream
Available On the Night
Information for people who live in or are travelling to flood affected areas in south west and western NSW

1. Mosquitoes can transmit infections, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus.
2. Stagnant water left behind by the recent floods and heavy rain in NSW provides ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes.
3. Take simple measures to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes and reduce your risk of infection.

Summary
- In the last few months, inland NSW has experienced heavy rains and significant flooding, resulting in water lying around. This water provides ideal conditions for mosquito breeding.
- NSW Health has received reports of a large number of mosquitoes in south western and western NSW. Mosquitoes in these areas have been detected carrying the Ross River or Barmah Forest virus.
- With the increased mosquito numbers, there is an increased risk for people to be infected with mosquito borne diseases, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus. Male mosquitoes may carry Murray Valley encephalitis virus and Kunjin virus.

Signs you may have a mosquito related disease
- Many people will have no symptoms at all. However, if a few days after being bitten some will feel generally unwell, and may have sore joints, muscle aches, rash, fever and tiredness.

Protecting yourself from a mosquito disease
- Simple steps to avoid mosquito bites include:
  - Checking fly screens on all windows and doors are in place and do not have any rips or holes.
  - When outside, cover up as much as possible with light coloured, loose-fitting clothing and covered footwear, especially in the early morning and evening.
  - Apply mosquito repellent regularly to exposed areas (as directed on the container). Repellents containing Diethyl Toluamide (DEET), or Picaridin are best. Repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus or p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) also provide adequate protection.
  - Devices that use light to attract and electrocut insects are NOT effective.
  - When mosquitoes are present inside the room, use a plug in mosquito repellent or place rafts on tables and windows. When mosquitoes are present inside the room, use a plug in mosquito repellent or place rafts on tables and windows.
  - When camping, make sure your tent is well protected with flyscreens, or sleep under mosquito nets.

Further Information
- Detailed information on reducing the risk of mosquito bites at home and while travelling can be accessed from the following link:
- Detailed information on control of mosquitoes during floods and public events can be accessed from the following link:
UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10

Sporting Schools—Tennis
Wednesday 14 December
3—4:30pm @ School

End of Year Celebration
Day—Kidstown & Trolls
Movie
Thursday 15th December

Last Day Term 4 2016
Friday 16 December

2017—Week 1 & 2
Staff Return—Pupil Free Day
Friday 27th January 2017

Pupil Free Day
Monday 30th January 2017

Students First Day
Tuesday 31st January

Swimming Program—each
day 11:30am-12:30pm
Wed 1st Feb—Wed 15th Feb

South West Deanery Mass
Thursday 2nd February
5:30pm St Columba’s Church

Swimming Carnival
Friday 10th Feb 5:30pm

Principal’s Report

The school year has now come to end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and their families on an enjoyable and successful year. I hope that you all have a safe and fun holiday, Christmas and New Years and look forward to seeing you all at the start of school in 2017. Thanks to the staff at St Columba’s for your ongoing hard work and support. Enjoy your well earned break.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Presentation Evening on Monday night. It was a great turnout and a wonderful way to finish off the year. Thanks to everyone who helped make the night a success. Thanks to the Simpsons for cooking the barbecue, thanks to Arlena and the teachers for all the preparation, thanks to Marianne Whelan for making the salad and thanks to all the presenters who came along. Well done to all the award winners and congratulations to the Grade 6 girls who have now completed Primary School.

Reports have been sent home today. If any parents would like to speak with the classroom teachers please catch up with them either this afternoon or Thursday afternoon.

Yesterday the Year 3-6 students went to the Lavington Sports Ground in Albury to watch the Women’s Big Bash League 20/20 cricket match. Despite the extreme heat the children had a magnificent time. Thanks to James Waugh, Tracey Simpson and Brian Simpson for assisting with supervision and transport on the day.

Last week on Friday the Berrigan Public School joined us for an Advent Ecumenical Service in the church. The children sang songs and listened to Father John speak about the real reason behind our Christmas Story.

Tomorrow we will be having a celebration day in Shepparton to celebrate the completion of the year. The children will be having a barbeque lunch at KidsTown followed by going to Village Cinemas to watch ‘Trolls’ in the afternoon. We will be departing school at approximately 9:00am with an expected return of 3:30pm. Just a reminder that students can wear casual clothes for the day and bring a hat and drink bottle.

Term 1 2017

Staff will return for Term 1 on Friday 27th January with the first two days being pupil free days for the staff to prepare for the new year and attend staff development activities. All students, Kinder to Year 6, will return to school on Tuesday 31st January 2017. Our intensive swimming program will being on Wednesday 1st February with all students participating in an hour lesson each day for following 10 days. Our twilight Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 10th February.

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“The best view comes after the hardest climb.” - Unknown
Award Winners on Monday Night:
Religion Award - Matthew Whelan
Citizenship Awards - Sebastian Graham & Alyssa Denny
Vonnie Keating All Round Performance Award - Naomi Hooper
Carol Carter Presentation of Work Award presented by Kathy Bush - Teagan Dart
Masonic Lodge Quiet Achiever Awards presented by George Batten - Miller Simpson and Jaxon Simpson
Berrigan Shire Leadership Award presented by Bernard Curtin - Hayley Brent
Michael Connell Sportsmanship Awards - Naomi Hooper and Matthew Whelan
Charles Nicholas Conservation Award - Patrick Waugh
Mary Abbott Memorial Scholarship awarded by Marion Dickins - Jasmine Luscombe
RSL Community Engagement Award presented by Jeff Stein - Lachlan Whelan
Berrigan Amateur Dramatic Society Drama Award presented by Matt Hansen - Jasmine Luscombe

School Merit Awards - Term 4 Week 9

 Principal’s Award
 Jessica Lorimer

 Student of the Week
 Mrs Denny - Matthew Whelan
 Mrs Hickey - Acacia Dart

 Golden Spade
 Matthew Whelan

 Leadership Award
 Jessica Lorimer

Onions fresh from our garden and enjoyed by all on Monday Night!

1st, 3rd & 5th
Saturday  Berrigan  6.00 pm
Sunday  Mulwala  8.00 am
Sunday  Barooga  10.00 am

2nd & 4th
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Sunday  Barooga  9.00 am
Sunday  Berrigan  10.30 am

1st Sunday of the Month evening Mass at Savernake 6.00pm.
(5:00pm during non-daylight saving months)

Berrigan Christmas Mass Times
6.00 pm Christmas Eve
10.30 am Christmas Day

Students entertaining the residents at Amaroo with some Christmas Carols last week.
Carols By Candlelight
Saturday 17th December in Apex Park (Opposite Fire Station)
Starting—6:30pm
Santa Arriving—7:45pm
Bring Your Own Chairs
B-B-Q/ Soft Drinks/ Ice Cream Available On the Night
CAMP
THUNDER

KEEP YOUR KIDS ACTIVE THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FUN & ENGAGING ACTIVITIES FOR BOYS & GIRLS

LOCATION: Lavington Sports Ground, Albury
DATE: January 17th & 18th
TIME: 9:00am – 1:00pm
RECOMMENDED AGES: 8-10 years
$99.00 includes: shirt, drink bottle and wristband
Register at www.sydneythunder.com.au/camp-thunder

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:
Adjacent to the Shire Office, Chanter Street

BERRIGAN

Monday 23 January 2017 10 am to 4 pm

Experienced staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation. If the assistance you’re after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

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