National Young Leaders Day

On Monday morning Frankie, Tiago, Le, Ellie, Oscar and Breanna went to Berrima Public School to catch a bus to go to the National Leaders Day in the ANZ stadium in Sydney. We arrived at about 9:00am. We walked in and entered the room which had over 6,000 people. On our seats were pamphlets to write notes and have website information. We waited for the host to come on the stage and introduce the first speaker. Our main topic for the day was Master the Little.

The first speaker that came on stage was a man called Nathan ‘Dubsy’ Want. He is a boot camp instructor and he also watched the aerobics class and thought that he should start a swimming boot camp called boot aerobics. He had lots of good opinions of leadership and was a very good entertainer.

The second speaker was a lady called Melanie Lee. She is an author, illustrator and artist. She wrote 2 books, the first book was called A Girl in A World and later she wrote A Boy in A World. She also owns a 45 acre farm and her dream is to have a 1 acre garden patch to grow veggies. She also had a campaign for children to come and grow their own veggies and fruit so they can learn about the nutritious food that you should have in your lunchbox. She also told us to follow our dreams and don’t let anyone get in the way.

Next we went out for lunch. When we came back in there were 8 dancers that were performing a scary dance. And when the tilted their necks from side to side they had a loud sound of cracking their necks.
The next speakers were Commissioner Andrew Scipione, Ben Austin then there were a panel of 4 speakers. Andrew is the commissioner of all the policemen in NSW. He said to stay on course with your project. Ben Austin is a Paralympic swimmer who only has one arm. He said to never give up on what you really want to achieve. The panel speakers’ were Scott Tweedie, Rebecca, Veronica and a lady that works at google. Their jobs were being a reporter on ABC3, a lady that makes and eats chocolate all day long, a cat lady who is a lawyer and is starting a Cat Café and the lady that works at Google. We all had fun at the day and we all paid close attention to what the speakers were telling us.

Breanna and Oscar.

Robertson Show

On Friday of week 4 the school went to the Robertson show. Luke and Ellie went in the cow-leading. In the pavilion, Frankie and Breanna came first in handwriting and the school came second with beans. After we had a BBQ lunch we entered the spud Olympics with the Rural Fire Service then came back to school.


Swimming Carnival

A great day was had by all at last week’s swimming carnival. Our swimmers did their very best in the pool and our cheer squad was awesome! Congratulations to Abbey, Bronte, Le and Frankie for representing our school at the District Carnival.

Working Bee

With the Easter market fast approaching, we will be having a working bee after school on Friday 18th March to ensure the school grounds are looking their best. If you are unable to participate on this afternoon, you are more than welcome to pop in any time that suits you. If you are able to help, please contact the school.

Many thanks to our families who have already started to spruce up the grounds with tree trimming, weeding and tennis court clean up. (Who would have guessed that the tennis court was actually green!)

School bags

Our school prides itself on the way we look in our uniform and we are often complimented...
on it when we are on excursions. Wearing our uniform develops pride and respect in our school.

I would encourage you to send your child to school with a Burrawang school bag also, as part of this uniform. These bags help our students to look smart in a total uniform, especially when we go out in the community. They also make it easier for parents as they don’t need to be purchasing the latest fad in bags each year.

Burrawang school bags are available for purchase in the uniform shop. There is also a limited supply of pre-loved bags that are available in the shop – free to a good home! Just ask at the office.

**School counsellor**

In previous years our school has not been allocated any School Counsellor time. We would only call upon their services for specific needs or issues.

From this year, we have now been allocated our own counsellor who will spend half a day each fortnight in our school to support our students. Lucy Parker met our students yesterday and will be in our school every second Wednesday morning. She is hoping to provide our students with some assistance in developing skills in a variety of areas. Some of these will include developing resilience, making friends, coping with anxiety and transitioning to high school. We look forward to her joining our school team.

Parents are also able to make referrals to the counsellor for specific needs for their child. Please contact the school if you would like to make an appointment with Lucy.

**Parent workshop**

Parents are invited to attend a workshop on how to help their child with reading next Monday 7th March at 3.30pm. This workshop will be aimed at K-2 reading level. This workshop will be the first in a series that will provide parents with greater insight into current teaching practice and how you can support what we do in the classroom, at home.

**3-6 class news**

Our class has been working really hard on their National Parks projects recently. Students have selected from a wide range of activities and are demonstrating great creativity and responsibility in the self-directed learning. I am looking forward to seeing all of the amazing finished products as the term progresses. I have also been very impressed with the huge efforts of students’ spelling over the last few weeks. Students know that their score on a Monday spelling test is not as important as the improvement that they can achieve by Friday. Through their homework and spelling at school each morning, students have been showing impressive levels of improvement each week.

**K-2 class news**

We have had a very productive couple of weeks, gaining skills in many subjects. In Maths we have been looking at strategies to make addition easier, including counting on from the bigger number, and using our knowledge of doubles to solve problems.

In Science we have been doing a number of experiments to establish what happens to rain when it falls. Our class had some fun in the sandpit designing a landscape where they could harness the rain (watering-can water) into a dam.
School programs

Following discussion between school staff and the P&C, we will be discontinuing Japanese lessons for this year. We look forward to spending this time in our expanding garden and cooking program.

We also look forward to continuing the very valuable extra curricula activity, “Genius Hour,” after seeing the wonderful skills our students developed through this program last year.

Payments for excursions

Please remember that if at any time you need financial assistance to pay for an excursion, talk to Mrs Laval who will work with you to find a solution. (Our school has a small amount of student assistance money for those in need of a little help)

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our students of the week.

Week 5 - Harper and Daisy

Don't forget!

Notes to be returned:-
- Workbook payments
- Science and Engineering Day (Year 5 and 6)
- Year 5 and 6 camp
- Japanese Drumming
- Book club

This week’s canteen (Friday) – we will be having canteen on return from our excursion.

Chicken, cheese and salad Burrito OR Soft shell Taco $3.50 each

Beef mince, black bean, cheese and salad Burrito OR Soft shell Taco $3.50 each

0, 1, or 2 dressings Sour Cream, Tomato Salsa, Greek Yoghurt

Poppas $1 each

Please send orders and money in a sealed envelope in tomorrow 3rd March by 9:30am so they can be collated and items purchased.

A big thank you to Mrs Crooks, Hamish’s mum for organising canteen this week.

Upcoming events

Don’t forget to check the website for the most up-to-date information.

Week 6

Monday 29 February Year 6 attending School Leaders Day

Friday 4 March Waste management excursion to Moss Vale (no assembly)
Week 7

Monday 7 March  
Science Challenge Day

Thursday 10 March  
Japanese Drumming

Friday 11 March  
*Friday assembly* – Year 2 sharing

Week 8

Tuesday 15 March  
Debating workshop

Friday 18 March  
*Friday assembly* – Kinder / Year 1 sharing

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*Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.*

Albert Einstein