



THE BERINBA BROADCAST

Stories from the schoolyard...

Term 1 | Week 7

Monday, 10th March 2025

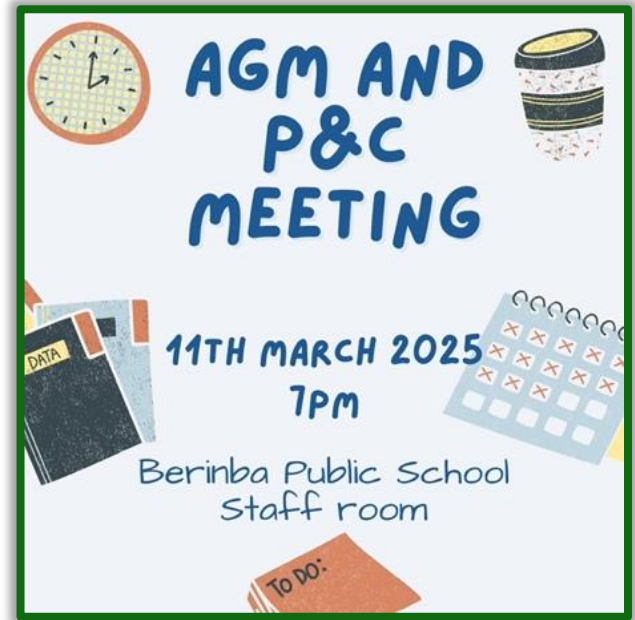
From the Principal...

Dear Berinba Community,

Thank you

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher welcome BBQ evening recently. Seeing so many families engaging with their children's learning and building connections with our staff was excellent. Strong partnerships between home and school make a huge difference in student success, and we appreciate your time and involvement.

Thank you to our amazing P&C for hosting a wonderful Welcome BBQ celebration. Seeing the community come together and connect for our first significant event of the year was a joy. We appreciate all the efforts of our volunteers who generously share their time and talents to bring events like this to life. Thank you also to our dedicated staff who gave of their own time to plan for engaging classrooms and sharing what makes Berinba great to our whole school community.



P&C

I warmly invite you to our upcoming Parents & Citizens' Association (P&C) Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be tomorrow evening at 7.00pm in the staffroom. This meeting is a valuable opportunity for parents, caregivers, and community members to come together, reflect on the past year's achievements, and plan for the future of our school. The P&C plays a vital role in supporting our school programs, fundraising initiatives, and enhancing student experiences. Your involvement, whether as a committee member, volunteer, or attendee makes a real difference in shaping our school community. At the AGM, we will elect new office bearers for the coming year. Whether you are a returning member or new to the school, we encourage you to come along, share your ideas, and be part of the conversation and share in the magic that in our wonderful Berinba community.

Staffing

A big congratulations to Breanna Lennon who has been successful in her secondment to Yass High School for 2025. Breanna will be working in the office, so many of you will continue to see her face. Whilst we will miss her exceptional work as School Learning Support Officer at Berinba, this is an amazing opportunity for Breanna to contribute widely across our network of schools. Yass High School are very lucky.



We also welcome some new staff and familiar faces back to Berinba. We welcome Lachlan Elderton on Monday's and Tuesdays as School Learning Support Officer working across our school, predominantly in kindergarten. Lachlan has already made a positive impression on staff and students, whilst bringing his calm and considerate approach to supporting our students. He also brings his creativity into the classroom, being a performer himself in many theatre productions. Welcome to Berinba Lachlan. We also welcome back Paige Muscatt and Liesa Doggett back to our school. Paige and Liesa will be supporting our Enriched Learning Students Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays.

Amazing work Evie



Evie Smith from 5/6C came by to my office to share her exceptional, descriptive writing. Her sense of pride was infectious. Just look at that smile. Outstanding work Evie! You should be very proud of your efforts and dedication to enhancing your creative writing skills.

It is great to have both Paige and Liesa back with team Berinba.

Communication

As part of our schools ongoing commitment to keeping you informed and open communication between school and home, you will have now received your child's class or stage term overview. This overview gives an outline of the themes of learning covered for this term, key timetable dates such as library, sports day, assembly etc and the way in which your child's teacher can be contacted throughout the year. Please know, it is not a requirement for teachers to give their email address (though many do). Any communication that goes through our office, gets to your child's teacher and you will get a phone call or message back. Our teachers are always happy to make the time to speak with you. Please understand however, that throughout the school day, the priority is the teaching and learning of your students, thus teachers will get back to you as soon as they can outside of class times. If you have not received yet or misplaced your child's term overview, please reach out directly to their teacher and they will be more than happy to get another out. Please note, due to the nature of 2025 starting on a Friday and the many staff development days, these came out later than usual for term 1.

With excitement for the second half of our term,

Brendon

Brendon Wright | Relieving Principal

Parachute Play Brings Laughter and Learning

This week during Stage 1 sport, students had a fantastic time playing with the parachute! They worked together to make small waves, big waves, and even used colourful balls to recreate the excitement of popcorn popping in a hot pan. The energy and laughter were contagious as everyone played and collaborated.

Parachute games are more than just fun—they help children develop teamwork, coordination, and upper body strength. They also encourage social skills and active play, keeping kids engaged and moving. It was a joy to see our students working together and having so much fun in the process!"



BootBash

The Country Education Foundation of Yass in partnership with Berinba Public School are running the 'BootBash' fundraiser this Friday, 14th March. The Country Education Foundation (CEF) promote and enable equal access to further education and career opportunities for rural and regional youth irrespective of background, circumstances or location through community-based encouragement and financial assistance for higher educational opportunities, with many of our past Berinba students being fortunate enough to benefit.

How can you play a part? On Friday, 14th March join in the fun of wearing your best boots to school! Bring a gold coin donation to be collected for the Country Education Foundation of Yass.

A fundraising poster for 'BootBash' featuring a brown boot with yellow balloons attached. The poster lists donation amounts and their impact: \$25 for public transport, \$50 for technology, \$100 for apprentice's tools, \$200 for family visits, and \$550 for student accommodation and groceries. It includes the CEF logo and the website cefbootbash.org.au.

How your boots will have an impact!

GIVE EDUCATION INEQUITY THE BOOT

- \$25**
Can help a student pay for public transport to get to classes.
- \$50**
Provides access to technology to stay connected.
- \$100**
Can go towards an apprentice's tools and uniforms.
- \$200**
Helps a student to go home to visit their family.
- \$550**
Covers one week of student accommodation and groceries.

Country Education Foundation of Australia | **BOOT BASH**

cefbootbash.org.au #CEFBotBash

1/2H – with Miss Hansen

1/2H have had a wonderful start to the year. They've taken first day photos, made valentines themed collages and begun exploring cave paintings and Egyptian hieroglyphics. We can't wait to see what comes next on our learning journey!



Berinba School Excellence Plan 2025-2028: Have your say...

At Berinba, we are in the process of developing a new **School Excellence Plan** to guide the future direction of our school. As valued members of our school community, your input is important in shaping our goals and priorities. To shape our school to be one for us all to be proud of and belong to. I invite you to share your thoughts and feedback through our consultation process, **through the survey link below**. Your perspectives, ideas and feedback will help ensure our school continues to grow even stronger for the benefit of all students. I also welcome you into our school. I am always happy to make a cuppa and have a chat; to hear all about your experience of Berinba and work in partnership you so your child/children have the best primary school experience. Follow the link below.

Berinba School Excellence Plan 2025-2028: Community Consultation

School improvement is at the heart of the work we do as teachers and school leaders, and is the work of every teacher and school leader in partnership with students and their families.

When we work towards being a great school that meets the needs of all of our students, together we are:

- ensuring our students learn through engaging teaching
- leading with a clear vision based on shared values
- partnering proactively with others, especially parents, carers and the local community
- engaging our learners, teachers and leaders in reflection and decision-making
- focusing our culture on student growth, attainment and wellbeing
- strategically targeting all our resources to achieve the student growth, attainment, and wellbeing we have planned.

From our most recent school external validation, School determined future directions have been identified. These are:

Student Growth and Attainment | Educational leadership | Wellbeing

Growing together as an inspiring and student driven professional learning community, we value your input and seek your feedback on our Berinba Public School planning and future directions.

CLICK LINK BELOW

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmW0TYfRIH54-ZH0RrpfmK-U5orINvcjo30ml1yQUzS_L_qq/viewform?usp=dialog

Student Wellbeing and mental health at Berinba – Open Parachute Program

Here at Berinba, we are lucky to have a dedicated staff who understand how student wellbeing and mental health can impact a student's learning and overall life outcomes. We know that wellbeing and mental health play a crucial role in children's ability to learn, grow, and succeed. A positive school environment that supports mental health helps students stay engaged, motivated, and resilient. At Berinba, our staff strive for excellence in this every day, where every student's face has a place.

Furthermore, we are fortunate to have many teacher leaders in our school who are committed to inspiring and leading our staff and students in programs that enrich the opportunities of our students.

Thank you to Mrs Laura Culican for securing a grant for our school to become an 'Open Parachute' School. The **Open Parachute Program** is a mental health and wellbeing curriculum designed for schools to support students, teachers, and parents. It provides evidence-based lessons that help students build resilience, emotional intelligence, and coping strategies for life's challenges. Mrs Culican will be leading our staff in professional learning and our students in a consistent approach K-6 of strategies and tools to understand, support and enhance students' mental health and wellbeing. Look out for more about this from term 2.

In the meantime, if you would like to read more about the program you can visit the Open Parachute program website below.

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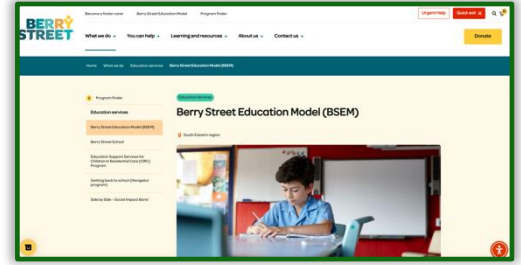
Teach Mental Health skills using Authentic Peer voices.

Increase resilience in your students using Learning Recovery and Resilience documentary videos created by Clinical Psychologists & Educators.

<https://www.openparachute.com.au/>

– Berry Street Education Model

Furthermore, Mrs Fiona Jackson, our relieving Assistant Principal – Special Education, has sourced professional learning of the **Berry Street Education Model** and is leading our Enriched Learning team in this wellbeing program, to support our Enriched learning students. The Berry Street Education Model is a trauma-informed, strengths-based approach designed to support student wellbeing and engagement in learning. It focuses on helping students build resilience, self-regulation, and positive relationships while improving academic outcomes.



The Berry Street Education model has many benefits such as:

- helping students, especially those who have experienced trauma, feel safe and supported in the classroom.
- improving emotional regulation, reducing disruptive behaviours and increasing engagement.
- empowering educators with strategies to foster resilience and positive learning experiences.

Thank you to Mrs Jackson for leading this program for our Enriched Learning team. If you would like to read more information about the program. You can follow the link below.

<https://www.berrystreet.org.au/what-we-do/education-services/berry-street-education-model>

Dates for your Diary

TERM 1

Week 7

- Monday, 10th March: South Coast Swimming
- Tuesday, 11th March: Yass show entries close
- Friday, 14th March: Boot Bash fundraiser. Wear your favourite boots and bring a gold coin.

Week 8

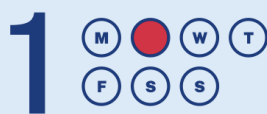
- Tuesday, 18th March: Mr Wright at Regional South and Connected communities' principals summit DAY 1
- Wednesday, 19th March: Mr Wright at Regional South and Connected communities' principals summit DAY 2
- Wednesday, 19th March: Pulse Alive dance group in Sydney.
- Thursday 20th March: Pulse Alive dance group in Sydney.
- Friday, 21st March: Pulse Alive dance group in Sydney.

Week 11

- Tuesday, 8th April: Meninga/Daley League Day – TBC
- Friday, 11th April: Last day of term.

Days missed = years lost

If your child misses as little as



day per week

they will miss



weeks of school per year

which adds up to over

2.5

years missed over their school life