

THE BERINBA BROADCAST

Stories from the schoolyard...



Term 2 | Week 10

Friday, 3rd July 2025

From the Principal...

Dear Berinba Community,

As we come to the end of Semester One, it's remarkable to reflect on how quickly the year is passing. It seems not long ago that we were welcoming our students and families back to school for the beginning of 2025: setting goals, making plans, and preparing for the year ahead. Yet here we are, already closing the chapter on Term 2, and what a dynamic and rewarding semester it has been. A picture tells a thousand words, and these photos with my message this fortnight really encapsulate our wonderful school. I was on morning duty and our wonderful kids younger and older, all started playing a game together. My heart warmed, seeing the care, fair play, kindness in helping, negotiation of rules and so forth. The ambience on this cold morning, only spread a feeling of warmth and pride of our Berinba kids. – To our students, you truly are all stars!

Term 2 is often one of the most significant and demanding periods in the school calendar. It brings with it a heightened sense of momentum, with teaching and learning in full swing, assessments underway, and a broad array of extracurricular opportunities enriching the student experience. This year has been no exception. Our classrooms have been vibrant hubs of learning, with students engaging deeply in classroom programs, supported by our exceptionally dedicated staff who go above and beyond to ensure that every learner is known, challenged, and cared for.

Beyond the classroom, students have taken part in a wide variety of activities from sports carnivals, NAIDOC celebrations, dance workshops, Berinba's Got Talent and community gardening initiatives to name just a few things. These experiences not only enhance learning but also build confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of belonging. They are a testament to the strength of our Berinba staff and the willingness of our students to embrace all aspects of school life. The 'schooliness' of school as I like to say.



Term 2 also presents moments for reflection and reporting with families receiving formal academic reports and the opportunity to engage in discussions around student progress and growth. These conversations are so valuable in strengthening the partnership between home and school, and I thank our families for their ongoing engagement and support. I encourage you to book an interview early next term. Information about this will come through compass very soon.

Of course, none of this could be achieved without the unwavering dedication of our staff. Their professionalism, care, and tireless commitment to student wellbeing and achievement continues to shape the positive and unique culture of our wonderful school.

I also want to acknowledge the leadership and collaboration of our executive team and support staff, whose work behind the scenes keeps everything running smoothly and ensures that both students and teachers are set up for success.

As your Relieving Principal, what has really stood out most to me this semester is the strong sense of purpose and collaboration that exists across our school. And as we wrap up Semester 1, I've been reflecting on the strength and heart of our Berinba community. A quote from Brené Brown has stayed with me throughout this term: **"Connection is why we're here; it is what gives purpose and meaning to our lives."** Our endeavours whether it's in the classroom, the staffroom, or the playground, there is a shared belief in what we do and why we do it. Approaching each day with curiosity, vulnerability and compassion has really shone bright in the community culture of Berinba. I've seen high quality teaching in classrooms, with students actively engaged in their learning, supported by educators who know their learners well and are committed to seeing them succeed. It's in the small, everyday interactions between staff and students, colleagues, and families, that is what truly makes Berinba Public School shine brightest.

To our Berinba families, I want to extend my sincere gratitude. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me and in our school. It is a genuine privilege to lead this community, and I do not take that responsibility lightly. Your ongoing partnership, support, and encouragement mean so much not only to me, but to our whole team. It is through this shared commitment that we can ensure the best possible outcomes for every child.

As we head into the winter break, I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate. Whether you're travelling, spending time with family, or simply enjoying a slower pace, I hope the coming weeks provide space to recharge and reflect. I look forward to welcoming students, staff and families back in Term 3, ready to build on the strong foundations we've created so far.

Thank you once again to our entire school community for another incredible semester.

With best wishes for the holidays, from your very proud Relieving Principal,



Brendon Wright | Relieving Principal

Berinba's Got Talent

After weeks of auditions at lunch time from our amazing Berinba students, the finalists took to the stage this morning to wow their peers, teachers and hopefully impress the judges. As you can see and hear there are definitely talented and courageous students at Berinba and the whole school got behind them. Acts ranged from singers, dancers, guitarists and drummers to boy duos and a full girl group with back up dancers! The judges were worried about a talent judging tie so called in an expert musician to assist with the judging.

Mr. Alistair Clarke, who grew up in Yass as a primary school student, generously gave up his morning to help out Ms. Thirlway, Mr Wright, Mr. E and Miss Bec who have been judging the competition so far. Mr. Clarke has a music degree from ANU and is a professional musician who has travelled the world playing music so we knew he would bring a wealth of experience to the judging panel. We were also fortunate enough to have him play his trombone for us during a break between rounds. Mr. Clarke said he was impressed by the students and gave high praise of the show. We thank him for his time and expertise.

Special thanks also to Mr. Fairfield Smith on audio, Mrs. Northey on stage crew and to Mrs. Gavidi who stepped into the judging Panel when Mr. Wright was called out. And to all the students who tried out for Berinba's got Talent 2025, whether you made Round 1,2 the finals or won you are all stars in my eyes.

Ms. Julie Thirlway
BGT Talent Scout and Coordinator





NAIDOC Week at Berinba

Yesterday Berinba Public School proudly celebrated NAIDOC Week at Berinba with a very special NAIDOC Day on Ngunnawal country.

It was a beautiful day of coming together as a community to learn, listen and connect.

We were honoured to welcome local Elders and Aboriginal community members with cultural connections to Ngunnawal, Wiradjuri, Kamilaroi, Dunghutti, Wolgulu and Ngambri Country. Joining us for the celebrations were Wee Jasper Public School, Little Kindy, Montessori Preschool and Madam Mayor Jones.

Our day began with a smoking ceremony a powerful practice of cleansing 🌿

Students then took part in:

- Traditional animal weaving led by Pitta Pitta/Wangkamahdla knowledge holders
- Spear throwing and artefact exploration shared by our Dunghutti community
- Storytelling and painting activities with community members from Ngunnawal, Wiradjuri, Wolgulu and Ngambri Country
- Food tasting shared by Kamilaroi community members a tasting of native ingredient marinated Kangaroo accompanied by a sausage sizzle by our P & C.

A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us, your generosity in sharing culture, stories and practices from the many Aboriginal communities across Australia created an unforgettable experience for our students and staff.





Welcoming Our 2026 Kindergarten Families

Last Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome many new and existing families to Berinba Public School for our 2026 Kindergarten Information Night.

The evening began with some delicious light refreshments kindly organised by our amazing P&C. This was a wonderful opportunity for families to meet one another and connect with our staff in a relaxed setting. As the winter evening set in, we opted for a virtual tour of our school instead of walking the grounds — a cosy and engaging way to showcase our beautiful learning environment.

Following the tour, Mr Brendon Wright, Mrs Amber Gavidì and Mr Charles Fairfield-Smith spoke about the heart of our school — our strong community, inclusive culture, student wellbeing programs, and the evidence-based teaching practices that guide our approach to learning.

Our passionate Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Tara Verma, then shared her insights into the importance of play-based learning. She explained how it supports explicit teaching and gives children multiple exposures to key learning outcomes. Families were especially captivated by the many visual examples of play-based learning in action.

Next, Mrs Fiona Northey, also a Kindergarten teacher, outlined our Preschool to Kindergarten transition process. She spoke about our close partnerships with local Early Childhood Centres, how families can help prepare their child for school, our fantastic Kindy Readiness Playgroup, and the upcoming Orientation dates.

Our knowledgeable School Counsellor, Mrs Kristy Barber, shared how she supports students and families across our school community, helping children thrive socially and emotionally.

A highlight of the evening was hearing from our confident school leaders — Laney, Jett, Claire and Charlotte — who spoke about their own experiences and what makes Berinba a great place to learn and grow.

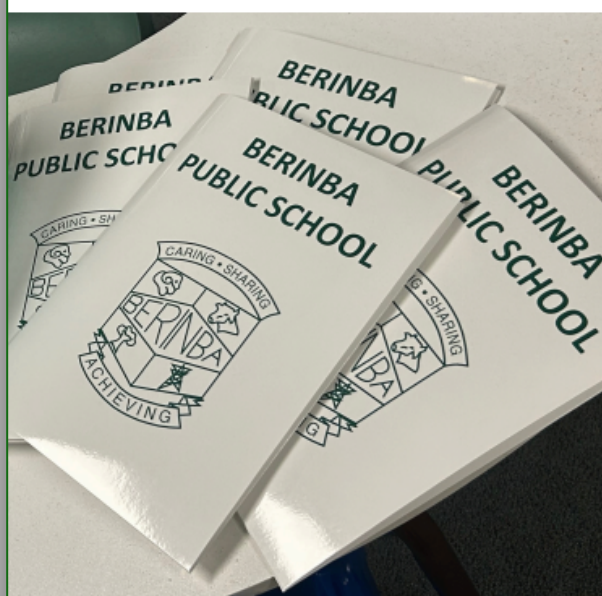
We also heard from our P&C President, Mrs [First Name] Alley, who spoke about the valuable work our P&C does in supporting the school and invited new families to get involved in 2026.

To close the evening, Mr Andrew Facer, Principal of Yass High School, spoke about his strong connection with Berinba and how our schools work together as part of the Yass Valley Community of Schools network.

A very special thank you also goes to our wonderful staff members Mrs Lisa Skelton and Mrs Tessa Elvin, who generously gave their time to support the evening and warmly engage with families.

It was a truly heart-warming night, full of enthusiasm, information and community spirit. We look forward to supporting all our incoming families as they begin their exciting transition to school. For those who couldn't attend, we will be holding another Kindergarten Information Night in the middle of Term 3 — date to be advised.





Congratulations Cherriky-Rose

Cherriky-Rose Casey's outstanding performance at the 2025 Budokan Judo Championships held in the Sydney over the weekend. Budokan is the home of Olympians Joshua and Nathan Katz whom Cherriky-Rose was presented her medals from.

At just age 6, Cherriky-Rose fought in her own division - Under 7's she then stepped it up into older more heavier divisions demonstrating remarkable skill and sportsmanship.

It was a phenomenal performance by Cherriky-Rose, securing one gold and two silvers across her 7 fights!



Good Hope Pottery

A series of adult workshops commencing August 9th at Tootsie Gallery Café in Yass.

This is the link to the page on our website which has the details and also a link to the booking pages.

<https://goodhopepottery.com/workshops>



Semester 1 Reports

As we come to the end of Term 2 and reflect on the first half of the school year, we are pleased to share with you your child's Semester 1 report.

Student reports are an important way for us to communicate how your child is progressing in their learning. They provide a summary of achievement against the expected outcomes for each subject and outline areas of strength, as well as those still developing. They also reflect your child's effort, work habits, and overall engagement in their learning. These are key foundations not only for academic success but for personal growth as well.

However, as important as academic progress is, we know that school is about more than just results. It's about how students show up each day, how they treat others, how they respond to challenges, and how they grow as individuals. It's about learning how to learn, how to collaborate, how to persist, and how to contribute. These things may not always appear as a grade on a report, but they are every bit as significant.

This semester, I've seen students take brave steps outside their comfort zones, build new friendships, show leadership, care for others, and bounce back after setbacks. These are all signs of meaningful growth, and I encourage families to celebrate these moments with your children just as much as academic achievements.

When reading your child's report, I invite you to take time to reflect together on what they are proud of and where they've grown not only in what they've learned, but in who they are becoming. Use the report as a starting point for a conversation about goals, habits, effort and what success means beyond grades.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teachers and support staff, who work so hard to create engaging and inclusive learning environments. Their comments in these reports are thoughtful and grounded in a deep understanding of each child's learning journey.

Thank you as well to our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. When school and home work together, we set our children up for the strongest possible foundation.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming school holidays with your children. I encourage them (and you!) to rest, recharge, and return ready for an exciting and productive Term 3.

From Mr Wright

Local Holiday activities and fun

MON 7 JULY

LILAC CITY CINEMA
10am - 1pm
Drop off & Pick Up: Goulburn Community Centre

TUE 8 JULY

BAKING & DECORATING
10am - 1pm
Drop off & Pick Up: Goulburn Community Centre

WED 9 JULY

BACK TO THE ARCADE
10am - 1pm
Drop off & Pick Up: Back to The Arcade

THUR 10 JULY

ART WORKSHOP
10am - 1pm
Drop off & Pick Up: Goulburn Community Centre

GMC YOUTH SERVICES
JULY 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
For Ages 12 - 18
Time: 10am - 1pm

All activities, including lunch are free.
For more details and to confirm your booking, please use the QR code below.



GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL

For more information, please call Luke on (02) 4823 4838 or email luke.wallace@goulburn.nsw.gov.au

WINTER

School Holiday Program

Week 1 - Closed for Maintenance
Week 2 - 15th, 16th & 17th July

Morning Session \$20 (9am-11am)
Full Day \$60 (9am- 3pm)

5yrs + Member & Non Members Welcome

Bookings Essential
Book via email or facebook link
[email us at info@yassgymnastics.com.au](mailto:info@yassgymnastics.com.au)

YASS GYMNASTICS & SWIM SCHOOL

FreeG & Ultimate Tag
Wednesday mornings
Gymnastics
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursdays








COLOURBALL TENNIS CLINIC

YASS - Hume Tennis Club
Ages 4 yrs to 15 yrs

Games, technique, multi-sport programs and prizes for all participants. Qualified Tennis Australia Coaches available.

Week 1: Monday 7th July to Thursday 10th July
Week 2: Monday 14th July to Thursday 17th July

Time: 10.30am-1.30pm daily.
Cost: \$40 p/day or \$120 for 4 days.
Active Kids vouchers are redeemable.

Contact - Scott Eulenstein - Spinifex Tennis
Registrations by 06/07/2025 to: scott.eulenstein@outlook.com
or PH: 0421016365.

Kindergarten 2026 Orientation Sessions at Berinba

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

KINDERGARTEN READINESS PLAYGROUP AT BERINBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

This playgroup allows for children to engage with similar aged children in play, and for families to have opportunities to ask teachers questions about starting school.



Term 2
11:30AM - 12:30PM
Friday 23rd of May
Science and Technology



Term 3
1:1:30AM - 12:30PM
Friday 8th of August
Counting, shapes and colours



Term 4
11:30AM - 12:30PM
Friday 31st of October
Literacy

RSVP NOW

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Students enrolled at Berinba Public School for 2026 will have additional transition visits on the 5th, 12th and 19th of November.



Dates for your Diary

TERM 3

Week 1

- Friday, 25th July: Bangarra Berinba Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community event

Week 3

- Friday 8th August – Kindergarten transition playgroup 2

Week 5

- Friday 22nd August – Floral Friday – fundraiser for Mitch Tambo

Week 8

- Monday 8th September - Reconciliation working group meeting in staff room 5:00pm – 6:00pm.
- Thursday 11th September – Mitch Tambo 'I am me' Youth tour (09:30-1030 whole school performance, 11:35 – 12:20 Yarning circle Aboriginal students and a plus 1 years 2-6, 12:30 – 1:10 – cultural workshop Aboriginal students K-6, Staff development session 03:15 – 4:45pm)

Week 10

- Friday, 26th September – last day of term