

## From the Principal...

Dear Berinba Community,

I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we commence Term 2. I trust the recent break provided an opportunity for rest, reflection, and renewal for students, families, and our staff.

As we return to our academic and co-curricular programs, I encourage all members of our school community to approach the term with purpose and resilience. Term 2 presents numerous opportunities for growth, learning, and engagement, and I have every confidence in the capacity of our students and staff to embrace these challenges with integrity and enthusiasm.

To our students, I urge you to continue striving for your personal best in all areas of school life. To our families, thank you for your continued support and partnership. To our staff, your dedication to fostering a nurturing and high-achieving environment is deeply appreciated.

There is already so much to celebrate this term. From school representation, professional learning and engagement and further community connections. Read on to celebrate with us, all the wonderful things happening at our wonderful school.

Let us move forward together with a shared vision and collective determination to make Term 2 both productive and rewarding. With best wishes for a successful term ahead,

*Brendon*

Brendon Wright | Relieving Principal



## ANZAC DAY

I was incredibly proud to witness and be part of our students, staff and families take part in this year's Yass ANZAC Day March. Their respectful presence, impeccable conduct, and genuine sense of gratitude were a moving tribute to the servicemen and women who have given so much for our country.

Representing our school with dignity and pride, our students embodied the values of respect, remembrance, and community. It was heartening to see their commitment to honouring the legacy of the ANZACs, and I thank each of them as well as the staff and families who supported the event for their meaningful contribution and connection.



# ANZAC Day Commemorative Assembly and Classroom Learning

Last Wednesday, our school community gathered for the ANZAC Day Commemorative Assembly to honour the service and sacrifice of the ANZACs. Mr Wright addressed the assembly, speaking about the importance of remembering the ANZACs and reflecting on the enduring values they embodied — endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour, and mateship.

We were also privileged to welcome our guest speaker, Commander Scott Northey, who shared insights from his distinguished career in the Royal Australian Navy. Commander Northey spoke about the personal significance of ANZAC Day and thoughtfully connected our school expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Safety with the Australian Defence Force values of service, courage, respect, integrity, and excellence. He emphasised how these values guide us not only in defence but in everyday life.

We sincerely thank Commander Northey for providing such a meaningful and authentic learning experience for our students. We are extremely proud of how respectfully and attentively our Berinba Public School students participated in the assembly, showing true appreciation for this important occasion.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Gavidì for her efforts in planning and coordinating the ANZAC Assembly. Her thoughtful organisation ensured a reflective and respectful commemoration for our whole school community.

In addition to the assembly, students continued their learning about ANZAC Day and its traditions during class time. Kindergarten students read ANZAC Ted by Belinda Landsberry, a touching story about a worn and battered teddy bear passed down through generations, symbolising the bravery, loyalty, and sacrifice of those who served. After reading, Kindergarten students created their own versions of ANZAC Ted through a directed drawing activity. Meanwhile, students in 2/3T crafted individual paper poppies and placed them in our school's ANZAC Memorial Garden as a mark of remembrance and respect.

It was wonderful to see students engage so thoughtfully and meaningfully with the history and traditions of ANZAC Day, both during the assembly and throughout their classroom learning.



Fiona Northey | ANZAC Day Reporter



## A Heartfelt Thank you to Our P&C for the M.A.N.G.O – (Mothers, Aunts, Nans, God Mothers, Others) day stall.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to our amazing P&C for all their hard work and dedication in organising this year's M.A.N.G.O Day stall. Events like these don't happen without countless hours of planning, preparation, and behind-the-scenes effort, and we are so grateful for everything you've done.

The stall was a huge success and brought so much joy to our students, who were thrilled to choose special gifts for their mums, grandmothers, and the important women in their lives. It's these moments that help create lasting memories and foster a sense of appreciation and love in our school community.

Thank you to every volunteer who helped set up, run the stall, or donated items – your generosity and time made all the difference. We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive and enthusiastic P&C, and your efforts do not go unnoticed.





# PIRATE DAY DRESS UP

This is an annual dress-up day in May during brain cancer awareness month, to raise funds for childhood brain cancer research.

**FRIDAY, 16th May**  
**GOLD COIN DONATION**



<https://pirateday.com.au/o/the-berinba-crew>

## Come and join the Berinba Family

Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions for your child and your family and we're so glad you're considering Berinba Public School.

At Berinba, new families are warmly welcomed into a school community where students feel safe, supported, and inspired every day. We're more than just a place of learning, we're a connected, caring environment where families become part of something truly special.

From your child's very first day, they'll be encouraged to explore their interests, grow in confidence, and develop a lifelong love of learning. Our passionate teachers, engaging programs, and strong community values ensure every child is known, valued, and celebrated. Berinba is also part of the Yass Valley Learning Community. A group of schools in our network committed to fostering student learning outcomes, transition between settings and working collaboratively to enrich the lives of our students through community engagement and the learning of teachers across schools.

We understand that starting at a new school can feel like a big step, which is why we're committed to making the transition smooth, friendly, and filled with support.

We can't wait to meet you, come and see what makes Berinba Public School feel like home.

***We are always accepting enrolments for K-6 Let's begin this exciting journey together.***

# Enrolment Always Open

### For more information:

- Call us on **(02) 6226 2110**
- Visit our school website <https://berinba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
- Arrange a tour with our Principal Mr. Brendon Wright

**Scan the QR Code to complete the online enrollment process**



We are a proud member of the



**YASS VALLEY**  
LEARNING COMMUNITY

*transforming lives through learning*

*Come and discover what makes our school so special. Whether it's the sound of laughter on the playground, the creativity shining in our classrooms, or the sense of belonging that wraps around every child there's something truly unique about life at Berinba Public School.*

**Enrolments are now open. We can't wait to welcome you into our school family!**



## Thank you to our Kindergarten Team and families for joining our home reading information session.

A big thank you to all the families who attended our Kindergarten Home Reading Information Session. It was wonderful to see so many families engaged and eager to support your child's reading journey at home. Building strong reading habits early is such an important part of a child's development, and your involvement makes a world of difference. We appreciate your time, your questions, and your commitment to making reading a positive, shared experience.

A heartfelt thank you also to our amazing Kindergarten teachers Mrs Fiona Northey and Mrs Tara Verma for running such an informative and engaging session. Further thanks to our Curriculum Assistant Principal Mrs Amber Gavidì and K-2 Assistant Principal Ms Julie Thirlway for sharing your knowledge and passion of reading. The team's passion, dedication, and care for our students and their families truly shone through.

We are so lucky here at Berinba to have such knowledgeable and committed staff who go above and beyond to support early literacy and foster a love of reading from the very beginning. Your efforts make a lasting impact, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do. Thank you for everything our school is better because of you.



## HPGE Staff Development Day: Building Expertise and Collaboration Across Our Yass Valley Learning Community

In alignment with the NSW Department of Education's commitment to equity and excellence, staff from across our network of schools came together for a collaborative High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) Staff Development Day. The event was a significant milestone in our shared journey to ensure that high potential learners across all domains: *intellectual, creative, social-emotional, and physical* are recognised and supported within their learning journeys.

The professional learning day was purposefully designed to reflect the Department's *High Potential and Gifted Education Policy*, which emphasises early and accurate identification, differentiated practice, and the provision of challenging, enriching and future focused learning experiences. Staff engaged in targeted workshops led by staff across the network. Mrs Gavidì, Mrs Jackson and I represented Berinba Public School as presenters for the day.

For more information about High Potential and Gifted Education at Berinba, you can visit the link on our newly and continuously updated website.

<https://berinba-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/gifted-and-talented.html>

### High potential students

High potential students are those whose potential exceeds that of students of the same age in one or more domains. Their potential may be assessed as beyond the average range across any domain. They may benefit from an enriched or extended curriculum and learning opportunities beyond the typical level of students the same age.

### Gifted students

Gifted students' potential significantly exceeds that of students of the same age in one or more domains. These students typically develop talent and achieve mastery notably faster than their age peers. They may benefit from an extended curriculum and learning opportunities significantly beyond the typical level of students the same age.

### Highly gifted students

Highly gifted students' potential vastly exceeds that of students of the same age in one or more domains. Highly gifted students have potential assessed in the top 1% or less of age peers. Highly gifted students may require specific and more significant curriculum adjustments to meet their learning and wellbeing needs.

Bringing together staff from our Yass schools not only strengthened the already strong professional relationships but also laid the foundation for a sustainable, network-wide approach to HPGE.

All school staff left the day with practical tools, increased confidence, and a shared vision for cultivating excellence and potential in every student.

This professional learning initiative is part of our broader commitment to lifting outcomes for all learners by investing in teacher expertise, fostering innovation, and creating inclusive environments where talent is recognised, valued, and nurtured.

Furthermore, on our second staff development day. Our own Christine Burke, Relieving Assistant Principal Inclusion and Innovation continued work around HPGE in the context of Berinba in leading the passion project initiative. It has been exciting to know that a lot of what we offer is already catering and even more exciting having staff like Christine lead professional learning around passion projects. A passion project is a student led initiative that allows young learners to explore a topic they are genuinely interested in. It encourages curiosity, creativity, and independent thinking while helping students build foundational skills in research, problem-solving, and communication.

These projects help young learners develop important life skills such as responsibility, self-motivation, and critical thinking. They also give children the chance to learn in a way that feels meaningful and fun, helping them connect their passions to real world learning. Passion projects support holistic development and help nurture confident, capable, and curious young minds. Christine led staff in her own passion project, and we all got a wonderful take away reflective of her passion of plants. More to come in this space. We are excited to share more with you as the year unfolds.

## Cultural Connections in Cowra

On Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, students had the incredible opportunity to take a group of our students to an Aboriginal dance workshop in Cowra, on beautiful Wiradjuri Country, led by the amazing Brolga Dance Company.

Joined by other NSW public schools, the day was filled with rich cultural learning, connection, and celebration. Our students embraced the chance to learn traditional and contemporary Indigenous dances, including:

- Taba Naba – a Torres Strait Islander classic
- A traditional Welcome Dance and Sasa
- A vibrant contemporary Indigenous Pippi Dance

In addition, some traditional movements such as our boys shaking a leg and our girls cleansing to wrap up the day! Students also engaged with Wiradjuri and Torres Strait Islander language throughout the sessions, including names of tools, counting to five and how to say yes showing incredible enthusiasm and respect.

It was inspiring to see them connect with culture and each other with such joy.

We're proud of how our students represented our school and made new friendships across the state.



A big thank you to Mrs Nolan for driving the bus and Mrs Verma and Miss Hansen for leading our students in this opportunity. Furthermore, thank you to Yass High School for supporting us by letting us use their bus.

Tara Verma and Brydie Hansen | *Aboriginal Education coordinators*



# 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  
11:30AM - 12:30PM  
Friday 8th of August  
**Counting, shapes and colours**



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

**RSVP NOW**



**6226 2110**



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



## Pottery with Helen – hands on creativity

Our students have been having the opportunity to engage in pottery lessons again this year. We are so fortunate to work with Helen Cattell from Good Hope Pottery to provide this opportunity for all our students. They have been exploring the basics of working with clay, from shaping and moulding to adding texture and personal flair. With plenty of imagination and enthusiasm, each student is making their own unique cup to be fired and painted in the coming weeks. It is a fantastic opportunity to build fine motor skills, express creativity, and experience the joy of making something with their own hands.



## Berinba Book Fair 2025 – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

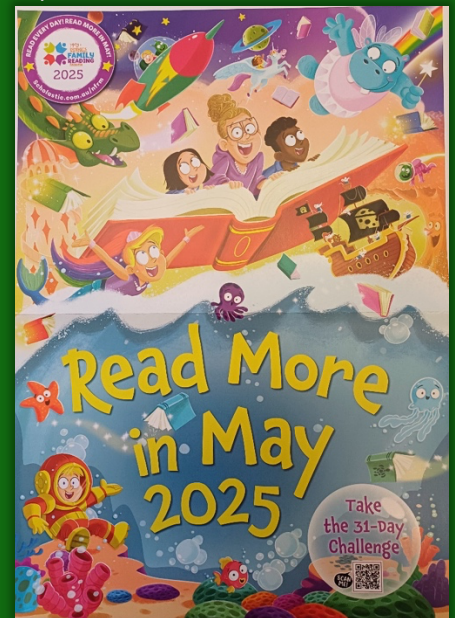
Berinba Public School are hosting a Book Fair to celebrate **Read More in May**.

The Book Fair will be on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** (week 4) from **9am until 4pm**.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase books from the library during the day and parents will have the opportunity to purchase books all day from 9am until 4pm.

- A colour in competition will be held next week. The winners (EL, K-2, 3-4, 5-6) will receive a \$20 voucher to use at the Book Fair.
- Cash and EPTPOS available.
- See you all at the Book Fair Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Penny Scown and Barbara Rayner  
*Book fair coordinators*







# PARENT SUPPORT

# SCHOOL REFUSAL WORKSHOP



## WHEN

5pm Wednesday 14th of May



## WHERE

Yass Public School - Benton Building



## ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL?

If your answer is YES.  
Then this information session is for you.



## WHAT

Our Home School Liaison Officer, will present an information session to support parents.



## LEARN ABOUT

Strategies to get kids to school; places to go to for help; free parenting courses; and other supports.

## Dates for your Diary

### TERM 2

#### Week 2

- Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May: Kindergarten Home reading Parent information session 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May: District Cross Country

#### Week 3

- Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May: Dress like a Pirate Day - fundraiser

#### Week 4

- Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May: Yass High School Transition Roadshow
- Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May: National Simultaneous Storytime

#### Week 7

- Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June: Crazy Hair Day – fundraiser
- Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June: Regional Cross Country

#### Week 8

- Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June: Reconciliation working group meeting 5:00pm – 6:00pm Berinba staff room.

#### Week 9

- Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June: Berinba Athletics

#### Week 10

- Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July: School Photos

### TERM 3

#### Week 1

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

