

THE BERINBA BROADCAST



Stories from the schoolyard...

Term 2 | Week 6

Friday, 6th June 2025

From the Principal...

Dear Berinba Community,

Every day as a principal brings something new and that's exactly what I love about this role. No two days are the same. One moment I might be visiting a classroom and sharing in that spark of understanding, and the next working with staff to shape learning programs and enrichment opportunities that make a real difference to your/ our kids. I get to celebrate the small wins, support through challenges, and witness firsthand the resilience and creativity of our wonderful young people.

What I truly value most of all is the sense of community we have here at Berinba. I'm privileged to work with a team of dedicated educators who care deeply about their students, and with you, the families who are engaged, supportive and invested in your child's growth. It's in these partnerships between school and home that real, lasting learning happens. That's the magic of education and what can only be referred to as the 'schooliness' of school.



Being a principal means wearing many hats, but at the heart of it all is the opportunity to help children feel seen, capable and excited about their future and what lies ahead, even when this may be unknown. That's what makes this role not just a job, but a privilege. Thank you for the trust you place in our school.

As we move into the second half of the term, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of our students and staff. It's been a productive and positive term so far, and we're now turning our attention to the important process of semester reporting.

Teachers are currently working diligently to finalise student assessments and prepare end of semester reports. These reports provide a valuable snapshot of your child's progress, achievements, and areas for growth. We encourage you to take the time to read through them carefully when they are released in week 10. We will be offering parent/ teacher interviews early in term 3, which is another chance to speak with your child's teacher/s to celebrate learning and set goals together moving into the second half of the year. The upcoming reports will reflect both academic and social development, as we continue to prioritise the whole child approach to learning. Reports this year will be sent home in paper form and be kept in student record cards at school.

Staffing Changes

I also want to inform you of some changes to our school staffing. At Berinba we are fortunate to hold a positive reputation in our community and beyond with many teachers choosing our school as a place to work. We have welcomed new staff members this year, seen some of our staff take on opportunities to increase their influence wider than the school and others return and take on specialist roles, who bring experience and fresh perspectives, and we are also supporting transitions for staff taking on new roles or returning from leave.

From term 3, Lisa Pumpa will be returning to Berinba. Lisa will step back into the role of Assistant Principal of Special Education and class teacher of the students of the current MJ. With this, I want to take this opportunity to recognise and honour Fiona Jackson's leadership. Fiona's leadership has exemplified integrity, inclusivity, and purpose. Through Fiona's leadership, being grounded in values, guided by vision, and her authentic commitment to the collective good for the students in her care and the staff of Enriched learning and across our school.



Fiona's ethical actions, decision making, transparency, and steadfast commitment to doing what is right, even when it is not easy is to be commended. This leadership has created a space in Enriched learning where honesty is expected, accountability is shared, and decisions are made with clarity and fairness.

I also wish to acknowledge Fiona's professionalism that underpins her work. Her calm, competent presence leading by example, has built a culture of respect, that fostered mutual confidence in Enriched Learning.

Farewell Mrs Hansen... not forever, but for now. Ms Brydie Hansen has extended her personal leave, and we wish her all the very best for her adventures beyond Berinba. Brydie's passion of the arts has had an impact on many of our students experiences beyond the school setting and students will miss her warmth and guidance in the classroom.

From week 7-10 we welcome Mrs Stephanie Fitzsimons as teacher Monday - Thursday and Belinda Griffiths on Fridays to teach 1/2H. Whilst Belinda is known to us here at Berinba, Stephanie brings a wealth of experience teaching K-6, especially in Stage 1. She also brings her creativity and passion and inclusivity when working with students. Stephaine has been a teacher in many schools including Bradfordville, Goulburn West and Sutton Public School. Welcome to team Berinba Stephanie.

From term 3. 1/2H will become 1/2J, as Mrs Fiona Jackson will continue as the class teacher in stage 1 for the remainder of the year. Mrs Jackson has taught across schools in Sydney, Special Education, Bungendore, Braidwood and most recently as you are aware, has been our Assistant Principal of Enriched Learning here at Berinba.

Brendon

Brendon Wright | Relieving Principal

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 → **6226 2110**

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



Farwell Miss Barker and Mr Sellars

The staff and students of Berinba wish you all the very best as you embark on an exciting new chapter, teaching in London for the next two years. This incredible opportunity reflects your passion for education, adventurous spirit, and commitment to continuous professional growth.

Throughout Samantha and Sam's time at our school, they have gone above and beyond in every aspect of their work. They have contributed across all stages of learning and have built strong, positive relationships with students, staff, and families alike. Their impact has been felt across the entire school community whether through their engaging classroom practice, willingness to support others, or their ability to bring joy and positivity into everything they do.

While we are sad to see you go, we are equally excited to see what lies ahead for them.



Crazy Hair Day – Year 6 Student Leadership Fundraiser

The year 6 student leadership team will be hosting a crazy hair day on:

Wednesday, June 11th, 2025

Students are invited to come to school with the craziest, wildest, and most original hairdos for the cost of a gold coin.

(This is not a mufti clothes event)

Congratulations to our amazing Touch Football team

Amazing work to our touch football team making it through to the next round! This outstanding achievement is a testament to your hard work, commitment, and the way you've come together as a team throughout the competition.

Your teamwork has been nothing short of inspiring — every pass, every run, and every try has shown just how well you support one another both on and off the field. The determination you've shown in training and in matches has truly paid off, and your sportsmanship and respect for the game have made us all incredibly proud.



CRAZY hair day

Berinba Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday 11th June.
Gold coin donation

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!

From our extraordinary P&C

♥ **BAKE** ★
★ **SALE** ★
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**SATURDAY,
21 JUNE**

**OUTSIDE
CAPITAL
CHEMIST**



Next meeting:

**Tuesday
10th June
7pm Start
In the Staff Room
Or join online**

Mr Fairfield-Smith Is Taking on The Push-Up Challenge!

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As both a teacher and assistant principal at Berinba Public School – and a father of three – I believe it's important to show our students what it looks like to challenge ourselves, stay positive, and support each other.

That's why I'm currently completing 3,214 push-ups in 23 days as part of The Push-Up Challenge. This number represents the 3,214 Australians who tragically lost their lives to suicide in 2023. I'm doing this to raise awareness about mental health and to help fund critical support services.

All funds I raise go directly to Headspace Yass, supporting local young people and families in our community.

If you'd like to support this important cause, you can donate via my page here:

www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraisers/charlesfairfield-smith/the-push-up-challenge

Let's keep pushing for better mental health – together.
Any support, big or small, means a lot!



Mr Fairfield-Smith's Family Newsletter Challenge

Round 2: Trivia Time!

1. What is the smallest prime number?
2. What is the colour of an emerald?
3. What do we call the part of a plant that makes food using sunlight?
4. Which ocean is off the west coast of Australia?
5. Who was Australia's first female Prime Minister?
6. What's the freezing point of water in degrees Celsius?
7. What is the name of the world's biggest coral reef system?
8. What is 144 divided by 12?
9. In the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, who lives under the bridge?
10. How many syllables are in the word information?

Mini Family Challenge

Backyard (or Lounge Room!) Olympics
Invent one fun "event" your family can do using things from around the house or backyard — like sock toss, spoon races or hallway bowling. Time each other, keep score, and declare a Family Gold Medallist! Send in a photo of your event to Mr Fairfield-Smith for next week's newsletter feature!

Our feature Family Flag from last week's challenge was sent in by Annabelle Grundy. Well done Grundy family.



BERINBA PUBLIC SCHOOL 2026 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

***Tuesday 24th June 2025
Kindergarten Classrooms***

*Join Us for an Evening of
Community and Information!*



6pm Meet & Greet

We'll start the evening with light refreshments and a chance to meet other families and our wonderful school staff before the presentation begins.

6:15pm Virtual School Tour

As it's a little dark and chilly outside, our virtual school tour is sure to brighten your day!

Face-to-face daytime tours with our Principal, Brendon Wright, can be booked through the office.

6:30pm Kindergarten Presentation

Our presentation will showcase what makes Berinba Public School a special place to learn and grow, and how we support our youngest learners every step of the way...



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Community Announcements



Message from Squash ACT

Hi Yass Schools

The below message was sent today to all ACT schools in regard to a Squash ACT come and try day which is being held on Saturday 12 July 2025. I would also like to pass this info onto all Yass Schools and would appreciate if you could advertise in your newsletters/bulletins etc.

The two squash courts located in the Yass Soldiers Club are currently closed due to the major renovations happening at the club, but they will reopen, hopefully in the next couple of months and once they do the Yass Squash Club will restart a junior program again and we will have our own come and try day, but for now if there are Yass kids interested in going the Canberra come and try day they will be very welcome.

Regards

Lisa Matthews

Yass Squash Club President

Dates for your Diary

TERM 2

Week 7

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

Week 8

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

Week 9

- Tuesday, 24th June – Kindergarten 2026 open night
- Wednesday, 25th June: Berinba Athletics

Week 10

- Monday – Friday NAIDOC Week at School (as it falls in the school holidays)
- Wednesday, 2nd July: School Photos
- Wednesday 2nd July – Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser money due.
- Thursday 3rd July – NAIDOC DAY 10am – 2:00pm

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 6

- Monday 25th August – Reconciliation working group meeting in staff room 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

Week 8

- 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