

THE BERINBA BROADCAST

Stories from the schoolyard...



Term 2 | Week 8

Friday, 20th June 2025

From the Principal...

Dear Berinba Community,

Term 2 always brings a special sense of excitement as we begin the process of welcoming our Kindergarten 2026 families into our school community. It's a significant milestone, not only for the children who are taking their very first steps into formal education, but also for the families who are beginning their journey with us.

At our school, we are incredibly proud of the strong, inclusive, and nurturing learning environment we have created. Our early playgroup orientations and information evenings are opportunities to allow new families to gain an insight into the values that guide our teaching, the high expectations we set for all students, and the collaborative partnerships we build between home and school. It's also a chance for our incoming students to start developing a sense of connection and belonging, which we know is imperative for a smooth and confident start to school life.

As a staff, we look forward to showcasing the great work that happens every day in our classrooms from our focus on high quality, evidence based teaching and learning to the many ways we support student wellbeing and foster a love of learning.

We are committed to ensuring that every student's has a place at Berinba, and that every family feels welcomed and supported from day one. We can't wait to meet our newest learners and their families as we begin building those strong, lasting relationships that form the foundation of a successful start to school.

We're excited to invite our Kindergarten 2026 families to our very first information night, hosted by our wonderful Kindergarten team, on **Tuesday 24th at 6:00pm**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for families to learn more about our school, meet some of our staff, and hear about what to expect in the lead-up to starting school. We look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces as we begin this important journey together.

Brendon

Brendon Wright | Relieving Principal



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...

ENROL NOW



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Anzac Day competition – due on 25th October 2025

Create an artwork at home that reflects the significance of ANZAC Day and what it means to go in the running for your masterpiece to be exhibited at the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, and featured on the cover of the RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Service Program.

RSL AND SCHOOLS REMEMBER ANZAC ART COMPETITION



**ATTENTION ALL NSW SCHOOL STUDENTS
PASSIONATE ABOUT ART!**

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For comprehensive information about the competition including the submission criteria, please visit:
rslnsw.org.au/artcompetition



RSL AND SCHOOLS REMEMBER ANZAC COMMEMORATION







The RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration was first held in 1953, co-hosted by RSL NSW and the Department of Education. Over the years the service has expanded to Catholic Schools NSW and the Association of Independent Schools NSW.

Proceedings held annually at the Anzac Memorial Hyde Park will be delivered entirely by school students including the Master of Ceremonies, keynote address, readings, and musical accompaniment. The Service also includes an Inspection of the Guard by the official party, The Ode, The Last Post, and Rouse.

The service aims to educate primary and secondary school students about Australia's military history, whilst paying respect to the service and sacrifice of servicemen and women of the Australian Defence Force.

All NSW primary and secondary schools are invited to attend the service and lay a wreath.

To register your school's attendance please visit:
rslnsw.org.au/events/rsl-and-schools



The Scots College Pipes and Drums

Playing with Pottery

Last month, Berinba Public School students had the wonderful opportunity to develop their pottery skills during a visit from Mr and Mrs Cattell of Good Hope Pottery. We are incredibly lucky to have such talented and passionate craftspeople visit our school and share their expertise and love of pottery with our students.

Kindergarten students had a fantastic time creating their very own clay cups. Starting with a simple ball of clay, they carefully pinched and shaped it into their desired form. Using special tools, they then decorated their pieces with a range of patterns and designs.

Mrs Cattell is now glazing each cup in the colour chosen by its young artist. We are all very excited to see the finished creations once they are returned to the classroom. Watch this space to see our finished creations soon!



Berinba to Host the NSW Directors of Educational Leadership – Leadership Days in term 3

I am proud to share that our school has been selected to host the upcoming NSW Directors of Educational Leadership: Leadership Days next term.

This is a significant honour and a reflection of the strong work taking place across our school community.

The Leadership Days bring together Directors of Educational Leadership to engage in strategic dialogue, share insights around school improvement, and deepen collective leadership practice.

Being chosen as a host site highlights the excellent work happening in our classrooms, the strength of our leadership team, and our ongoing commitment to collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement.

This visit is an opportunity for our staff to showcase what makes Berinba a school for us all to be proud of. It is a unique opportunity to highlight the authentic, student-centred work happening in our school and to be part of shaping broader conversations around educational leadership in NSW.

We look forward to welcoming our colleagues, sharing our journey, sharing the highlights of our kids and our wonderful school.



BPS Student Representative Council - Update

Mrs Northey and Mrs Elvin are excited to announce that our 2025 Student Representative Council (SRC) is now up and running.

Last week, our newly elected representatives met for the first time to explore what it means to be a SRC leader. They discussed the importance of student voice, leadership, responsibility, teamwork, and representing their peers in a respectful and thoughtful way.

Our representatives are now in the process of speaking with their classmates to gather their thoughts, ideas and hopes for Berinba. Soon they will meet again to share and discuss what they've heard, helping to ensure every student's voice is represented.

Congratulations to our 2025 SRC representatives:

- **KN** – Henry Barber & Arianna White
- **KV** – Frankee Clifton & Nyah McKenzie
- **1/2B** – Cooper O'Malley & Scarlett Smith
- **1/2H** – Amali Muscat & Rex Drumm
- **2/3T** – Thomson & Sophie Anderson
- **3/4F** – Tarley Maher & Madi O
- **3/4W** – Amayah Merritt & Lilly Latu
- **5/6B** – Coen Hall & Cameron Rattenbury
- **5/6L** – Bailey Christen & Anson Pasparne
- **5/6H** – Elly James & Raphael Furphy



Our SRC will be formally introduced to the school community at our first assembly in Term 3 – date to be advised soon.

Together, we are excited to empower our students, strengthen our school community, and make Berinba an even better place to learn and grow

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

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!



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Kindergarten Connects with Culture through Virtual Art Experience

Kindergarten students at Berinba recently embarked on a rich cultural and artistic journey — all from the comfort of their classroom! Thanks to a special virtual excursion to the National Portrait Gallery, our youngest learners were treated to an interactive 45-minute session guided by renowned educator and media personality Shelley Ware, alongside a Gallery educator.

The session celebrated this year's NAIDOC Week theme: *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*. Through a carefully curated selection of portraits, Shelley Ware — a proud Yankunytjatjara, Kokatha and Wirangu woman — shared stories, reflections and creative activities designed to deepen students' understanding of First Nations cultures and histories.

Ware's passion for storytelling and education shone throughout the session, as she helped our students connect with portraits of inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, while encouraging them to think, move, draw and respond with creativity and empathy.

The first portrait students explored was *Lowitja O'Donoghue (2006)* by Robert Hannaford AM. As they examined the strength captured in the image, students were asked to show — using just their bodies — how they would represent strength. It was a powerful moment of physical storytelling and connection.

Next, students viewed *Ngalim-Ngalimbooroo Ngagenbye (2018)* by Shirley Purdie, a stunning depiction of place and Country. Inspired by this work, the children reflected on their own favourite local places and created drawings to represent these special connections — from rivers and hills to backyards and playgrounds.

The session concluded with a look at *Albert and Vincent (2024)* by acclaimed artist Vincent Namatjira OAM. Here, students were invited to explore artistic techniques, noticing the colours, brushstrokes and styles used in the portrait. They discussed what they saw and how it made them feel — an impressive show of art appreciation from our youngest learners.

Shelley Ware, well known for her work on *The Marngrook Footy Show*, *The Outer Sanctum* podcast, and *Broad Radio*, brought a unique blend of cultural knowledge, teaching experience, and engaging storytelling. Her dedication to embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into classrooms was truly inspiring for both students and teachers.

This virtual experience was not only a wonderful celebration of art, culture and identity, but it also encouraged meaningful conversations and sparked a curiosity that extended beyond the classroom. Many students even mentioned that they'd love to visit the National Portrait Gallery during the upcoming school holidays — a perfect way to continue learning as a family.

At Berinba, we're proud to offer these enriching opportunities that help shape our students into thoughtful, culturally aware learners ready to be part of *The Next Generation*.



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
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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.

National Reconciliation Week 2025 at Berinba: Bridging Now to Next

Berinba was a hive of activity and deep thinking during National Reconciliation Week 2025, as students and staff embraced the theme *Bridging Now to Next* through a school-wide inquiry-based learning approach. With curiosity and respect, each classroom explored the meaning of reconciliation and why it is essential to acknowledge our shared history and take steps towards a more unified future.

Throughout the week, teachers became co-learners, walking alongside students on a journey to better understand Australia's past and its ongoing commitment to healing. We discovered that although many of us were not responsible for historical injustices, it is still vital to recognise them, reflect, and act to build respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students examined key moments in Australia's reconciliation journey, including National Sorry Day, the 2000 Sydney Harbour Bridge Walk for Reconciliation, the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and the Voice to Parliament campaign. These significant events provided powerful insights into the importance of truth-telling, unity, and forward movement.

In Kindergarten, students engaged with the beautiful book *Stories for Simon* and created their own story stones. Each stone shared a promise — a small, thoughtful act each child could take to contribute to reconciliation.

A highlight of the week was our Voice for Reconciliation performance by the SPEC Choir, who moved the school community with their rendition of *Solid Rock* by Goanna. Students then reflected on music as a powerful tool for healing. They listened to songs about reconciliation and responded through expressive drawing, capturing emotions and stories evoked by the music.

Classes also delved into artworks depicting reconciliation and healing journeys. Using the "I see, I think, I feel" model, students explored symbolism, colours, and stories behind the works, including the poster art of Bree Buttenshaw from Quandamooka Country. Inspired by these artworks, students created their own visual representations of healing — whether from personal experiences or as reflections on their learning during the week.

To showcase their commitment, each class designed a poster pledging their ongoing support for reconciliation. On Friday, our Berinba Reconciliation Walk, led by the Year 5/6 students, brought the school together as each class visited others to view and appreciate these meaningful displays.

Here's what some of our senior students from 5/6H had to say about the week:

- "I liked learning about all Australians coming together and saying sorry for taking over Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands and treating people differently."
- "It taught us to be less judgemental and more understanding of differences."
- "It's about trying to right the wrongs of the past as a country."
- "I'll always remember that we are on Aboriginal land."
- "The walk on Sydney Harbour Bridge showed the power of unity."

And reflections on the Berinba Reconciliation Walk:

- "Good, we liked it!"
- "It was great seeing the creativity from other classes."
- "We enjoyed making and sharing our posters."
- "Nice to see how everyone expressed their ideas in different ways."
- "Everyone worked hard and it showed."

The week concluded with a true sense of togetherness. Our Reconciliation Walk was a symbolic and heartfelt way to bring the whole school's learning to life — a moment of unity, reflection, and hope as we continue to walk forward together.

Tara Verma | Aboriginal Education



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

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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 2

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 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