Congratulations to all of our dynamic swimmers who represented Berkeley Vale PS at the Zone Carnival this week. All students were exceptional in effort, performance and behaviour and to those who now will move to represent Tuggerah Lakes at the Regional Swimming carnival we wish you well. We would also like to congratulate those children mentioned in ‘Port’s Sports Shorts’ on page 3 who also represented our school with pride as they demonstrated their personal best in their chosen sport. For those going onto the next round we wish them the very best.

It is always important that we as a school communicate with our community. As a school of nearly 800 students and approx. 500 families we try to do this via several methods. I would like to remind parents that information changes quickly and we do our best to communicate this. Our school newsletter is produced every two weeks and is an overview of events and news relating to our school. The school App is an alert of reminders for payments (ie excursions), events (delays, postponements, notifications). Our sign at the corner of Pindarri Ave & Henry Parkes Drive is for more general information and currently changed once per week; as you can imagine this sign does not cover all events. We also have a webpage that has a copy of all notes available. This sign does not cover all events. We also have a calendar of events and write this will also help to communicate to you as information or are unsure of anything and currently cannot find it please contact the school on 4388 1796. The school has been successful in gaining funding for an electronic sign that will be installed within the next 6 weeks; as you can imagine this will also help to communicate with our community.

Narelle Armour
Principal

Berkeley Vale Public School is hosting Sea FM Breakfast Show!!

Byron and Kristie from Sea FM will be doing a breakfast broadcast from our school next Tuesday 10 March. The students and their parents are invited to come along and join in. Staff will be there to assist. The active broadcast will take place from 6am—9am. Sea FM supplies a healthy breakfast and The Raw Challenge Team will have an activity program.

Deputy Principal

Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Silver Principal:
Erin Roberts 6B
Silver Honour 1:
Lachlan Ackerman 6B
Bronze Deputy Principal:
Elizabeth Wilson 1T
Bronze Principal:
Hunter King 3H

MERIT AWARDS

KB Charlotte Clack Micah Hall
KD Airlun Toohoy Malachai Hockey
KH Charlie Rawnsley Jessica Mendes
KL Mia Cooper Keeley Hepplewhite
KS Paige Baird John Taylor
KV Sami Fletcher Rhys Caswell
1F Preston Caddis Sienna Fowles
1L Anais Healey Cameron Smith
1N Cade Kellsall Liana Martin
1T Kendall Robertson Logan Starkey
1W Jake Mitchell Milly McTaggart
1/2K Dallas Finch April Lipscombe
2H Lily Mills Alex Zanker
2M Hunter Dewar Whata Martin-Tangitu
2RH Jewel Sherman Marcos Gomez
25 Grace Collins Aubin May
2/3A Bryoe Kearney Bella Brown
3C Mikayla Bignall Nathaniel Wilson
3D Renee Monteneone Aiken Morris
3H Ava Shield Alex Pannell
4CH Chloe Bennett Caitlyn Williams
4M Sarah Watson Ella McCray
5L Lily Gaul Madison Doherty
4S Riley Armstrong Montanna
5/6C Wyatt Tall Luka Wilson
5A Lexi Weber Jed Little
5B Alanna Nagi Summer-Rose
5C Cameron Smith Carter
5W Abby Fordham Logan Weekes
6B Bonnie Rankmore Broden Barker
6D Cody Flippence Shayley Bellinger
6E Taylah Armstrong Daniel Brewster
Educational Book Sale
If your child missed out on participating in this sale you can still pay at the front office and we will get the book pack to your child the same day. It is important that all book packs be purchased before Monday 9 March.

Student Diaries 3-6
As part of our book pack for Year 3-6 we included a Student Diary. We have been discussing the best ways to use these with our students but one of the helpful uses is the daily communication section between home and school. Please use your child's diary to quickly communicate with the class teacher.

UNSW Competitions
Recently we sent home for years 3-6 an entry form for the 2015 University of NSW competitions. These are a great resource for parents to see how their child performs in English, Maths, Science, Spelling, Writing & ICT. Please ask for another form if you have misplaced your original.

Cash Raffle Closing Soon!
There are just two weeks to go before ALL tickets are due back and we draw to see who wins the money. Thank you to those families who have supported this fundraising event. More books are available from the office or ask your child to see Mr Keirnan.

Deputy Principal

Year 6 Performance - Vale FM
We are now into rehearsal mode for our Year 6 Performance for Week 10. Students have been given their roles and performances for their classes. We will keep you updated with costumes & props. Tickets will go on sale Monday 16 March from the front office.
There will be two matinee performances on Monday 30 March & Wednesday 1 April at 11.30am and one night performance on Wednesday 1 April commencing at 7pm. Ticket prices will be $6 adult and $4 child/concession.

Excursion Payment Cards - Year 6 Canberra and Year 5 Bathurst
Payment cards and deposit notes were sent home last week for students to start paying for their excursions. This gives our Berkeley Vale families more time to make payments for camps in Term 2 and Term 3.

Aboriginal Welcome BBQ - Thursday 26 February 4.00pm
What a great turnout! We had double the amount of families turn up compared to last year. It was a wonderful way for our families to meet the 2015 Aboriginal Committee. Thank you to Tracey Young who also arranged for information and handouts from our Local Courts for Indigenous Families.

Personal Learning Plans and Eleanor Duncan Health Centre
Notes have been sent home regarding PLPs and Hearing Checks for all Indigenous Students. Could these notes please be filled out and returned so that we can arrange for your child to have their PLP completed and their hearing checked for Otitis Media which is common with Indigenous people.

Assistant Principal

HELP WANTED!!
Did you attend Berkeley Vale Public School in 1990? Were you in a class taught by Mrs Slee? Mr Keirnan? Mrs Wokker? Mr Newman? Mrs Dodgson? Mr O'Connell? Mrs O'Connell? Mr Lewis? Mrs Cook? Mrs Morgan or Mr Gibbs? If the answer is "yes" then perhaps you can help. All these class photos are missing from the 1990 School Album. The Centenary Book Committee plans to include available class photos in book or disc form. It would be disappointing to miss all these classes. If you can supply a copy of any of these lost photos, please contact the Office to organise scanning.

Nita Pont (BVPS Centenary Committee)

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015
The aim of the School Council is to enable formal school community participation in the management of our school for the benefit of our students. The School Council determines the aims and educational goals of the school, identifies local educational needs and endorses school policies. School Council assesses the needs of the school in areas such as buildings, grounds, facilities, school transport and much more.

Current Members of our BVPS Council include:
President: Mr Bob Graham
Vice President: Frances Chatwin
Staff Members: Narelle Armour (Principal), Darrell Keirnan, Sarah Doherty, Kate Farrugia, Renee McConaghy
Community Members: Liz Tallon, Selena Wilson, Samantha Michelini

Koori Choir
The Koori Choir attended Brooke Ave Public School today for a workshop and performance. Many thanks to the parents who will be transporting students to and from the venue.

Kate Farrugia & Rochelle Wright
Central Coast Dance Festival

Once again our school is auditioning some talented dancers for the Central Coast Dance Festival. This year choreographers and organisers are: Miss Farrugia: Junior group (yrs1/2/3), Mrs Allen: Intermediate group (yrs 4/5) and Mrs Allomes: Senior Group (yr 6). These groups will be working hard over the next few weeks to get ready for auditions in week 9. If our groups are successful they will then go on to perform at Laycock Street Theatre at the end of Term 2.

Meagan Allomes

Can Recycling

Welcome to the new families to Berkeley Vale Public School. At our school we encourage the recycling of aluminium cans and have a program operating where children in K-6 can bring in bags of cans and be rewarded with a small prize for reaching special goals. If you wish to participate in this worthwhile program, the cans are brought in on THURSDAYS only and left outside 2/3A and 2H. The bags of cans should be clearly marked with your child's name, class and the amount of cans brought. As this program is run by teachers and a parent in their own time, we discourage cans from being brought in any other days.

Berkeley Vale Public School receives a small amount of money for this recycling and the money is used to help with the purchase of mulch, plants, seating and similar projects to enhance school grounds. If you have any questions regarding the can recycling program please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Scully or Miss Farrugia.

Lousie Scully & Kate Farrugia

Student Profile: Elijah Adams-Kiriona

Hi my name is Elijah and I’m in 5A. In 2014 I was lucky enough to be selected into the Central Coast and Country Bulls Oztag rep teams. This year I was once again selected to play for the Central Coast representative team. This time I was able to trial for the NSW representative team while I was playing in Coffs Harbour along with some talented boys from my team and boys from across the state. I was selected for the NSW team and we will be competing in Noosa on 2 May 2015. My family and friends are very proud of me and I’d like to thank them and my coach Dave Maryska for their support.

Elijah with his Trophy & Medal

Port’s Sports Shorts

What a wonderful start to the year for students who have represented our school in their respective sports at various Tuggerah Lakes PSSA trials and carnivals.

The following boys and girls have achieved success and will progress to the next level of competition: Luke Flack (AFL), Hemi Knebel, Riley Eades, William Steele and Hayden Crutcher (Rugby League), Quinn Richardson, Elizabeth Shearer, Damien Shearer, Rhys Gilham, Laura-Lee Mitchell, Ella Reardon and Megan Williamson (Swimming).

Congratulations to the following students who narrowly missed out on rep selection but will continue to shine in our school teams: Jayden Eslick, Isaiah Walter, Haidyn Brown, Lachlan Ackerman, Hunter Goldie plus the remaining students of the BVPS School Swimming team.

We wish our Hockey girls and Soccer boys and girls the best of luck at their trials and look forward to the commencement of the State KO competitions.

Students are reminded that positive behaviour is necessary if students wish to try out for school teams. Special thanks to all our parent helpers who support the Primary School Sports Association, especially Jodie Reardon who deserves a special mention for managing our swimming team at the Zone carnival.

BVPS finished an amazing 4th place out of 13 schools and swimming certificates and a trophy will be presented at the Primary Assembly in the hall on Thursday 12 March.

Matt Porter
Sports Co-ordinator

Book Fair

The Book Fair will begin Monday 9 March and will continue in the library until the morning of Friday 13 March. Purchasing times will be from 8.15am until school starts at 8.55am and the end of school 2.55pm until 3.30pm Monday to Thursday. If students have money they can purchase from the Book Fair during the 2nd half of lunch Mon-Thu as well. There will be no borrowing during Week 7.

Matt Fitzsimmons
Librarian

Ali Baba Kebabs

Buy any kebab, crepe or pide and receive a FREE bottle of water or FREE chips. Bring this voucher with you. Offer ends 7th April 2015.
OOSH NEWS
It’s autumn week at Oosh this week - can you believe it! We’ve waved goodbye to summer and are embracing the change in seasons. With change comes lots of excitement as our April Vacation Care program is now out. We have great excursions planned and, coinciding with our French theme these holidays, pretty awesome centre days including: building the Eiffel Tower competition, French Café at Oosh or come along to our Le Tour De France bike day. Places are filling fast so jump onto the school website or skoolbag app or pop in and speak to Liz or Leanne for a vacation care enrolment form. And yes we do invite children from other schools to our Vacation Care.
This week the children have been very creative making fanned paper autumn leaves and beautiful charcoal trees with tissue paper leaves.
A very big thankyou to Bunnings for their donation of a Garden Shed to Oosh. This will be placed in one of the garden areas around the cottage for all our little and big gardeners to store their tools.

The next meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 17 March at 7pm.
The events committee will meet prior to the P&C meeting at 6pm in the staffroom.
All Welcome!

Family Portraits
Sunday 29 March has been set down for this year’s Family Portrait sitting.
Contact Robyn Brunton in the canteen for bookings and information. Be quick as the prime times will fill very quickly.
Payment of $20 must be made at time of booking to secure your time slot.

Photographs & Social Media
If you take photographs, please note you may not publish photos of any child but your own through any form of social media or other site accessible via the internet. This is important for safety reasons because we may have families involved in domestic violence issues or in the Witness Protection program.

P&C NEWS
• Please keep the donations of Easter eggs for the raffle coming in. Send to canteen. Thanks to those who have already donated.
• P&C BBQ and Cake Stall – Saturday 28 March.
  Donations of cakes can be sent to the cottage on Friday 27 March. Time slots are 7-9, 9-11, 11-1 and 12:30-2:30. If you are able to assist on the day please return the note enclosed or respond to bvp_c@hotmail.com
• Family portraits Sunday 29 March through Laura Jean photography.
• Please send canteen surveys to the office by March 13.

Yummy recipe of the week :
Banana Biscuits
Ingredients:
* 3 large ripe bananas, mashed       * 125g butter
* 1 cup sugar   * 1 1/2 cups self-raising flour
* 1/2 cup coconut       * 1/2 cup rolled oats

Method:
Preheat oven to 230°C. Line baking tray with baking paper and set aside.
Using an electric mixer, cream the butter and sugar. Stir in the bananas until combined.
Add the flour, oats and coconut and stir until thoroughly combined. Place teaspoons of the mixture on the baking tray, leaving room for each biscuit to spread. Place in the oven and turn it down to 200°C. Bake for 10 minutes.
These are nice if you add half a cup of chopped dates or pecans into the mix to change it up. This recipe was created by Jennifer Cheung for Kidspot, Australia’s best recipe finder.