STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD
Our Friday award this term recognises Students who display an Enthusiastic Attitude to Learning.

Maddi Thornton from Year 5/6 is our SEAL award winner this week for her wonderful work organising netball. Maddi brought her friend Molly to visit Mr Constable. Maddi said that she loves the teachers here at Bermagui Public School because they are so funny. Keep up the good work Maddi.

ATHLETICS’ CARNIVAL
*** TOMORROW ***
9.30am-3.15pm. Bring a rug / chair

STAFFING NEWS
Bermagui Public School would like to congratulate and welcome Miss Leah Martin who has been appointed Principal through the merit selection process. Miss Martin comes to us from Pambula Public School and is filling the position left by Mr Neil Rutherford. Mrs Caves will move onto teaching Year 2/3 in Semester 2 and Mr Constable will be teaching Science/Maths. I would like to thank Mrs Cross for her teaching and dedication with Year 2/3 this year. I would also like to thank Miss Smith for her contribution with relieving as Assistant Principal.

Brendan Constable

BOURNDA
MARINE SCIENCE
On Tuesday, 16 June, Liam Magain, Reece Rudneski, Campbell Moresi and Sophie Marshall travelled to Bournda for a Marine Science Day. We discovered the wonders of marine life and the environments they live in. We studied skeletons and investigated other marine life such as star fish and sea urchins. We all had a great time and met new people.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
On Wednesday, 17 June, Jake Puglisi, Campbell Moresi, Dylan Steward and Jonathan Harkins-McMahon went to Bournda National Park. We rode bikes while we observed many different birds. We studied bird feathers and their bones. We all loved the day and learning about the environment.

WALKATHON
Well the day turned out fine – a bit windy and a bit soggy underfoot – but a good walking day. Thank you everyone for being so flexible with the different routes and enjoying the experience.

Good work all those people who have already sent in their sponsorship money. From Wednesday, 15 July we will start drawing the daily Gelati prize for those that have their sponsorship money and form back. The earlier you return your money and form, the more chances you get at winning one of these prizes. Don’t worry if you are still waiting on payments though as you have until Thursday, 23 July to return them to be eligible for the major prize draws. The major prize draws will be held at morning assembly on Friday, 24 July. All money raised will go towards a bus shelter down the flat and more lap tops for the kids. Great effort everyone and thank you for contributing to our school projects.

Congratulations to all students that participated in the Walkathon. Mrs Prior and Steve led us around our beautiful town where we were able to visit our sponsors. We were delighted to be met by dolphins in the river and at Haywards Beach. A wonderful experience!

REPORTS TO PARENTS
There has been a change to the School Based Student Reporting (SBSR) system from previous semesters. These changes for Year 1 to Year 6 have been made to align the student reports with the new English and Mathematics Syllabus being taught across NSW. English now doesn’t have any learning areas. Mathematics has changed it’s learning areas.
ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
On Thursday, 18 June, Year 6 students Liam Magain, Tia Bismire, Ryan Holdsworth, Maddi Thornton and Sophie Marshall attended an Academic Challenge at Broulee Public School. They presented their ideas on gender equality with a rap and a detailed poster. They also completed the main mathematical challenge as a team and placed fourth out of ten schools.

P&C UNIFORM ORDER
The next uniform order will go in on Friday, 26 June as it is the last day of term, so have your order forms into the office by the end of this week.

RAIN PONCHOS
A reminder that we have Drybodz raincoat ponchos available to purchase. They are Aussie designed and recycled strong PVC fabric with a soft pouch for storing in your child’s school bag. They come in size Small (K-Y1), Medium (Y2-3) and Large (Y4-6). They are big enough to cover your child’s school bag so are handy for those catching the bus. A sample of each size is at the second hand uniform pool. You can purchase them for $15 each by seeing Lynda on Friday morning at the second hand uniforms or by putting in a uniform order form at the office.

CADENDAR
24 June  
Athletics’ Carnival

26 June  
Infants’ Assembly

26 June  
Last day Term 2

14 July  
First day Term 3

HONOUR CARDS
BANNER  
Angelina Puglisi
Tia Bismire

2 CARDS  
Harry Huddleston
Phillip Davies

1 CARD  
Finn Bradley
Hunter Fulton-Graham
Sophie Marshall
Angelina Puglisi
Lily Wilson-Starr
Dylan Steward
Tia Bismire
Travis Creek
Lachlan Watson
Danika Myers
Olivia Hay
Drew Marshall
Archie Schwarz
Jacob Thornton

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

Term 2  
Finishes on Friday, 26 June

Term 3  
Tuesday, 14 July to Friday, 18 September

Term 4  
Tuesday, 6 October to Wednesday, 16 December

PLAN YOUR OWN PARTY
Why, who, where, when, theme, cost, decoration, food, games / activities

PRE SCHOOL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION
A position exists at Bermagui Pre School to work in partnership with the existing Pre School Director/Teacher and Board Members to manage the finance and administration at the Pre School. Please call 6493 4183 from Monday to Friday or email bermikids@hotmail.com for an application package including full selection criteria.

Applications Close: Close of mail Wednesday, 24 June 2015

BERMAGUI PUBLIC SCHOOL - ABSENCE NOTE

Student Name:  
Date(s) Absent:  
Reason for absence or leave:  
Parent/Carer Signature  
Date

Community Announcements
Kids Art Time Winter Workshops at Frame & Brush (opposite school next to 777). Holiday workshops Tues & Thurs both weeks. Scratch Carve Print, Painting on Canvas, Nature Play Art and Lets Make a Journal. 2 hours per workshop, $25 each workshop & bookings essential www.frameandbrush.com.au for info or email Justina@frameandbrush.com.au or phone 0401341587 to book

Bermagui Library Thu 30/6 – Story time for 7yrs & under 10.30-11.30am. Tues 7/7—Upcycle crafts for school age children. Cost $2. 10.30-11.30am.

To book 64992411 or amoore@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

Bega Vacation Care 29/6 - 10/7 Running activities including science, arts & craft, games, construction, movies, outdoor play, scooter fun and lots more. Please bring morning tea, lunch afternoon tea and a hat. MGrealy@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

FLING Physical Theatre classes for children and adults in contemporary dance, ballet, gymnastics and improvisation. Enrol Term 3 www.trybooking.com/GZRD.

Enquiries admin@flingphysicaltheatre.com.au or 64920222

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
The P&C are running a Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser so you might see a few boxes of chocolates around our local businesses – The Asian Cuisine, Bermagui Cellars, Felt, Horizon and Mitre 10. Feel free to indulge for a good cause. All proceeds go towards projects around the school.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact [INSERT SCHOOL CONTACT]
School Attendance Information for Parents and Caregivers - Why your child should go to school

The Education Act (1990) states that children must attend school unless there are justified reasons for an absence. All absences must be explained to the school within seven days of their occurrence.

Why must I send my child to school?
The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 years of age are required to attend school regularly. It is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to make sure that their children attend school every day.

Must I send my child to school everyday?
YES unless:
- Your child is too sick to go to school
- Your child has been injured
- Your child has to go to a special religious ceremony
- Your child has an infectious illness (eg. Chicken pox, mumps or measles)
- There is a serious family situation which requires their involvement.

Must my child attend school sport?
- YES
  Sport and other exercise help the healthy physical development of children. Sport is part of normal school activity which students must attend.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
- Attending school everyday makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.
  If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they may have problems early on.
  Regular attendance at school will help your child succeed in later life.
  Unsatisfactory school attendance may affect the awarding of both the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate (HSC).

Please do not keep your child away from school for...
- Birthdays
- Pension day
- Minding other children
- Hair cuts
- Interpreting for other family members

Always try to make appointments with people like dentists or doctors before or after school.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?
- It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child was absent.
- The parent or caregiver should provide a written note addressed to the school explaining the child’s absence with 7 days of the absence occurring.

Planning on going on holiday in school time?
Please complete an “Application for Extended Leave”, available on the school website OR at the front office and submit to school for Principal’s approval prior to travelling.

My child won’t go to school. What should I do?
You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

The principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you to discuss the issue.

School is a place, where parents and caregivers, staff and children learn and grow together.

Children need an education to reach their potential.

Attendance every day is important for children’s progress at school.

Children who attend school regularly are usually more successful than those who are absent frequently.

Please let the school know when your child cannot be there because of illness or family matters.