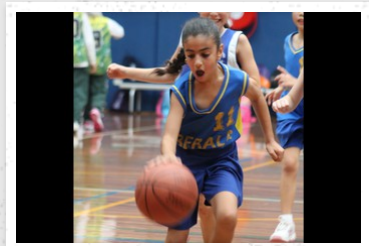


BERALA PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2018 - TERM 1, WEEK 6



A FOCUS ON LEARNING BY ALL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

The last two weeks have seen an enormous amount of learning by all members of our community - students, teachers and parents.

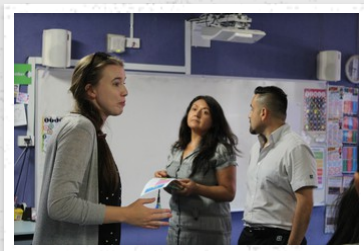
On top of the classroom learning programs, S2 and S3 students started the 2018 sports programs. PSSA rounds are well on the way and we are half way through the first four week round of our new school sport program. First reports are that students are loving the many choices and we thank all staff involved but in particular Ms Gladdish and Ms Aquilina for conceptualising and putting into action this program. Meanwhile Year 2 students are busily improving their swimming skills every Friday morning watch this space for some swimming snaps.

Teachers have also engaged in different kinds of learning. Last Wednesday was our first week of Learning Blocks where leading co-learners are leading differentiated learning for their colleagues on six different topics. We also engaged in conversations with two researchers on mathematics and spatial reasoning from the University of Canberra (see Abbie's report below) and with a PhD student looking at concrete materials in mathematics. We also welcomed 35 educators for the NSW Star Hub Day and showcased the wonderful practices in our classrooms.

Parents also engaged in learning during the Welcome BBQ and at two parent workshops. The first workshop was supported by the police and focused on cyber safety. The second workshop, conducted by Mrs Johnstone and Ms McIntyre was on reading in the early years and over 40 parents eagerly participated.

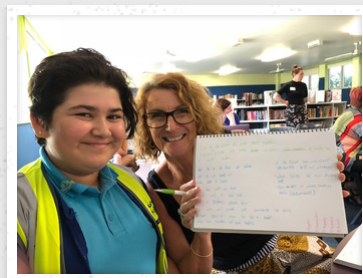
It's an absolute pleasure to be able to share with you the fact that at Berala PS, learning opportunities exist for all.

Dr A Mandel



WELCOME BBQ

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who could take up the opportunity to meet the teacher on Wednesday 21 February. We had a wonderful turnout. Thank you to all the teachers for preparing information to share and to Mr Rogers and the team of community language and support teachers for making sure all our visitors could enjoy the sausage sizzle.



NSW STAR HUB DAY

On Thursday 1 March Berala PS hosted the NSW Star Hub Day as part of the Social Venture Australia initiative. Our student leaders made 40 visitors feel very welcome, chatting to them as they escorted them to the library. Our visitors observed the use of the *General Capability Framework* in six classes and the feedback our visitors gave Mr Hoang, Miss Craven, Miss Casey, Mrs Coronel, Ms Hudson and Mrs Wainwright was awesome. This is a wonderful affirmation for not only these six teachers but all staff, that we are

certainly providing an education that will enable Berala PS to be successful, creative and critically thinking citizens of our future.



UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA RESEARCH

Today the University of Canberra came to try some activities with us so that they could learn how to teach others.

Our first activity was drawing a map of how we get to school from home. After that we drew how we got back home from school. Later on we got an iPad to video our map. We explained how we got there in words.

Our second activity was discovering the reflection of something. We got images and mirrors to find out. We drew them and their reflections.

The last activity was figuring out puzzles. They were pretty cool to be in the shape of a crocodile. I finished the first one so I did the Year 5 one.

I enjoyed every moment of it. I even learnt new things. I hope to see Tracey (the researcher) again.

By Abbie On, S2 Rhino



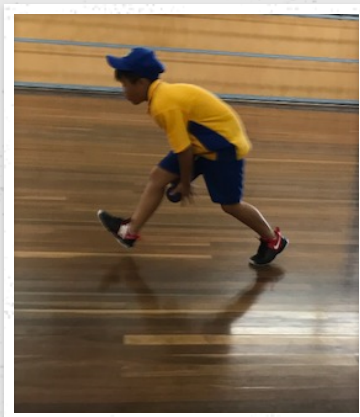
SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY 26 MARCH

It is important that every child is in the correct uniform. This means the school dress or the correct shirt with the school logo and the correct pants or skorts. The shirt may be the yellow shirt with the logo or the new hawaiian and royal blue shirt with the logo. It cannot be a plain yellow shirt.

All students must wear white socks and clean, black shoes. Head scarves and leggings must be white. Girls' hair accessories should be royal blue or yellow.

All payments must be received by photo day.

Students wearing sneakers, black leggings or other non-uniform items may be excluded from photos.



STUDENT REPORTS ON LAWN BOWLS

On Fridays I play Lawn Bowls for sport. I like playing it because it's lots of fun and we play lots of different games. I have learnt that on the bowl (that is the name for the ball) is a dot called a bias. This helps the bowl turn.

By Pherson

Lawn Bowls is FUN because our coach is so funny. He tells us jokes and does magic tricks. I also like the games we play like statues. In statues, we have to bowl the ball and try and touch the statues legs with the ball. The crab crawl relay is really fun too.

By Liyana



PSSA CRICKET

Last Friday, Berala's PSSA girls cricketers had the pleasure of meeting and training with recently retired Australian, New South Wales and Sydney Thunder Womens' captain Alex Blackwell. Alex spoke about her experiences growing up on a farm, captaining New South Wales to numerous Womens National Cricket League championships and playing in the Ashes alongside her twin sister Kate. She also expressed her pleasure at seeing so many young girls playing cricket and showing off their skills. The girls enjoyed hearing her speak and Alex was kind enough to sign some merchandise they picked up from the Sydney Thunder bus.

Mr Sandwell, PSSA Girls Cricket Coach.

AN ARTICLE FROM THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Multiculturalism coursing through junior girls cricket

By James Buckley

3 March 2018 — 2:42pm

Retired Australian cricketer Michelle Goszko sums it up best with her catchphrase: "They say love is the universal language, but I think cricket is".

So it has proven each Friday afternoon at Graf Park in Yagoona where almost 300 primary school girls from a spread of cultural backgrounds have been gathering to pursue their love of the sport.

The Cricket NSW-run six-week program has attracted girls from 10 different schools, bringing together participants of Middle Eastern, Asian and Subcontinental descent, among others.

Underpinning the program is Cricket Australia's Growing Cricket For Girls fund, a four-year \$6m commitment to aid clubs, school and associations in promoting the growth of the sport.

"My favourite thing is probably batting," Rukaya Issa, a huge Shane Warne fan who plays wearing a head scarf and attends Malek Fahad Islamic School. "I've been playing with my cousins. I've watched it on TV, I've been to one live game and it was Australia versus England and England won."

Amna Rahman of Berala Public School considers herself an all-rounder.

"I've been playing with my brother, he goes to Auburn District Cricket Club so I go to training with him," she said.

"I also went to watch Pakistan verse Australia. Apparently Pakistan lost the series."

Female cricket is booming and over the past year, participation has almost doubled from 161 to 310 teams in Sydney Thunder and Sixers girls-only leagues.

"It's been phenomenal what's happened," Goszko said.

"It's allowed girls to come and play cricket who had probably never played before and they don't have to play against the boys, they can play in the all-girls team and play with their friends and it goes for two hours.

"When I was growing up it was all day and you got to field maybe one ball all day and it's not like that any more."

The girls play modified rules during the Friday afternoon sessions which means every player faces and bowls the same amount of balls. Week one was made up of drills as an introduction to the sport, and now the girls are playing competitive games.

For recently retired Australian cricketer and Sydney Thunder captain Alex Blackwell, watching so many girls come together to play cricket makes her believe she's left the game in excellent hands.

"There's kids from multiple different schools and very different backgrounds, this is cricket as we see it today," Blackwell said.

"We know that it's a game that's growing all around the world. It's a sport that's growing and we've got such a diverse community here in Australia, to see the game reaching those

pockets of our community, that's really pleasing."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Have you walked past the canteen lately? The smells are wonderful and the canteen staff are working very hard to provide 'home cooked' meals for your children. However, every good canteen needs volunteers to serve the students at recess or lunch.

If you can help out, even just once a week at 11am or 1pm could you please contact the canteen staff and let them know. It would be fantastic if we can put a volunteer roster together. We also know that students love having their mums, dads, aunts, uncles, nans etc. working in the canteen.




HELP US EARN SPORTS EQUIPMENT BY SHOPPING AT COLES

This program is well on the way. Currently we have 1313 vouchers.

Please bring your vouchers to the front office or to the Kinder block and place in the Sports for Schools box.

How does it work?




Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 3 - 10

Friday 16 February for 8 weeks

Swim School

Week 6

Thursday 8 March

Year 6 Transition Meeting for parents and students - 8am in the hall

Week 7

Tuesday 13 March

Parent workshop - Get Kids Cooking ... using our new Kitchenkart

Week 9

Monday 26 March

School Photos

Week 9

Tuesday 27 March

P&C AGM, 7pm in Staffroom

Week 9

Thursday 29 March

Easter Hat Parade


Week 11


Wednesday 11 April

Billionaire Boy – Sydney Opera House Stage 2



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