

'Ganandhimila-nj - We learn'

Week 5 Term 1

26 February 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We have had a very positive start to the year with attendance, and our school is focusing on improving our student's attendance. I want to emphasise the importance of attendance and its impact on student success. Regular attendance is crucial for academic achievement and personal growth. Each day in the classroom presents valuable opportunities for learning, collaboration, and connection with peers and teachers. We encourage all families to prioritise school attendance and ensure students arrive on time, ready to engage and participate. Together, let's make this year one of growth, learning, and achievement by committing to "Attendance Matters"! Thank you for your support in fostering a positive and productive school environment.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

The Voluntary School Contribution contributes to learning resources that the school purchases to enhance student learning. The school's Voluntary Contributions for 2025 are \$50 per student or \$100 per family. Please note that these school contributions are voluntary and aim to enhance the school's educational programs. A note will come home over the next few days with further details.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

Last week, families were emailed a link per student to complete the Permission to Publish form. This form must be completed annually per Department of Education requirements. Please complete this form as soon as possible. If you have not received this email, ensure to check your spam/junk email, otherwise contact our office to update your email address or to request a printed copy. Please note that each child needs a form to be completed.

STEWART HOUSE

Our school is collecting \$2 donations to support children in need who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT. Stewart House is where educational and experiential learning is embedded within a health and wellbeing framework.

You can WIN a \$4,000 holiday/gift voucher. Please complete entry details on the envelope sent home with students this week.

All entries need to be returned to school by 9 May to be processed before the 23 May draw.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

I recently met with our school Ministers to discuss the portfolios for 2025. The Prime Minister Alice and Deputy Prime Minister Angel have agreed on the following Minister portfolios for the upcoming year:

- Minister for PBL Hollie (Term 1&2), Indi A (Term 3&4)
- Minister for Sport Robbie (Term 1&3), Hunter (Term 2&4)
- Minister for Environment Hunter (Term 1&3), Robbie (Term 2&4)
- Minister for Creative Arts and Community Affairs Sienna (Term 1-4)
- Minister for K-2 Education Indi A (Term 1&2), Hollie (Term 3&4)

I also had the honour of opening the Parliament for 2025 on Friday, 14 February. The Ministers had their portfolios introduced and expressed their commitment to their roles. We value listening to student voices and our Bermagui PS students have had some wonderful ideas that have contributed to continual improvement. We are looking forward to our next Parliament session and the year ahead.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Our first awards assembly for 2025 will take place next Friday, 7 March at 9:30am. Families of those students receiving a bronze, silver or gold award will be sent a formal invitation to attend the assembly.

WHATS ON



TERM 1

26 February	Meet, Greet and Eat! 5.00 -6.15pm
4 March	P&C AGM Meeting 5.30pm in the School Library
5 March	Year 6 Leadership Day
7 March	Awards Assembly 9.30am
3 April	Netball Gala Day
11 April	Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

30 April	First Day of Term 2 for Students
7-9 May	Stage 2 Kianniny Excursion
19 May	School Photos
4 July	Last Day of Term 2



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NAPLAN 2025

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point-in-time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN will take place from Wednesday, 12 March to Monday, 24 March 2025.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2024, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Students and parents can access the public demonstration site: https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to Gulaga for winning the house competition at our swimming carnival. Our Age champions were as follows:

- Junior Boys Leyton
- Junior Girls Grace
- 11 Year Boys Kayden G
- 11 Year Girls Mia
- Senior Boys Hudson P
- Senior Girls Alice

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday, the annual District Swimming Carnival took place at Eden, bringing together students, staff, and families for a day of competition and camaraderie. The sun shone brightly as participants showcased their swimming skills across various events, from freestyle to relay races.

Congratulations to Immi, Grace, Isabel, Leyton, Radja, Ruby Bl, Mia, Arlo A, Emerson, Alice, Robbie, Hudson P, Bella and Angel, who all swam District Carnival qualifying times at our school carnival.

All students swam well in their events, and highlights included an impressive third place performance by Grace in the 9-year-old girls 50m freestyle and to Arlo A, Hudson P, Radja and Robbie for third place in the Senior boys 4x50m freestyle. This relay team has now qualified for the South Coast Regional Carnival in Dapto.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our swimmers!

Brendan Constable - Principal



Age champions: Grace, Leyton, Mia, Hudson P, Kayden G



YEARS 1 TO 6

Students in Years 1 to 6 will focus on the graphemes for the sound boxes below.

SOUND WAVES

LITERACY NEWS

Week 5



Week 6



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students are continuing their phonological and phonemic awareness lessons in preparation for phonics instruction, which will commence in Week 8.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS

KRV bardju-waraga **Footprints**

Stevie

Byron

Clancy

Will H



1/2CS dharrani-waraga **Spotted Gums**

Bindi

3/4LK bidhu

Mountain

Brendon

Leyton

James B

Kallum

Piper

Isabella M

5/6C

maaran-waraga

Seagulls

Bella

Samuel

Kymarni

Angel

Indi A

Ella

Odin

STEM & MUSIC

Nicholas Sidney Logan Lucy Delilah Barney Cameron

1/25 galungara-waraga 🎬 Lillipillies

Lillyanna Sailor Odin Tarah Indie H Noa



Bobby Isabel Milah Frida **Alexis**

Iona



Dylan Ruby Br Mia Charlotte Khadeejah Gus Indi G

Banio Lillianna Paul Ouinn Nick Harry

LEARNING

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POSITIVE

PBL AWARD WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PBL WINNERS



Week 3

Bailey, Arlo A, Ellie-Mae, Mia, Fox, Quinn, Hayden, Nicholas.



Week 4

Barry, Lucy, Lucas, Logan, Iggy, Ace-Maloo, Talia, Rachel, Blake.













We wanted to inform you that due to rising costs, we have had to increase prices for both the canteen items and school uniforms. We have made every effort to keep these changes as minimal as possible while ensuring we continue to provide quality services for our students. Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

An updated Canteen Menu will be sent home with students today.

The P&C AGM will be held in the School Library on Tuesday, 4 March at 5:30pm. New members always welcome to attend.

Jo Varly - P&C President Jo.varley@hotmail.com 0424 644 035



https://www.facebook.com/BPSPCCanteen

Spriggy Schools

Pay for lunch online & uniforms online!

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools to make online ordering easy.



NEWS

P&C

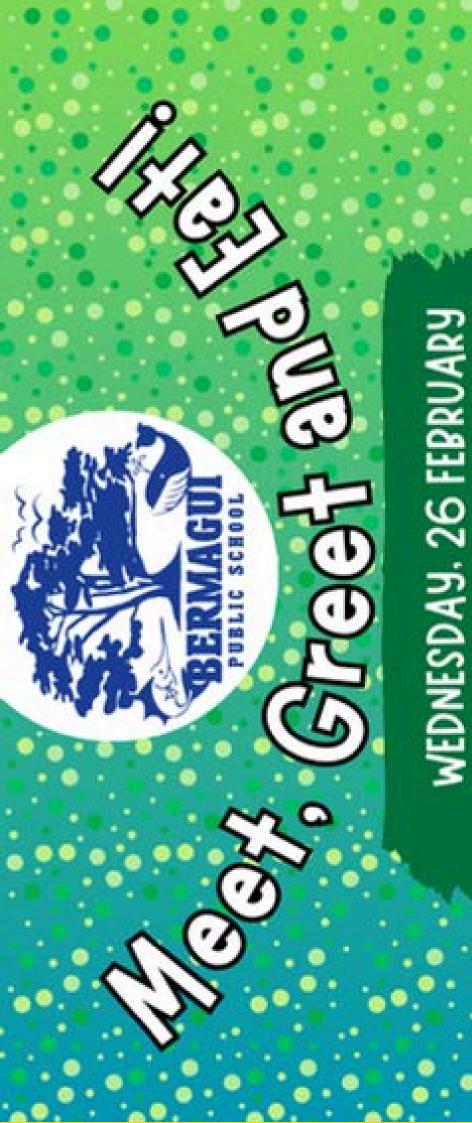
Download the app now!







Spriggy Schools



This year we are running the evening in a different format, please see schedule of the evening below.

5.00PM - 6.15PM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Kindergarten Information Session in the Kindergarten Classroom.

Kindergarten families are invited to a special session about the first year of school, classroom programs, and routines. Learn about key concepts and PAX Good Behaviour Game, an essential component of the K-2 wellbeing program.

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Grab a sausage sizzle, drop your children at the hall to enjoy the disco while you relax and meet other families.

> Disco & Sausage Sizzle Begins

wish. Each family that completes the survey enters the draw to win a We have a short four question survey for families to complete if you \$50 Woolworths voucher.

Year Advisor for Year 7 in 2026. It's great that Mr Amey is coming down We also have Mark Arney from Narooma High School who will be the to meet our families.

5.30pm

Classrooms Open

All classrooms will be open for parents to explore. See where your child sits, view their learning, and ask teachers any questions you may have. Move in and out of classrooms as you please.





FLING Community Engagement Program // Find your moving body with FLING in 2025

Our 2025 Community Engagement Program begins this week Secure your place for the summer class block! FLING's Community Engagement Program is a welcoming space to find creativity in movement, build new physical skills, be brave, develop resilience and learn to work in a team.

Our program is led by FLING's team of professional artists and educators, mentored by young artists from FLING Company. A joyful program for your young person to thrive.

There are classes for all ages and abilities from 3yrs - adult in Parkour, Contemporary and Creative Dance, Ballet and Jazz. Join us at FLING Studio, Bega or Bermagui Community Hall.

Don't miss the fun at FLING - find out more via our website: www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au/community-dance-classes





Registration Now Open for 2025! Boys and Girls

Teams - Mixed

Welcome

- Under 9's
- Under 11's
- Under 13's

Teams - Not mixed

- Under 15's
- Youth girl's
- Under 17's
- Senior Women
- Senior Men

Junior registration is Free Junior training starts 17/2/25 Register at playhq.com Follow our Facebook page for updates

Enquiries: Kylie Scott 0438 853 164



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- Be 18 years or old
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yoursel
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- gree to join in free online financial education workshops





Free 8-16 March 2025 entry CULPTUREBERMAGUI.ORG.AU GLIMPSE OF NATURE III -Jordan Tarunton

We're coming to your community



We're bringing NSW Government services to: Bermagui on the 3rd April from 9am - 3pm

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- · Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- · birth, death and marriage certificates
- · cost of living support and more.

Call 13 77 88 or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.







Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre Inc.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Do you have a legal problem?

A solicitor can help you if you live in Cobargo and the surrounding area.

Victims Compensation

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Credit and Debt

Neighbour Disputes

Personal Safety

Family Law

Employment Issues

Free legal advice & information is available by telephone or in person at the CWA Cottages at 5 Cobargo Bermagui Road.

Call us to book in an appointment for our outreach on <u>Thursday 6th March</u> between <u>9:30am - 12:30pm.</u>



Appointments are required. Call 1800 229 529.

Shoalcoast acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADVENTURERS TO KIDBARGO!

Get ready for the most AMAZING weekend of your life at KIDBARGO! 2025 - where music meets magic and fun (and Kids under 12 get in FREE!)

THURSDAY FREE SUPER-START!

MEGA Family Bush Dance Extravaganza!

- * Time to wiggle, bounce, and dance your socks off!
- *The amazing Kameruka Bush Orchestra will have you jumping with joy
- * FREE fun at the School of Arts Hall Cobargo (part of It takes a Village fringe festival 5:30-7:00 pm)
- * No fancy moves needed our friendly dance teachers will show you all the steps!

The following are part of the Cobargo Folk Festival and require a ticket.

FRIDAY FANTASTIC!

- *The legendary Kameruka Bush Orchestra kick off the festival with an epic Family Bush Dance (Brolga 6.00 to 7.30pm)
- * Bring your dancing shoes and your biggest smile!

SUPER SATURDAY!

- * Rock & Roll Family Party with the awesome DAD BAND and Mikelangelo (Brolga 11:50 am 12:50 pm)
- * Learn cool Bollywood moves with the incredible Parvyn and BluGuru
- * Try amazing circus tricks with Madhava
- * Dance around the magical Maypole with Molly
- * Listen to fantastic stories from Wallabindi, Bruce Watson, and Robyn Sykes

SUNDAY FUNDAY!

- *BE A STAR at our first-ever Kids' Open Mic! (10:30-11:20 am) open to young performers of primary age
- * Show off your awesome talents
- * Sing, dance, tell jokes it's your time to shine!

ALL WEEKEND LONG!

- * THE CROSSING YOUTH STAGE showcasing amazing young performers
- * Yoga and circus fun
- * Stories and songs galore
- * And so many surprises waiting to be discovered!

PLUS! Get ready to be amazed by world-famous performers like Skerryvore from Scotland (they're INCREDIBLE!), The Spooky Mens' Chorale, Max Joy and the Honey Lovers, Goldheist, and Beautifully Mad!

Don't miss out on the BEST WEEKEND EVER! Get your tickets now - choose from:

- * Full Weekend Pass (for the complete amazing experience!)
- * Single Day Tickets (perfect for first-time festival adventurers! And if a full weekend at the festival seems overwhelming)

Remember: Kids under 12 get in FREE! Bring the whole family for an unforgettable adventure of music, dance, and FUN!