High Expectations
The recent passing of Muhammad Ali had me thinking of my favourite quote that I have used when speaking to students, on parade or at various community events. The saying is – ‘If your mind can conceive it and your heart can believe it, then you can achieve it’.

The students at Berrinba East State School certainly have the ability to dream big. Daily I hear ambitious plans about what student want to achieve when they get older and hear the excitement student have when they share these ambitions. Our job as the adults in the lives of our students is to ensure that our students, in their hearts, believe they have the opportunity they can achieve anything with hard work and dedication. We were fortunate last week to have Logan City Mayor and former Berrinba East State School student, Luke Smith, speak on parade using his personal story to reinforce this message.

Outside School Hours Care
Last week a note on orange paper went out to survey parents about the need for an Outside School Hours Care facility based at our school. I would like all parents who are interested in accessing this service if it was provided in our school to complete this form and submit it to the school office. A second note will be sent home in coming days if you have misplaced the last one.

Student Attendance
Student attendance is a regular topic in the newsletter each week. This is due to the enormous impact that poor attendance has on student performance. Over the last few weeks there have been some great success stories from some of our classes, these include –

- 4AS setting a personal attendance goal as a class and individuals sharing this goal with their parents.
- 3/4/5KW being awarded the school ‘Attendance Gnome’ for an attendance rate of over 95%
- 2/3KF and their creativity while they were holders of the ‘Attendance Gnome’.

Next Semester we will be emphasising a very clear message to students of ‘You’ve got Five, Don’t miss out!’ The ‘You’ve got Five’ part of this phrase emphasises that for us to achieve a 95% attendance rate in Semester 2, each student can only miss a maximum of five days of school. The ‘don’t miss out’ part of the phrase emphasises that by missing school, students are missing exciting opportunities such as sports, music and learning.

Complaints Management
Occasionally there are times where parents need to speak to staff about a range of potential issues. If there is an issue you wish to raise, it is best to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher initially. If the situation remains unresolved parents are encouraged to make an appointment with Ms Marshall or myself. Due to how busy our school can be, often Ms Marshall and I are unable to speak to parents when they ‘drop in’. If you wish to speak to either of us, I would encourage you to contact the office first to arrange an appointment time.

Staffing
Earlier this week I had the pleasure to announce that Ms Marshall has been appointed as the permanent Deputy Principal at Berrinba East State School. In the short time Ms Marshall has been with us, she has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to our school, students and community. I know that Ms Marshall is the ‘best fit’ for our school and I look forward to working with her, together with our staff, students and community to achieve great things at Berrinba East State School.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Attendance

**BESS ATTENDANCE TARGET**

95%

**BESS CURRENT ATTENDANCE**

89.4%
Congratulations to 3/4/5KW for winning the Attendance Gnome at the Week 8 Parade. 3/4/5KW have been focused on improving their attendance to reach #1 and have consistently feature in the Top 5 each fortnight this term!

After watching 2/3KF’s video on parade last week, I am excited to find out what the Attendance Gnome gets up to in his new class.

**Week 8 Top 5 Classes**

1. 3/4/5KW 94.05%
2. 2/3KF 93.87%
3. 1CM 93.76%
4. Prep TH 92.35%
5. 6CF 91.93%

**Less Than 85% Attendance**

- Notification letters

We are currently in the process of sending out letters to families, notifying parents if a student’s attendance has slipped below 85%.

In a full school year, 85% attendance means that a child is missing out on 30 days or 6 weeks of school! 6 weeks of school is more than half a term of learning.

If you multiply this by seven years of primary school education, it works out to 42 weeks of missed school. Most school years are about 40 weeks.

So less than 85% attendance can mean one whole school year of learning missed! Don’t let your child miss out! Every day counts!

**Car Park Safety**

Please remember when dropping students off to school, to use the stop and go zone on the basketball courts side of the car park. This is the safest space to drop students off, unless you are parking.

Also, in order to keep our community safe, please travel at a slow speed through the car park. Look out for people using the pedestrian crossings or getting in and out of cars.

It would be helpful if parents took a moment to discuss road and carpark safety with their children, reminding them to walk and use the crossings, and for parents to also model this behaviour.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Name loose items such as jumpers and hats. With the cooler weather here, many of our students are coming to school with jumpers on. Please label jumpers with student names, as it gets quite warm during the middle of the day especially during playtime. They have been reminded on parade by Mr Kanowski to remember to place their jumpers in their bags, but we routinely find unnamed jumpers laying on the ground in eating and play areas. We are unable to return lost belongings if they are not named.

Kathryn Marshall
Deputy

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**BEHAVIOUR NEWS**

Welcome to this week’s **Behaviour News**. I am so excited to see our school community working with our teachers and students on showing respect to others and the environment. We are excited to see the impact that this has on our community and to hear about the conversations you are having with your children at home.

As we know, respect is allowing yourself and others to do and be their best. This can be demonstrated in many ways. To highlight this weeks, ‘Rule of the Week’, the acrostic below is a great read to share with your child and use as a springboard for conversations at home.

**Responsibility**

- You are responsible for your actions. Make them positive!

**Encourage**

- Encourage others with active listening and appropriate responses.

**Speak**

- Be polite, use calm voice, kind words

**Patience**

- Wait your turn, don’t interrupt

**Expectations**

- Expect the best from yourself and others

**Care**

- Consider others feelings and show care with your words and actions

**Treat**

- Treat others how you would like to be treated. Give Respect get respect

Keep up the good work and keep on collecting those Honey Pot tokens for the Honey Pot Shop and the Bee Hive.

Glenn Dias
Behaviour Advisory Teacher
UP-COMING EVENTS

- 14th June: Senior Track Field Carnival
- 21st June: Senior Fun Run and Junior Obstacle Course
- 24th June: Last Day of Term 2
- 2nd July: Election Day
- 11th July: First Day of Term 3

SPORTS NEWS

Only a few more sleeps until the annual Berrinba East State School Senior Athletics Carnival. Our young athletes, from years 4-6, have been eagerly practising their skills to prepare for the big day on Tuesday 14th June, 2016.

The carnival will begin at 9.00am and the program will run in three sessions.
- Morning session – Field events
- Middle session – 100m heats, relays and ballgames
- Afternoon session – 100m finals and House cheers

It would be great to see you come along and support the students. Bring a chair, sunscreen and hat and make a day of it!

Although the majority of events will be run on Tuesday, 800m races and presentations will occur on Tuesday 21st June, 2016 during the morning session. These events will run in conjunction with the P&C fundraiser so stay tuned for more information.

Looking forward to seeing you on the oval!

Michelle Bradford & Brenton Minchin
PE Teachers

P&C Mail

Did you know Woof Woof guards our big red mailbox? It’s located at the tuck shop. All P&C money, notes, Book Club orders and Bank Books can be mailed there. It is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The mail box is cleared daily so no money or bankbooks are left there overnight.

P&C Shop

The P&C Shop is open every Tuesday from 8.00am to 9.00am and again from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Please remember EFTPOS is not available and we accept cash only.

As the weather starting to get a little cooler, don’t forget we have a BESS fleece Jacket for $26 with front zip side pockets and school logo.

Tuckshop

Grand Opening Special. For the rest of Term 2, Coffee and Cappuccinos will be available for sale to adults only. Regular size is $2.50, large size is $3.50!! Remember to pick up your loyalty card!

School Banking

Student banking day is every Friday. ‘Mail’ your deposit book into “Woof Woof” by 8.45am Friday. Please ensure you mail your books before the 8.45am deadline or they will be missed and not found until that afternoon and your deposit will not be taken for that week. Books will be returned to your class. Please allow up to 3 business days for deposits to be credited into your account. Happy saving! Remember every deposit earns a token, even 5c! 10 tokens can be redeemed for a prize!

Athletics Refreshment

As always, P&C will have cold and hot drinks, fresh food and snacks available for parents to purchase during the Senior Athletics carnival. Come say Hi!

Fun Run Fundraiser

Tuesday 21st June will be the Senior Fun Run and Junior Obstacle course! Sponsorship forms have been sent home for students to ask family, friends, neighbours and team mates to support them whilst raising much needed funds for school sports programs and improvements. Please note students should not go door to door alone and must be supervised by an adult at all times.
Every student receives an ice-block! Every $1 raised gets an entry in to the draw to win a Prize Pack! Two winners will be drawn from every year level! PLUS there will be a surprise for the highest fundraising classes - one from junior school (Prep to year 2), and one from senior school (year 3 to 6).

Please return forms and all monies raised to the P&C mail box by 9.00am Monday 20th June.

**Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser**

P&C are running a fantastic Cadbury® Fundraiser Drive. Treats are just $1 per item, and all profits will go towards school improvements and programs for the benefit of all students.

*Choose from Freddo/Caramello Mixed Pack or Europe Bars! Or don’t choose and get both!*  

Carry boxes are available from the P&C Shop on a Tuesday (8.00am-2.00pm) or a Friday (8.30-9.30am) for the rest of this term. Boxes will be given one at a time, unless they are prepaid in full. Boxes must be collected by an adult. In the event that this is not possible, full payment is required in advance, and a permission slip must be signed and returned for a student to collect a box. Spare forms are available from the Admin and P&C Shop.

Sell as many boxes as you like to family members, work colleagues, friends, team mates or neighbours! Children involved in selling must do so under adult supervision, especially if selling door to door.

Please return all unsold chocolates and money collected to the P&C Mail Box or P&C Shop, in the envelope provided, no later than 23rd June 2016.

**Berrinba East State School Multicultural Festival**

Our first meeting was held on Monday where a few priorities were identified. Volunteers are needed to promote our festival online and in the local community, and most importantly, volunteers are needed to visit local businesses and organisations to secure sponsorship funding! If you can help with either of these, please see P&C.

Next Festival organisation meeting will be Wednesday 15th June at 5.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out information about our upcoming Multicultural festival, to offer help or to find out about becoming involved. A value packed Sponsorship Package is available for businesses. For more information visit www.berrinbaeastssmulticulturalfestival.com.au

Ethnic and community organisations are also invited to share the sights, sounds and tastes of their nation by providing entertainment, or by being a stallholder at the event. Please visit the website for details.

**Poster Competition**

Students can get involved in the organisation of this year’s festival by designing their own poster or logo! Flyers will be sent home soon with all the details!

**Election BBQ – Saturday 2nd July**

It wouldn’t be an election without a BESS BBQ!! And the most popular of all...our delicious Cake Stall! Volunteers are always needed for this, one of our biggest fundraising ventures! If you can offer even 15 minutes to help set up or pack up, please return the form below to the P&C Mail Box.

Also, Friday 1st July will be a mass BAKE-UP in the Tuckshop, preparing yummy cakes, biscuits and slices to sell at the stall. No experience is necessary. Our Cake stall is well-known in the community and very popular so it’s a great opportunity to raise funds to benefit our students.

Of course, donations of delicious home bake (labelled and packaged for sale) are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Tuckshop on Friday 1st July 9.00am - 1.00pm or to the election stall on Saturday 2nd July before 9.00am.

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DEBTOR STATEMENTS

Letters went home last week for students who have outstanding fees for 2016. Additionally you can also ring the school office on 3489 6777 to clarify outstanding amounts.

Our payment window is open every Wednesday from 8.00am -12.00pm.

GROUNDSMAN POSITION

We are currently advertising the permanent Groundsman position at our school. Previous experience in a similar role will be highly regarded. Application packages are available from the school office. The closing date is Friday, 24th June.

READING CHALLENGE

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2016 challenge is to reach a total of two million books read.

Students wishing to take part in this year's challenge are asked to record the books they have read on the School Reader Record Form. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. Please return the completed form to your teacher no later than FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST. For more information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

JUMPSTART

Due to limited registrations, we will suspend our JUMPSTART playgroup for the remainder of the term.

Beginning in Term 3, we will initiate our TRANSITION Program to support the successful transition to school for pre-prep children. If you have a child or know of a child born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, this child is eligible to start PREP in 2017.

Dates and times for our TRANSITION to school program will be advertised in our School Newsletter and on our FACEBOOK page. We would encourage all families to take part in this opportunity to support a positive start to school.

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school now

Where: Berrinba East
When: First session is on Wednesday 3rd August 2016
Time: 2:45pm – 3:45pm
Length of program: 6 weeks*
Cost: $25

Come and see The Brisbane Lions! Simply register and pay online by Sunday 31st July, to receive 4 complimentary tickets* (2 adults & 2 children) for a selected match to see the mighty Brisbane Lions in action at the Gabba. Further details about the ticket offer will be sent to eligible participants early August. *Selected matches only, subject to availability.

For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3394 2198