BERRINBA EAST STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Interschool Sport
Last Friday, Berrinba East State School participated in the Logan District Inter-school sports competition for the first time in many years. While a bit under done preparation wise, the boys and girls participating as part of our Rugby League team performed well and represented our school with pride.

While our initial step was a tentative one, our goal is to provide opportunities for a wider range of students (particularly girls) in the future. My thanks go to Mr Edgar and Mr Frohlich for their contribution to get this initiative up and running.

Community Engagement
This year we are exploring ways in which we can engage with parents and the wider community so that we can share our school vision and enhance the working partnerships between home and school. Already our Prep classes have opened their doors for parents to join in the class’ morning meeting each Friday morning. I would strongly encourage any Prep parents who haven’t had the opportunity to visit during this time to do so in the near future.

Another initiative launched on Monday was the ‘Love the Library’ afternoon. Every Monday afternoon, teachers from our Literacy Team welcome parents and community members into the library to make the most of the resources and share strategies to enhance the reading abilities of our students. Again, I would encourage all families to take advantage of this opportunity and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Also today we celebrated our first ‘Green Day’ of the year. Green Days are designed to share our work in creating a supportive school environment with parents and the community. Key strategies such as the ALERT Program (how is your engine running) have been successfully shared via this method.

Student achievements
A number of student achievements were celebrated last week, these include –
- 4 GREEN being awarded class of the week. This was in acknowledgement that all students were able to answer the question ‘what are you learning?’ when members of Admin entered the classroom.
- Our Prep students are continuing to excel with many students achieving important milestones in the learning of their Magic 100 words. The ‘wall of fame’ in the office foyer is very quickly filling with names.
- While there is still plenty room for improvement, there was a noticeable effort by a majority of students to reduce the learning time lost due to poor behaviour choices.
- We currently have 27 students that have maintained 100% attendance for the year so far. Their efforts have contributed to our overall school attendance to be currently sitting at 92% (the goal for 2015 is 95%).

Steve Kanowski
Principal

Rule Of The Week: BE SAFE: Take a Stand, Lend a Hand
This week we are focusing on how to be a responsible friend and peer. The message to students is if someone they know is being bullied, take a stand and lend a hand by:
- Walking away and telling a teacher
- Telling the person who is bullying to stop or you will get a teacher
- Encouraging your friend to walk away or tell the person to stop
- Helping the person who is being bullied to get somewhere safe

This is a very timely message for our students to be discussing in their classrooms as the 2015 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday 20 March 2015. This day provides a focus for schools and the wider school community, including parents and carers, to strengthen their everyday messages against bullying and violence. We will be promoting this message at our parade on 17th March so come along and be a part of it.
MOR Data
I am pleased to say we were successful in reducing our MORs to 47 which is a substantial reduction from the previous weeks. There is still a lot of work to be done as this is over our weekly target of 35. If your child has received an MOR over the past week please reinforce the message that they are losing learning time and in order to reach their learning goals and improve they need to save all of their time at school to be on task and in the ‘learning zone’. Your support in this area is very much appreciated.

Until next week….

Natasha Prince
Behaviour Advisory Teacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

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HARMONY DAY
We are celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 20th March with a parade in the hall from 9:00am - 9:45am. There will be variety of performances including choir and dance. You may wish to wear orange clothing. Parents and carers are especially welcome.

P&C NEWS

Our next general meeting for 2015 will be Monday 16th March at 6pm. PLEASE NOTE: meeting days have now changed to the 3rd Monday of each month. Mark your calendars! All members of our school community are encouraged to attend. We are always looking for fresh faces with new ideas to join our P&C… are you that person? Membership is FREE!

Photo Day
All P&C exerteive and members are invited to attend photo day on the 26th March 2015 to have their photo taken for our new and exciting badges. Times to be advised.

Fundraising
School Calendars are available to keep up with important dates. Starring our very own Berrinba East students! $5 each from the Uniform Shop.

We are always on the lookout for sponsors to help support our school and P&C. If you or someone you know can help, please contact the President on 0432478257.

Cross Country
It’s nearly that time again for our Annual Fun Run Fundraiser! Forms have been sent home for students to collect sponsors from family, friends, workmates and neighbours! Please remember, students should have adult supervision at all times. We do not encourage students to go door-to-door. Every student who participates in the Cross Country Run will receive a reward! Every $5 raised gets a ticket in the draw for a chance to win 1 of 4 Prize Packs! Highest fundraising class (1 junior & 1 senior) wins a Class Party! All profits raised will go towards school PE programs & improvements.

School Banking
School banking is a great opportunity to start teaching children about budgeting and the value of money. ALL children (including non-students) are welcome to be part of our School Banking Program.

Our School Banking day is FRIDAY. EVERY deposit earns a token. Even 5c! 10 tokens can be redeemed for a cool prize! Great NEW prizes for 2015!! “Mail” your bank deposit book at the Tuckshop by 9am EVERY Friday. Please allow 3 working days for money to be credited to accounts. Information packs are available from the Uniform Shop.

Uniform Shop
CASH ONLY! Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.15am-8.30am. Back of D Block. New stock has now arrived of shorts and skorts! Unfortunately due to supplier issues, polo shirts are not expected to arrive until the end of term 1. We will be having a 3
day uniform sale of second hand and factor second uniforms on the 24th-26th March 2015.

Senior Shirts
Orders have been placed. The excepted delivered date will approximately be the first or second week of Term 2.

Tuckshop
Unfortunately, Tuckshop is CLOSED until further notice. The tuckshop will be open every Thursday at second break for the sales of:
- Ice blocks ranging in price from 50c to $1.50
- JJ's $1.70
- LOLS and Play water $2.50
- Water $1.00

Tuckshop is in need of a new Fridge. We are looking for a single door domestic free standing fridge approximately 400L. Preferably new. Must have a current warranty. A donation would be greatly appreciated! If you or someone you know can help us out with a new fridge for tuckshop, please contact P&C at pandc@berreastss.eq.edu.au or leave a message in the P&C mail box.

We are currently looking at holding a multi-cultural day in August; date to be advised. We are looking for expressions of interest if you would like to be involved please provide written interest and post it in the P&C corresponded letter box.

LIFESAVING LITERACY

Home reading
Many students in the lower school are given books to read at home as part of their homework. It is important to set aside some time each night to read with your child. When reading, encourage your child to use their reading strategies to solve tricky words, for example, stretching out the sounds or looking for parts in the word they know. Asking questions about the characters and events in the story before, during and after reading may also help to develop their comprehension skills. You may also ask your child to retell the story after they have read it, encouraging them to talk about who was in the story, where the story was set and what were the key events in the story.

Completing daily home reading is a great way to boost your child’s literacy skills and support them with their learning. Don’t forget it is just as important to reread the books again each night to help develop fluency and expression. Keep an eye out in the coming newsletters for more information on the reading strategies we use at Berrinba.

Literacy Team @ BESS

KINGSTON STATE COLLEGE

OPEN ENROLMENT EVENING

Wednesday 25th March 2015
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Kingston State College Community Hall
Guided Tours / Performances / Enrolments
Scholarship applications available.

We look forward to welcoming you on the evening.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS CAMPS

Learn and develop your skills with a terrific three day coaching experience for players of all standards aged 6 to 17 in:
- Basketball / Soccer / Netball / AFL / Rugby Union / Rugby League.

Forms were sent home to Yr 6 students. Students in other grades who are interested in the Camps can pick up a flyer from the office.

OFFICE NEWS

A reminder that school fees can be paid in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:15 – 9:15am. We accept Cash, EFT and Debit/Credit Cards.

Student Cards were sent home to make sure all student emergency contact details were up to date. If you have not returned this form but have changed details please see the ladies in the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please be aware school photos are on the 26th March. Order envelopes have been sent home with this weeks newsletter. PLEASE NOTE the order forms and money will need to be returned on the day of the photos to the photgraphers, who will have spares if required – order forms cannot be handed into the school beforehand.