FROM THE PRINCIPAL

After School Pick up
Yesterday we had an unfortunate incident in the park across the road from our school at approximately 3:20pm. Even though it was 50 minutes after school had finished, there were a number of students in the park unsupervised. To ensure the safety of our students I would encourage all families to discourage their children from playing in this park unsupervised before or after school.

Additionally, now that we have a number of afterschool activities, we are seeing a large number of students waiting at school unsupervised while their siblings are participating in these activities. For students to stay after school, they must be participating in a school organised activity or in the company of their parents. As mentioned previously, this issue will be easily resolved in the New Year with the introduction of Outside School Hours Care at our school.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Excursions
Today our Prep students embarked on their excursion to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. This excursion not only enhances the learning for our students, it also creates a memory that will stay with our students. To ensure that we could keep the costs at an affordable $15, the school has had to subsidise the cost of the busses to this event. I would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Marshall and the Prep Teachers for advocating for our Prep students and arranging this wonderful experience.

This year we have seen a significant increase in the amount of extra-curricular activities our students have been able to access. For these opportunities to continue, I would like to ask for parents to support the school and P&C through paying fees and levies as well as assisting with all fundraising efforts.

Engaging Learning
On Facebook recently you would have seen the hashtag #dontmissout. Currently we are attempting to showcase the amazing learning experiences our students engage in on a daily basis to encourage greater attendance at school. Activities have included pretending to be pirates to learn about grids and coordinates in mathematics to making Torres Strait Islander costumes to learn about procedural texts. Our school has a strong reputation for engaging our students in authentic and exciting learning experiences. I encourage all families to ensure the strong attendance of their children so they don’t miss out on these exciting and memorable learning experiences.

Outside School Hours Care
Last Monday, our 2017 Outside School Hours Care providers hosted a sausage sizzle and information session for families after school. Our school has a proud tradition of working closely with the YMCA with the school breakfast program and I look forward to this strengthening with the Outside School Hours Care Service. If you wish to enrol your child in this service, enrolment forms are available from the office.

2017 Enrolments
If you know of anyone intending on enrolling in Prep or other year levels in 2017, could you encourage them to complete an enrolment form and submit it before the end of the year. Having as many enrolments in as possible by the end of the year allows the school to plan for 2017 and minimise the chances of change after Day 8.

Additionally, if you are intending on taking advantage of cheap flights once the holidays are over and your child will miss the first few weeks of the school year, could you please contact the office before the end of the year. This will ensure a place is held for your child and that their enrolment will count towards school funding.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Attendance
Bess Attendance Target: 95%
Current Attendance Rate: 88.93%

Top 5 Attendance Classes (to Thursday)

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2017 Enrolments
If you know anyone who is looking to enrol their children at Berrinba East for 2017, for any year level, please encourage them to contact the school to collect enrolment papers and make an enrolment interview appointment time. Early enrolment for 2017 will assist us to plan ahead and ensure a smoother transition for students. This includes Prep enrolments. We are currently taking enrolment papers and will be calling to arrange interview times shortly.

Firm Five
Getting drinks during the school day
As the weather heats up, it is important that students keep up their water intake. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle so that they can drink water throughout the day. As part of our safety rules, student movement in and out of the classroom unsupervised is limited so students will not be able to access the bubblers during class time. They can however, drink from their water bottle and fill it up at the sinks in the classroom.

Hats
There are increasing numbers of students who report that they ‘don’t have a hat’. We consistently remind students to write their name/class their hat, so if lost it can be returned easily. They are also reminded to place their hat in their bag at the beginning of the day and at the end of both breaks. If you could remind your children of ways they can keep their hat from getting lost that would be appreciated.

If your child does not have a hat at school, they will not be able to play outside of covered areas during breaks and accessing outdoor PE lessons will not be possible for them.

Excursions and Extra Curricular Activities
We have had a number of exciting events planned in various year levels of late. It is important to remember that time lines are set so that the school can finalise bus bookings, adult supervision and any other organisational things. You can help by:

- returning permission slips by the due date
- If payment is required, paying on time. Payments cannot be accepted after the due date
- asking your classroom teacher or at the office for a spare note if you misplace it

Without the appropriate permissions returned, your child will not be able to attend events as we require written parent consent for most activities.

Kathryn Marshall
Deputy Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2017!!!

If your child was born between 01 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 they are eligible to being Prep in January 2017.

Pre-Prep Transition Classes
- Monday, November 7th
- Monday, November 14th and visit Prep MB
- Monday, November 21st
- Monday, November 28th and visit Prep TH

Parents and children will engage in a variety of pre-prep activities to support early literacy and numeracy. These weekly sessions from 1:00pm - 2:15pm on Mondays allow pre-prep children (Prep 2017) to familiarise themselves with our school community and staff.

P & C NEWS

General Meeting
The last general meeting will be Wednesday 23rd November at 6:00pm. Please note change of date. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.
Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

ALL money raised and/or unsold chocolates are now overdue. Please return all money and/or unsold chocolates to the P&C Shop ASAP, unfortunately there are still 3 school community members who have not returned outstanding money or chocolates. This fundraiser cannot be finalised until all is accounted for.

Position Available

The P&C have decided to combine the running of the tuckshop and Uniform shop under one convenor. The successful person will be called our Retail Convenor starting in 2017.

Applications are invited for the following positions:

- RETAIL CONVENOR partially unpaid – Casual
- RELIEF RETAIL CONVENOR partially unpaid – Casual

Relevant experience preferred. Application kits and Role description are available from:

Berrinba East State School
165 Bardon Road
Berrinba QLD 4117

Applications for this position close Thursday 17th November 2016. This is an equal opportunity position. Employment is subject to a successful Working With Children Check

Tuckshop

OPENING HOURS: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 8am.

Orders for 1st & 2nd break due by 8.30am.  
2nd break counter sales 1.10-1.30pm.  
(NO COUNTER SALES 1st BREAK)

New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated to continue to provide this service to students.

P&C Shop

PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY AND TIME

Opening hours: Wednesday (only) 8:15am till 9:00am. We do apologise for the continue changes but as this is run by volunteers we must try our best to work together.

Order forms are now available from the office and or P&C Room, for Uniforms and Book Packs. Please take note of direct deposit details and please provide a copy of your bank receipt on your order form

As of Wednesday 2nd November, there will be limited stock of Skorts and Shorts going out on sale included in this sale are a limited number of Long Black Dress Pants (girls only) for $5.00 each

Remember NO EFTPOS - CASH ONLY!

School Banking

Banking day is Friday. Please mail bank books in the P&C Mail box at the Tuckshop by 8.45am Friday. Books will be returned to your class. Please allow up to 3 business days for deposits to be credited into your account. Happy saving!

Last Banking for 2016 will be Friday 2nd December. The Bush Fly Fan, one of our great prizes, is quickly running out so if this is on your wish list and you only have 9 tokens our Banking Convenor will be able to pre order one for you .Don’t forget to let her know by way of a quick note in with your banking. Remember all tokens from 2016 will be rolled over into 2017.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

SAVE THE DATE!!!

On Tuesday November 29th, our school recognises those students who have achieved academic excellence in 2016. Students who have achieved above and beyond year level expectations in both semesters, will be acknowledged by the school community. Presentations will be made in the areas of English, Mathematics, Overall Academics, Most Improved, Principal’s Award, Be a Learner, Deadly and NAPLAN Upper 2 Bands. Parents and Community members are encouraged to join the staff and students of Berrinba East as we celebrate the outstanding academic achievement of our students.

LOST AND FOUND

We currently have a large amount of items in the Lost and Found trolley, which is located outside the Breakfast Club courtyard. Please check for any items which may belong to you. All unclaimed items at the end of the school year are donated to one of the local charity shops.