FROM THE PRINCIPAL

New Staff
Over the holidays we had a number of situations by where we had to find new staff members for Berrinba East State School. We were very successful in finding highly skilled teachers to join our team at Berrinba. Below are listed the classes that are impacted –

5NC – Ms Clarke has taken leave for the term. She will be initially be replaced by our experienced Pedagogy Coach, Mrs Prince. There will be a changeover period by where Ms Kelly Pillinger will take over the class while completing her internship at our school. Already the class has worked well with Mrs Prince and Ms Pillinger.

3AC – Ms Coverdale has left Berrinba East to take up another position and her replacement is Ms Elisa Beech. Ms Beech has significant experience teaching Year 3 in other Logan schools and we have been very fortunate to have a teacher of her expertise join us.

HOSES – Mrs Hambly has been offered a very prestigious position with Regional Office as the Regional Autism Coach. It is anticipated that Mrs Hambly’s replacement will be finalised next week.

SEP – We have been fortunate to have Mr Martin Searle join our SEP team. Mr Searle has experience working with many local Primary and Secondary schools. I am sure his expertise will value add to our already high performing Special Education Unit.

Groundsman – Mr Harris has left the school to take up another employment opportunity. I would like to welcome Mr Jamie Bloomfield to our school as our new groundsman. Already many parents have noticed Mr Bloomfield’s efforts, especially in and around the staff car park.

Parent Interactions
Unfortunately, some of our parents have used the school as a venue to settle arguments and disagreements. There have been reports of parents insulting and abusing each other in front of their own children. It is disappointing that these parents show little regard for the students of our school and are unable to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. I would strongly encourage to model appropriate behaviour to our students by avoiding this conflict when in our school grounds and when in front of students. I would also like to remind parents that school staff, including myself, are not responsible for mediating conflict that originates from outside of the school.

Attendance
There has been a strong start to the term with the majority of students returning to school from day one. Last term our attendance rate was 89.4% which means on average each student missed approximately one week of school. This type of absence has a huge impact on student learning and unfortunately most students with poor attendance have not improved academically at a rate we would expect. I look forward to seeing an approved attendance rate in term 2.

Steve Kanowski
Principal
BEHAVIOUR NEWS

“YeeHa, Berrinba”

Welcome to this week’s Behaviour News and a big welcome back to term 2. It was fantastic to see all the smiling faces returning back to Berrinba East after a restful Easter Holidays.

I was very excited to observe, this week, a noticeable increase in the amount of students staying in the learning zone and participating in their engaging lessons. I am so excited to see our school community working with our teachers on turning around negative thought and with our “Turn Around Language” activity.

Rule of the Week.
Remember, the Rule of the Week for next week will be:
Be in the right place at the right time, ready to learn.

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

Have a great weekend and practice your rules of the week.

Glenn Dias
Behaviour Advisory Teacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20th  P&C General Meeting
April 25th  Anzac Day Public Holiday
May 2nd  Labour Day Public Holiday

CURRICULUM CORNER

Jumpstart Returns!
Berrinba East State School launched JUMPSTART playgroup in 2007. The program provides learning and development opportunities through the playgroup and parent sessions. Tailored for families with children in birth to Year 3, it sets strong foundations and builds parenting capacity in early language and numeracy skills and social-emotional wellbeing.

Playgroup sessions are held fortnightly in Term 2 on Fridays from 1.00-2.00pm. Parents/Caregivers with children birth to 5 years old are encouraged to attend. Interact with other parents/caregivers and engage in conversations and hands-on activities to support your child’s development in early language. Parents/Caregivers must attend sessions with their child. Registration forms are available from the school office.

You are invited to join us this term on the following Fridays:
• Friday, May 6th
• Friday, May 20th
• Friday, June 3rd
• Friday, June 17th

Families are encouraged to attend our school’s parade following the play session in the school hall at 2.00pm.

For further information, please contact the school office 3489 6777.

Terra-Lee Peters
Lauren Highman
Head of Curriculum
Mathematics and English

P & C NEWS

The next General Meeting will be Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 6.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

WOOF WOOF guards our bright red P&C mail box, which is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All P&C money and notes can be mailed there. It is cleared daily; no money is left there overnight.

P&C Shop
NEW HOUR: Please note as of Tuesday 12th April the P&C Shop will be open of a TUESDAY ONLY, from 8.00am – 9.00am and then 1.00pm – 2.00pm. Please remember NO EFTPOS - CASH ONLY!

Tuckshop
Unfortunately the tuckshop will be closed until further notice. Application for Convenor and relief Convenor positions are available from the office. Closing date is the 22nd April.
School Banking
Banking day is Friday. ‘Mail’ your deposit book into ‘Woof Woof’ 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!

Mother’s Day Raffle
Mother’s Day is fast approaching and once again we would love to have a multi prize raffle. This has been quite successful in past years due to the great donations given by Community members and Local Businesses. Should you know of anyone who could help us obtain some great prizes, please let us know or just drop in to the P&C shop on Tuesday’s.

RECEIPTING DAYS
Due to slight staff changes in the front office, the days we are able to receipt has shifted to better suit both the office and the families of Berrinba. Effective 11th April, the Payment Window will now only be open Wednesday mornings from 8.00am - 12.00pm.

During this time payments can be made via the Payment Window and receipts generated straight away for your convenience.

Additionally we can accept cash any day of the week; the receipts will be generated the following Wednesday during the Payment Window opening hours. You can collect receipts from the office from that day onwards.

Until further notice our EFTPOS machine is unfortunately “Out of Order”. We understand the inconvenience this creates, but ask for your patience while we continue to resolve the matter.

TALLEBUDGERA EXCURSION
Places are filling up for Year 6 student’s excursion to the Tallebudgera Beach School on Tuesday 10th May, where students will spend the day learning about Surf Safety.

The full cost of the excursion is $32, with the expectation that School Fees are paid beforehand. Make sure you get in quick as this life saving opportunity is limited to only 50 students.

MISSING BIKE
A student’s bike has been reported missing. If you have any information about where the bike is, please report it to the school office.

- Academy BMX Bike
- Black frame with black rims
- Black handlebars with a red connector to the frame