FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P&C News
As many of you may be aware, our P&C has been operating without a President for the last few months. At the monthly P&C Meeting on Wednesday, our former President Mrs Carolyn Mott was elected to this position. I would like to welcome Carolyn back to our team and I look forward to working with her for the remainder of the year.

The major fundraising effort for our P&C was the Multicultural Fair held two weeks ago. At the monthly meeting it was reported that this event made a profit of over $6000 with money still coming in. This money will provide a significant boost in resourcing for our students.

High School Transition
This year we have seen a strengthening of the partnerships between our school and our local high schools and this has resulted in some high quality transition programs being established for our Year 6 students. While a majority of events organised will take place in Term 4, yesterday all our Year 6 students visited Woodridge SHS for a ‘High School Experience’ visit. Other events planned for Term 4 include lesson delivery by high school staff at our school site, co-planning between our Year 6 teachers and high school teachers and orientation visits to the various secondary campuses in the area. My thanks go to Ms Marshall, the Year 6 Teachers and our local high schools for going above and beyond for our students.

Attendance
We are seeing a small upward shift in our school attendance data. This has been influenced by a number of classes being in a position to celebrate a 100% attendance day. Typically, our school attendance drops after school holidays as students and families readjust to the routine of coming to school. I would like to encourage all families to ‘hit the ground running’ next term and ensure regular attendance from the first day. I would also like to set the challenge of all students having only a maximum of two days absence in Term 4. Not only will this improve our attendance data, it will also ensure student learning is maximised at this important time of year.

Car Park
Unfortunately the issue of smoking in the school carpark has raised its head again. While many parents believe that they have a right to smoke in this area, their decision is having the following impact on our school and students –

- Cigarette smoke can be smelt by students in classes and office spaces near the school boundary. This creates an unpleasant environment for our students, especially as they are leaving school.
- Cigarette butts are littered throughout our school carpark. This detracts from the welcoming environment we are trying to create for our students.
- Parents smoking in the carpark are visible for all students to see. We are doing plenty of work with our students around healthy choices. This issue is currently providing poor role modelling for our students.

While parents might believe they are acting within the law by smoking in this area, I would ask that they show consideration for our school and students by choosing to smoke elsewhere.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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BREKKY CLUB

Please note Breakfast Club will resume on Wednesday 5th October.

SPORTS NEWS

Field Files
Rounds 5, 6 & 7 of Interschool Sport saw more success for Berrinba East State School. Interschool Sport has had a positive impact on behavior, participation rate in Health and Physical Education and school attendance this Term. I would like to thank the parents, careers and staff of Berrinba East for your continuous help and
support this Term. Round 8 of Interschool Sport will commence on the 7th of October 2016.

**Results Round 5 (26th of September)**
- **Touch**
  - **Senior:** BESS 1: were defeated
  - **BESS 2:** were defeated
  - **Junior:** BESS: were defeated

- **AFL**
  - BESS: defeated Springwood Road State School

- **Basketball**
  - **Senior Girls:** were defeated by Springwood Road State School
  - **Senior Boys:** defeated Springwood Road State School

**Results Round 6 (2nd of September)**
- **Touch**
  - **Senior:** BESS 1: were defeated
  - **BESS 2:** were defeated
  - **Junior:** BESS: were defeated

- **AFL**
  - BESS: were defeated by Groves Christian College

- **Basketball**
  - **Senior Girls:** were defeated by Crestmead State School
  - **Senior Boys:** were defeated by Crestmead State School

**Results Round 7 (9th of September)**
- **Touch**
  - **Senior:** BESS 1: were defeated
  - **BESS 2:** were defeated
  - **Junior:** BESS: were defeated

- **AFL**
  - BESS: defeated Chatswood Hills State School

- **Basketball**
  - **Senior Girls:** were defeated by Waterford West State School
  - **Senior Boys:** were defeated by Waterford West State School

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL**

In October this year, Logan City Council will be implementing automated number plate recognition (ANPR) technology around schools and on other roads.

Council is committed to ensuring the safe parking of vehicles on roads near schools for the protection of children and other road users. As part of the Council’s role, there is a community expectation that Council officers attend schools to monitor the safe drop off and pick up school zones and in the surrounding streets.

This new technology will enable Council officers to patrol roads outside a school using a vehicle fitted with cameras that identify vehicles parked contrary to the Queensland Road Rules. Council will issue infringements to the vehicle owner by post.

For further information please see the notice boards at the office and or prep area or contact the council with any queries on 3412 5318.

**WOODRIDGE AMBULANCE STATION OPEN DAY**

Woodridge Ambulance Station will be hosting an open day for the general public on Saturday 17th September for this year’s Ambulance Week. It will be held from 9:00am - 1:00pm at 3 Blaxland Street, Woodridge.

This day will consist of a guided CPR session for all who attend, a demonstration of the new equipment being implemented in the local area, a meet and greet with paramedics, a free barbeque and goodies to be given away. Adults and children are welcome to attend.

Copies of the colouring competition sheet that will be drawn on the day are available from the office. Make sure to bring your artwork on the day for your chance to win!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

I know that it was even scary for me to write the word ‘Christmas’ already. But because our wonderful Christmas boxes go overseas we will need to get our shopping into gear.
Our school has participated in Operation Christmas Child for many years now. It is simply putting a shoebox of gifts together to send to a child in a developing country who would never receive anything like this without your help. All you have to do is to wrap a shoebox in pretty paper keeping the lid separate. Then go shopping and buy items to fill your shoebox. Choose a boy or a girl ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and pack the gifts. Some ideas are for something to love, to wear, for school, to play with, for personal hygiene and something special. Then donate $9 for postage.

The completed boxes will need to be returned to Mrs Hilston or the office by Friday 21st October. This date comes up really fast after the holidays so it’s a good idea to get shopping during the holidays. You can complete a whole box by yourself or donate some items to your class if they are making one.

Please see Mrs Hilton if you want further details.

Mrs Hilton
School Chaplain

SHARING BOOKS

Sharing books  
December 07, 2015 From First5forever
In busy family lives, the opportunity to read to your child is a wonderful way for you to spend time together. You open the pages of a story and at the same time, open up a world of new ideas. It’s important to read to our children at any age, but more than that, is the importance of reading with our children.

Reading with children is quite different to reading to our children. It involves having a conversation about the book, talking about the pictures, asking questions, making comments and helping our children understand the meaning of the story by slowing down and discussing what interests them. So often we can catch ourselves just reading a book from beginning to end (as quickly as we can) and forgetting to stop, pause and give children time to comment or respond to us in their own way. This is especially important for very young children. You are always better off reading less of the book and truly interacting with your child than finishing the whole book in a race to the finish.

Research tells us that shared reading has a greater impact on children’s oral language skills when compared to traditional reading. It’s also a good idea to sit next to your child so they can see you and the book as you read and talk about the story together.

So next time you pick up a book with your child or they bring a book to you, get comfortable in a spot where you can see them, they can see you and start the story – see where it leads you, together.

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ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2017!!!

✓ Vibrant & Inclusive Learning Environment
✓ Innovative English & Mathematics Instruction
✓ Dynamic & Challenging Curriculum
✓ Individualised Learning Goals
✓ Devoted & Energetic Staff

Is your child born between 01 July 2011 and 30 June 2012?
IF YES….they are eligible to start school in January 2017.

OPEN EVENINGS for 2017 new enrolments
Wednesday, November 2nd 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Meet our expert staff and learn more about the programs to support your child’s academic success.

Pre-Prep Transition Classes 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
Monday, October 24 and 31, Monday, November 7, 14, 21, 28

Parents and children will engage in a variety of pre-prep activities to support early literacy and numeracy and a seamless transition to starting school. Please register your interest 3489 6777.