FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Q Schools App
A few weeks ago I encouraged families to go to either the Apple or Android Apps store, download the Q Schools App and choose Berrinba East State School as a favoured school. The reason for this is so families can access school information and newsletters rather than rely on paper notes and newsletters coming home in school bags.

On Monday we had to postpone our Sports Day. We were able to send a 'push notification' through the Q Schools App to inform parents of the decision in a timely manner. This created a notification that came up on people's phones.

At the moment we have 64 people who have 'favoured' Berrinba East State School on their Q Schools App. Of this 64, 36 people have the 'push notifications' enabled on the App. I would encourage anyone with a smartphone to download this app and enable push notifications so that they can stay up to date with events in our school.

Staffing Changes
At the conclusion of this term, we will be farewelling a number of teachers and welcoming many new teachers to our school. Below are listed the classes impacted by staffing changes:

1CM – Mrs Mitchell will be leaving us at the end of the term to spend more time with her young family. Mrs Mitchell will be replaced by Ms Doherty who will be working with Mrs Mitchell in the 1CM class on occasions next week.

4MC – Mr Cooper will be moving to a Learning Support role for Semester 2. Mr Cooper’s place will be taken by Ms Dray who has been an intern in this class for the majority of this term. Ms Dray has a strong knowledge of the 4MC class and will work closely with Mr Cooper to ensure continuity.

5NC – Ms Clarke has extended her leave for the remainder of the year so Ms Pillinger will continue to teach this class for the remainder of the year.

PE Teacher – Mr Minchin will be leaving us at the end of the term. Mr Minchin will be replaced by Ms Holt. Ms Holt is a high performing soccer player and will join our staff fulltime to teach PE and drive school sport in our school.

I would like to wish all departing teachers the best for the future. Additionally, I would like you all to join me in welcoming our new staff and show them the high expectations for our students and community.

Car Park Conduct
Over the past few weeks there have been a number of reported cases of careless driving in our school carpark. This includes speeding, entering the carpark through the ‘no right turn’ section, double parking and cutting corners by driving over footpaths. I would like to remind all parents that there are numerous children in this area at peak times and this reckless behaviour endangers the safety of all our students. While there will be an increase Police presence in the carpark, the desire to keep all our students safe, as opposed to running the risk of receiving a fine, should be the main motivator to demonstrate patience in our carpark.

Academic Excellence
On parade today we celebrated all of the students who finished the term reading at a level well above year level expectation. The most exciting aspect of this celebration was the large number of students receiving these awards. Over the past two years our school has had a strong focus on achieving academic excellence in Reading and the significant increase in the number of students achieving at this level is a strong indication that we are succeeding in our efforts to become an academic school of excellence.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Attendance

BESS ATTENDANCE TARGET
95%

BESS CURRENT ATTENDANCE
89.2%
As the school holidays near, it is important for all students to continue coming to school every day. Our teachers are continuing their great work right up until the last day of school. Don’t let your child miss out on vital learning by taking the last few days off school.

After the holidays, it is also important that students return straight away on DAY ONE! Our students will be launching into learning on this day and every day off means that students miss out on learning, which effects their academic growth.

Managing Big Emotions
Sometimes, even as adults, we struggle to keep our cool in all sorts of situations – when we are rushing to get everyone out the door, when we have asked our child 272 times to do something, when they whine and whinge, when siblings squabble, and the list goes on.

Often it is when our children are having the most trouble keeping their cool that we also lose ours, which we all know is pretty unhelpful in the scheme of things, especially as our children are watching and learning from everything we do. And managing big emotions is hard when you are two or four or six or sixteen. In fact at times it can be hard, whatever age you are!

Being prepared with a strategy for helping children through those times when they are experiencing big or overwhelming emotions such as anger, frustration, jealousy or embarrassment, is one way to help both you and them to work through those emotions more effectively. It’s not about teaching our children that their emotions aren’t important or valid, or that they must be hidden or suppressed, but it is about helping them to find socially acceptable ways to express and deal with their emotions – most importantly, in ways that don’t hurt others.

At Berrinba East SS we talk about students using a variety of strategies to ‘regulate our engines’. Some of these include:
- Using a sensory tool
- Using the Count 5 strategy – identify and list five objects you can see.
- Think of something funny

Here is another list of steps that could be used, from www.Childhood101.com Take some time on

the school holidays to talk to your child about what strategies they use at school and home to ‘calm down’ and get their ‘engine just right’ when they are feeling big emotions.

Kathryn Marshall
Deputy

UP-COMING EVENTS

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INDIGENOUS NEWS

Berrinba East is getting ready to celebrate our up and coming NAIDOC Week. The first week back to school in Term 3 from Monday July 11th - Friday July 15th will see our school enjoying special performers visit and our students taking part in some deadly activities and experiences throughout the entire week!!!! Make sure EVERY child is at school so they don't MISS OUT!!!

This year’s NAIDOC theme is 'Songlines: The living narratives of our nation'. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Australians, the Dreamtime describes a time when the earth, people and animals were created by ancestral spiritual beings.
They created the rivers, lakes, plants, land formations and living creatures. Dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and lores. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called 'Songlines' as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who 'sung' the land into life!

Did you know that our school sits on land that was once a meeting place for the Yugambeh and Jagera people passing through from the North and South of this region?! Our school logo represents this depicting an Aboriginal elder sitting with younger children. I have mentioned previously that our school name Berrinba means 'to the South'

We are also very EXCITED to announce that staff and students have taken this opportunity to embrace Acknowledgement of Country which will be part of our daily Morning Meeting sessions with the respectful guidance from Uncle Barry Watson.

An 'Acknowledgement of Country' is a way that all people can show awareness and respect for Aboriginal culture and heritage and the on-going relationship the traditional owners have with their land. Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people can perform 'Acknowledgement of Country'. It is a demonstration of respect dedicated to the traditional custodians of the land (sea) where the event, meeting, school function or conference takes place. It can be formal or informal.

Our wonderful and talented school leaders and some of our younger Indigenous students have been assisting with guiding this special process and demonstrating this to all classes.

Our BESS Acknowledgement for Country is as follows -
"I wish to acknowledge the Yugambeh and Jagera people as traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting today and pay respects to their Elders past and present".

Uncle Barry will be at parade this week to speak about the important significance of why we do this!

Watch this space for more exciting news ahead!

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.

SPORTS NEWS

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather the Senior Athletics Carnival was postponed and has been rescheduled on Monday 20th June, 2016.

The carnival will begin at 9am 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
The festivities will continue on Tuesday morning with the senior students participating in the 800m events and the junior school participating in an obstacle course, to raise money will conclude with the announcement of the winning House and presentation to our Age Champions (students born 2004, 2005, 2006).

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!

Michelle Bradford & Brenton Minchin
PE Teachers

School Banking
Banking day is Friday. ‘Mail’ your deposit book into “Woof Woof” by 8.45am Friday. Please ensure you mail your books before the 8.45am deadline. Please allow up to 3 business days for deposits to be credited into your account. Happy saving!

Athletic Refreshment Stall
P&C will have cold and hot drinks, fresh food and snacks available for parents to purchase during the Senior Athletics carnival.

Fun Run Fundraiser
The Senior Fun Run and Junior Obstacle course will be held on June 21st. 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 remember 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. Additionally there will be a surprise for the highest fundraising classes! One from junior school (P-2), one from senior school (3-6). Please return forms and any monies raised to the P&C mail box by 9am 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 Fun Pack, Europe Bars or Favourites Goody Box! Or don’t choose and get them all!

Carry boxes are available from the P&C Office by appointment only. Prepayment is preferred. Boxes are $50 each and must be collected by an adult.

Sell as many boxes as you like to family members, work colleagues, friends, team mates or neighbours! If children are involved in selling, they 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 Office, in the envelope provided no later than 23rd June 2016.

BESS Multicultural Festival

Volunteers are needed to promote our festival in the local community, and most importantly, to visit local businesses and organisations to secure sponsorship funding. If you can help, please contact P&C on 0432 478 257 or email pandc@berreastss.eq.edu.au Students can get involved in the organisation of this year’s festival by designing their own poster or logo!

Our next Festival organisation meeting will be Wednesday 20th July at 5pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more information or to offer help.

A value packed Sponsorship Package is available for businesses. For all the 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.

Election BBQ Saturday 2nd July
It wouldn’t be an election without a BBQ!! And the most popular of all…our delicious Cake Stall!

Unfortunately our baking day has been cancelled; however donations of delicious home bake (labelled and packaged for sale) are greatly appreciated.

Disposable packaging items are available from the tuckshop and can be brought to the election stall on the morning of Saturday 2nd July. 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

Thank you to Jim Chalmers MP for the sausages, Councillor Jon Raven for the drinks, bread and onions, and Cameron Dick MP for the water and miscellaneous items. Their contributions for our BBQ and their support go a long way towards making the fundraiser a success.

Volunteers are always needed for this, one of our biggest fundraising ventures! We will be holding a working bee on Friday 24th June from 12.00pm to get things ready. 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.

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BREAKFAST CLUB

Please note that the last day for Breakfast Club this term is Thursday, 23rd June and it will reopen on Tuesday, 12th July.

If you available to volunteer one morning per week in Semester 2, please advise the office. We are always keen for an extra helper or two, and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.
READING CHALLENGE

Reading Excellence Recognition
At today’s parade, Berrinba acknowledged the outstanding achievement in Reading by our students in Semester 1. These students are working above year level targets in Reading. They have demonstrated high levels of decoding, comprehension and fluency skills at their year level. Their participation in Guided Reading, Shared Reading, Modelled Reading and Stamina Reading have all contributed to their success this semester. Congratulations to our Award Winners!

This year the Premier has challenged all 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.

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/

ARTWORK

We have had some wonderful artwork from 3KF on display in the office foyer this week, titled “Warm Rays of Sunshine”. Make sure you to take the opportunity to pop into the office and see their fantastic work.

PREP TRANSITION

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
NAIDOC 2016
Logan Flag Raising Ceremony
Logan Central Community Centre
9 Jacaranda Avenue, Logan Central
5th July 2016
10.00am—12.30pm

Guest Speakers
Aboriginal Dancers
Torres Strait Islander Dancers

Didgeridoo Player
Elders & Community
Refreshments Provided

For further information contact: Logan Elders
0432589764

Lani Balzan, a proud Wadlali Aboriginal woman is the winner of the prestigious National NAIDOC Poster Competition for 2016.

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