FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Reading
For the past two years, our school's number one priority has been to improve the Reading outcomes for our students. Over this time our student results have improved significantly to the point that now a majority of students are either meeting or exceeding year level benchmarks.

Our teachers have by now listened to your child read multiple times, have formally assessed your child, identified developmentally appropriate reading goals and have devised a range of strategies to improve your child's results. These efforts can be strengthened by parent support at home.

Strategies that parents can implement to assist in this area include:
- Talking to their child about their reading goals.
- Asking your child what they learnt in Reading Groups that day.
- Provide multiple opportunities for your child to read at home. This can be in the form of home reader, books, comics, magazines, etc.
- Read to your child regularly.

Berrinba East State School is quickly gaining a reputation for our excellence in the teaching of Reading. I look forward to sharing our school's achievements in this area throughout the year.

Attendance
As has been mentioned previously in my newsletter items, there is a direct relationship between high attendance, academic achievement and success later in life.

At Berrinba East State School, the major barrier preventing us from becoming a great school where academic excellence is expected is our attendance rate. Last year our attendance rate was 88.9% which meant that on average, each student missed the equivalent of 4 weeks of school. Currently our school attendance for 2016 is 87.8%.

I would like to appeal to all parents to assist us in becoming a great school by ensuring their child's attendance remains high for the remainder of the year.

Student Highlights
- Prep SH finished Week 3 with an attendance rate of over 98%. I would like to commend all the parents of the students in this class for the wonderful start to schooling they have provided for their children.
- We have already seen a Prep student who has demonstrated they know all 300 Magic sight words.
- Our students in Years 5 and 6 have led the way by role modelling exemplary behaviour and staying in the learning zone. To date, the students in these year levels have a combined Major Office Referral under 10.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We have had some enquiries about helping in classrooms and/or volunteering around the school. Berrinba East State School values the contribution our parents and families make to our school community. The P&C and the Leadership Team are in the process of redeveloping an induction program.
program for volunteers to ensure that volunteering is a safe and enjoyable experience.

**What is a volunteer?**
A volunteer is someone who gives their time, talent, energy and expertise without charge in a productive way to enhance and enrich our school community. They may be relatives of students or people who have offered their time to help.

**What do volunteers do?**
Some examples of how volunteers can help:
- Reading with or to students
- Listening to students read
- Assisting teachers with specific learning areas and/or preparation for these e.g. Art, Science
- Helping in the tuckshop / uniform shop
- Help organise learning materials in the classrooms

**Why an induction?**
Safety is the number one concern for our staff, students and volunteers. Induction will cover basic school safety information such as Emergency Procedures, Sign in/ Sign Out procedures, Student Protection, Workplace Health & Safety, confidentiality and general school awareness. We’ll also have a quick survey/chat about where you would like to volunteer, what your skills are, what you would like to get out of volunteering and when you are available.

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**Explicit Instruction: **WE DO

Last week, we talked about the ‘I DO’ component in an Explicit Lesson. The purpose of the ‘WE DO’ component is to guide and monitor students as they practise the same steps modelled by the teacher. The teacher provides support until a point where they are confident the student is capable of working at a task independently.

Teachers at Berrinba East SS provide immediate feedback – corrections and/or affirmations to support mastery of new skills. This week, our staff engaged in extended professional development to support the principles of Explicit Instruction. Teachers worked collaboratively to develop their ‘expertise’ around organising for instruction.

**What does this mean for the student learning??????**
- Maximised learning time in the classroom
- Students are ‘hooked’ into learning – we capture curiosity and passion for learning
- Students receive timely and effective feedback
- Lessons are tailored to meet individual needs
- Learning stamina (ability to focus) is developed
- Students recognise importance of learning and links to personal, academic or real life relevance

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Kathryn Marshall
Deputy Principal
Next week: **YOU DO**

*Lauren Highman & Terra-Lee Peters*

*Head of Curriculum*

*Mathematics and English*

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### BEHAVIOUR NEWS

Yet again, I am proud to report that last week; there were 92% of Berrinba East students in the Learning Zone. While it’s a good result I’m sure you’ll agree that there is still heaps of room for improvement.

It still concerns me that all the MOR referrals were generated by 8 percent of our student population. What this means is that a very small amount of students are choosing not to engage in the learning zone and spoiling the great efforts of the rest of the student population. Congratulations Grades 4, 5 and 6 who are leading the way with the smallest amount of MOR referrals.

**Rule of the Week**

This week the Rule of the Week is: Be Safe: Hands and Feet to Yourself

The staff at Berrinba East is committed to ensuring that our students receive the highest quality education in the safest environment. To achieve this we need a commitment from our students, not only to be engaged in the learning zone at all times but to foster a safe learning environment by being mindful of how we physically interact with others and making sure those physical interactions are positive in nature.

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

Remember, the Rule of the Week for next week will be:

*Be a Learner: Active Listening and Participation.*

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

*Glenn Dias*

*Behaviour Advisory Teacher*

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### STUDENT SERVICES TEAM NEWS

Have you ever noticed that some people are able to maintain their positivity, even in stressful situations, whereas others do the opposite? Why is this? Positive people have the right attitude. They realise that although others can act in ways that help to make us stressed or happy, ultimately our happiness is determined by the choices we make. It is also easier to stay positive when you have positive people around you.

To help keep our Berrinba East kids happy, positive and motivated at school the **student services team** is running some great before school and lunchtime clubs. **NOTE THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR.**

- **8.00 am Friday – JUKE BOX FRIDAY** – Grab a bite to eat from breakfast club then come and join Mos’e Pacifica Liaison and Mr Underwood in the Dreamtime club.
- **Second break Monday’s –** Share your stories at **Dreamtime Club** with Mrs A.
- **Both lunch breaks Wednesday –** Sell Out sessions at **Bible Club** with Mrs Hilton
- **First break Wednesday and Friday –** **Indigenous Dance Club** run by Cheyenne from PCYC and Mrs A. This is preparation for a Harmony Day performance.
- **Second Break Thursday’s –** test your creative flair at **Art Club** with Ms. Brown. **We are on the scrounge for old shirts to use as paint shirts. All donations appreciated!**

Staying positive as a parent can be tricky at times. There’s no rule book. However Kingston State School are running a Triple P parenting program that offers strategies to help with those tricky times and help you as parents to stay positive.
A three week program starting on Wednesday 27th of April, this will be held at Kingston State School Hall on 50 Juers Street, Kingston. To reserve your place, contact 07 3827 6222. Light supper will be served at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

Mrs Gillian Brown
Guidance Officer

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10th   School Photos
March 19th   Queensland Election Day
March 24th   Last day of Term 1
April 11th   First day of Term 2

CLASSROOM FRIDGES

With the hot days upon us, we would like to remind parents of the availability of fridges in classrooms for students use. This allows them to bring healthy food choices for lunch that would normally spoil without refrigeration – salads, sushi, yoghurt, fruit salad, watermelon slices, milk, etc…. Please ensure your child’s name is clearly marked on the items.

P&C NEWS

MEETING DATES

The Annual General Meeting of the Berrinba East State School will be held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 6pm in the hall. Supper will be served from 5.30pm and all members of our school community are encouraged to attend.

There are 17 positions to be filled and all people who are currently in these positions will step down. Ten of these positions MUST be filled to continue to run our successful P&C. Without your P&C, there is no Tuckshop, Uniform Shop or Fundraising for the school.

The saying “Many hands make light work” is very true of the P&C and new faces are always welcome, as are new and fresh ideas.

Membership in the P&C Committee is open to ALL! You don’t need to be experienced, just willing to help the students at Berrinba East. Membership is FREE!

ELECTION BBQ & CAKE STALL

Our first big fundraiser for the year will be our famous BBQ and cake stall during the upcoming council elections on Saturday 19th March! It will be all hands on deck to make the most of the opportunity!

P & C SHOP

Opening days are Tuesdays and Thursdays only between 8.15am and 8.30am. There is no EFTPOS available, strictly cash only!!

SCHOOL BANKING

ACCOUNT OPENING DAY – Monday 29th February from 2pm at the Tuckshop area. Please bring your ID and ID for any non-students. All children, including non-students, can participate in our school banking program. Every deposit earns a toke.

HEAD LICE

Head lice have been detected in the school. The parents of all students are encouraged to check your child’s head for head lice as soon as possible.

If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

Remember to keep checking your family member’s heads every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days. Your local pharmacist can provide advice regarding head lice treatment options and head lice combs. Because head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another, to reduce spread of lice, teachers will discourage students from activities which may involve head to head contact.

To reduce your child’s risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and discourage children from sharing their brushes and combs and having head to head contact with others.
Remember – anyone can get head lice – they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

SCHOOL CROSSING VACANCY

Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor @ Berrinba East State School

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at the school

* Up to 10 hours per fortnight.
* Remuneration $28.19 per hour

Please phone Sharon on 55851871 and leave a detailed message.

Forms available at the school office.

Closing date is Thursday 24th of March 2016

FOOD PARCELS

Loganlea Community Centre has $5 food parcels available every Tuesday from 9.00am - 12.00pm. The centre is at 28-32 Timms Street, Loganlea, not far from the train station. No prerequisite is required and you don't need a Centrelink card. This service is provided for individuals in need of a little help until next pay day. Food items vary from week to week.

TRIPLE P FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

Triple P Positive Parenting. Take the guess work out of parenting! Want to see more of the behaviour you like and less of the behaviour you don't like? Come along to a Triple P. Positive Parenting Program seminar.

There are three seminars available for parents of children up to 12 years old. You are invited to attend the FREE parenting seminars at: Caddies Community Care, 19-33 South Street, Jimboomba.

SEMINARS IN 2016

- The Power of Positive Parenting
  Monday 29th February, 6.15pm to 8pm
- Raising Confident, Competent Children
  Monday 7th March, 6.45pm to 8pm
- Raising Resilient Children
  Monday 14th March, 6.15pm to 8pm

To attend book your free place now at www.triplep-parenting.net

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club operates 5 mornings a week from 8.00am – 8.25am, and is open to all students. We are always on the lookout for volunteers, so if you are able to assist one morning a week, please leave your details at the office.

Yesterday morning we cooked up a special treat – wholemeal pikelets. These were extremely popular with the students. Maybe you could make some of these healthy snacks this weekend – they are great in the school lunchbox!!!

Wholemeal Pikelets
1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1 egg
¾ cup of milk

Mix all ingredients together to make a smooth batter. Cook large spoonful’s of this mixture in a non-stick pan, turning when bubbles appear. Serve with fresh berries or mashed banana.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If it doesn’t challenge you, it won’t change you.