FROM THE PRINCIPAL

RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

This term we are going to start transitioning towards delivering our newsletter online. The decision behind this is to be able to deliver information to you more efficiently without having to worry about the newsletter getting lost between home and school. To receive your newsletter electronically, please log onto - http://discussions.eq.edu.au/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=BESS-NEWSLETTER&A=1 and enter your details. The school will continue to print newsletters for the remainder of this term before relying solely on electronic distribution in Term 3.

RED DAYS

Under Education Queensland Policy, schools are only permitted to distribute sugary foods such as lollies and cakes to students twice a term. I am aware that recently this practice has been more frequent within the school. To ensure that our school complies with this policy, I would ask that parents refrain from sending lollies and cakes to school for distribution on special events such as birthdays.

ATTENDANCE

Our current school attendance is at 90.9% which is down from last week (91.0%) and the end of last term (92.2%). Our worst attended day last week was Monday with an 85.9% (62 students absent) attendance while our best attended day was Friday with a 95.6% (19 students absent) attendance.

At the moment our school assessment data indicates that a majority of our lowest performing students also have the lowest attendance. For the school to make a significant impact on your child’s learning, they must have an attendance rate of over 95%. An attendance rate lower than this significantly impacts your child’s learning and future opportunities.

NAPLAN

Last week our students in Years 3 and 5 completed the nationwide NAPLAN tests. As stated in last week’s newsletter, my big hope for these students was that they would ‘put their best foot forward’ and demonstrate our learner qualities of persistence and connection. From all reports, the students gave the test their ‘best shot’ and now we look forward to seeing the results in late July.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

In the last two weeks, I have noticed many students arriving late to school. While parents and students have the best intentions of starting on time, the morning rush can prove to be difficult to handle for some. With careful planning, getting out the door on time can be easier. Please see the following article for some tips on how to improve the success rate of being on time for school.

Getting out the door on time!
By Professor Matt Sanders- Triple P Positive Parenting

For many families, the morning rush hour is the most stressful part of the day. But with a good routine in place you can get yourself and the kids out the door on time. The key is to be organized. Set some ground rules and put a routine in place. It will be much easier if everyone knows what they need to do to help get ready. Make sure you leave yourself enough time to get ready in the morning. A good rule is to get you ready before the kids. You can prepare some things like lunches the night before to avoid the last-minute rush. Let your children know what the routine is ahead of time. Tell them exactly what they will need to do. Kids can help out by learning to do things for themselves like getting dressed and brushing their teeth. This gives them the chance to practice these skills and it teaches them how to be organized. Plus it saves you time! You may even like to try the “beat the clock” game. Your child's goal is to be ready before the alarm goes off. If they win they earn a small treat, such as a favourite snack in their lunch box.
Clearly tell them what they need to do to win and set a reasonable amount of time. Avoid repeating instructions or nagging them to hurry up. It often takes only two weeks before the game has worked and can be phased out.

Angela Everitt  
Deputy

**BEHAVIOUR NEWS**

**MOR Data**

I am very pleased to inform you we have saved learning time last week and fallen below our target with **34 MORS**. This is especially fantastic as last week we had four and a half classes sitting NAPLAN which can be a time when our resilience is tested. Well done Berrinba and now let’s further reduce our lost learning time by remaining focussed on our learning goals and regulating ourselves.

**BE RESPECTFUL: Show good manners, using appropriate language, volume and tone.**  
This week we are discussing how we interact with peers and adults at school, home and in the community. People communicate differently depending on the group in which they are interacting. For example a conversation with a teacher is more formal than with a friend. Although students may think swearing is okay it is essential that they are aware that this is not acceptable at school and therefore they need to be aware of this both within the classroom and the playground.

This rule also provides a great opportunity to address students who yell or speak rudely to the teacher when given an instruction they are not happy with. It is important to explain that this behaviour is not acceptable or a normal way in which we act within society. Students need to be aware that as teachers we acknowledge they may be upset however there are other ways to address situations. Please discuss with your child appropriate ways to respond to others in various situations.

Natasha Prince  
Behaviour Teacher

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 8th  
Public Holiday  
June 24th  
Artstravaganza  
June 26th  
Last Day of Term 2

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

We would like to advise families that the school photos arrived last Friday 15 May 2015 and have been distributed to the respective classes. If you have not received your pack, please check with the classroom teacher. Furthermore, if you have any discrepancies with the order, please contact Silver Rose Photography direct on (07) 3262 5788.

**P&C NEWS**

Our next general meeting will be 1pm Monday the 15th June 2015 Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month. All members of our school community are encouraged to attend. We are always looking for fresh faces with new ideas to join our P&C…are you that person? Membership is FREE!

Did you know WOOF! WOOF! guards our P & C mail box. All P&C money and notes can be mailed there. It is cleared daily. NO MONEY LEFT THERE OVER NIGHT

**FUNDRAISING**

School Calendars are available to keep up with important dates. Starring our very own Berrinba East students! $4 each from the Uniform Shop.

We are always on the lookout for sponsors to help support our school and P&C. If you or someone you know can help, please contact the President on 0432 478 257.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School banking is a great opportunity to start teaching children about budgeting and the value of
money. ALL children (including non-students) are welcome to be part of our School Banking Program. Our School Banking day is FRIDAY EVERY deposit earns a token. Even 5c! 10 tokens can be redeemed for a cool prize! Great NEW prizes for 2015!! “Mail” your bank deposit book at the Tuckshop by 9am EVERY Friday. Please allow 3 working days for money to be credited to accounts.

Information packs are available from the Uniform Shop. DON’T FORGET starting from week 3 when you make 5 deposits into your bank account you will go into the draw to win “A COOL PRIZE PACK”. It will be drawn in week 10 at parade. Don’t forget to start banking this Friday.

A big Congratulations to all the 41 banking students. What a great what to start off you financial future.

UNIFORM SHOP
CASH ONLY! Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.15am-8.30am. New stock has now arrived of shorts and skorts and polo shirts.

2ND HAND SALE
We still have many items remaining from our 2nd hand sale in the Uniform Shop. Jumpers and pants for $1, factory seconds hats $8, unneeded items from the tuckshop 20c-$7. Until sold out. Come grab a bargain!

TUCKSHOP
CASH ONLY! The tuckshop is open Wednesday to Friday. 1st break orders only and break orders are due by 8:30am we also have over the counter sales avail second break.

MULTI-CULTURAL DAY
Multi-cultural day to be held in August date to be advised. We now have interested people but are looking for many more to show our full cultural diversity of our school community. If you would like to be involved please make contact with P&C 0432 478 257. The organisation of Multi-cultural day is now under way.

MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA
Carolyn Mott, President from the P&C, was happily overwhelmed to see such a large turnout with many new faces. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves with lots of laughs. I would also like to Congratulate all our winners and hope you love your prizes.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
I would personally like to thank all the people who volunteered last week for the Mother’s day stall, Mother’s day afternoon tea and everyone who helped run the refreshment stand at cross country.

Also thankyou to all family and friends who have notified me on my photo in the Albert and Logan news.

ARTSTRAVAGANZA
Tickets for Artstravaganza are on Sale NOW! Tickets will only be available via pre-purchase only. You will not be able to purchase any on the night. Additionally you can follow the link to buy tickets online or find further details http://www.loganentertainmentcentre.com.au/whats-on/calendar-events/lec-events/artstravaganza-berrinba-east-state-school.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS
Week 5 is CHAPPY WEEK!!! On the Wednesday of week 5 (20 May) the Chaplains in this local area have organised a fundraising event.

If you come to McDonalds at Woodridge for dinner or a snack between 5.30 - 8 pm, 10% of the night’s profits will be donated to the Chaplaincy Services in our local schools including ours. We will have some fun activities happening during the night.

Mrs Hilton would love to see you all there for a fun night and to raise money to help fund what she does in our school.

FUN WAYS TO PRACTICE MATHS AT HOME

ADDITION WAR WITH A DECK OF CARDS
Deal the pack out evenly to each player using the number cards only. Each player puts down two cards. The player with the higher sum wins the battle. Keep playing until all the cards have been used. Player with the most cards at the end wins! To make it more challenging, use three cards! You can also play this game to practise subtraction and multiplication facts.
**SPECIAL BREAKFAST CLUB!!!**

Next Tuesday, 26th May, Tip Top is running a Special Promotional Breakfast Club to highlight some of the wonderful products they stock. They will be serving a selection of their bakery breakfast snacks, fruit breads, crumpets, muffins and pancakes. All students are encouraged to come along. **There will be some great giveaways for students as well.**

Parents are invited too and any new volunteers who sign up for, (and participate in), our Breakfast Program will go into the draw to win an iPod nano!!!

This is a special one-off event and our regular Breakfast Club program will continue on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

**INDIGENOUS NEWS**

This term I’ve had the opportunity to see students across Prep through to Year 6. I’ve reconnected with existing students and have met new students and witnessed some great work within the classroom!

I have been re-visited basic cultural discussions with students on recognising, acknowledging & showing respect for our First Nations peoples - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. I look forward to students sharing discussions with family members at home and bringing them to us here at school if they wish.

Progress is being made with our handprints of our ‘Friendship Tree’ with LOTS more handprints of our students needed. Just as we did last year, students are incorporating colours of both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag to depict the ‘leaves’ for our Friendship Tree. Once again, it's great to see and hear students having discussions about what each flag colour represents.

The Aboriginal flag is designed by activist & artist Harold Thomas who is a descendant of the Luritja people of Central Australia. BLACK represents the Aboriginal people; YELLOW represents the Sun, the giver of life and protector; and RED represents the red earth (red ochre) and the spiritual connection to the land.

The Torres Strait Islander flag was designed by the late Bernard Namok from Thursday Island. GREEN represents the land; BLUE represents the sea; WHITE represents peace and BLACK represents the Indigenous peoples. The dhari (head dress) represents the Torres Strait Islander people and the five pointed star represents the five major Island groups (the Northern division; the Eastern islands; Western division, Central division and the Southern division). The star also represents navigation as a seafaring culture of the Torres Strait.

Also, Dreamtime Club has seen many visitors come through our door during 2nd break on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays! ALL students are to feel welcome to share in a range of FUN activities in a culturally safe environment! :)

*Up and coming dates to remember on our cultural calendar this week -

**Thursday 21st May** is ‘World Day for Cultural Diversity’. This is an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony. ([www.learningplace.eq.edu.au](http://www.learningplace.eq.edu.au))

**Friday 22nd May** is ‘National Walk to School Day’. This is an annual, national event when all Primary school children will be encouraged to walk and commute safety to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. ([www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)) Hope to see more Families during the week to say hi!

**SCHOOL FEES**

Debtor Statements will be sent home this week listing any outstanding fees we have left on the system for your child. If you are having problems paying off your child’s fees, please ring the office to arrange a payment plan on 3489 6777.
Year 6 students please join us for a Transition Day at Marsden State High School
Friday 12th June 2015 9.00am—1.45pm
Students are to meet and be collected from the library—BYO Lunch

The day will showcase the superior opportunities we have to offer with:
- School Tours
- Performances from the Arts
- Interactive Activities and Information Sessions on:
  - Exceptional Learners Program (ELP)
  - Sports Excellence
  - Tech Excellence
  - Performing and Creative Arts
  - Food Design Technologies
  - Industrial Technology Design
  - Indigenous Education Program

Students and their Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend an Enrolment Information Session Tuesday 16th June 5.30pm—7.00pm
Sausage sizzle from 5.00pm

$50.00 discount available now for Early Bird Enrolment!

Sign up for Sport Excellence Trials & Exceptional Learners Entry Selection
Berrinba East State School

Under Eights Day

Thursday 21st May 2015
8:45am – 10.30am
Prep Area

“Voices for Children – Look, Listen, Hear and Respond”

Parents / Caregivers come and join in:

• Face painting
• Biscuit decorating
• Bubble wand making
• Sponge painting
• Disco room and more!
Now in its 19th Year, National Family Reading Month is designed to get more kids reading with their families.

We know that reading role models and shared reading time are critical to a child’s learning and literacy development. In fact, research shows that family reading time is one of the BEST ways to grow a child’s interest in the wonderful world of books. Kids who read, succeed!

Our school will be participating in the Scholastic Read More in May Challenge, where we encourage children to read for at least 10 minutes with their families, every day during May.

To participate, simply record the number of minutes spent reading each day in May on the Reading Log on the other side of this letter. At the end of the month work out and record the total number of minutes spent reading in May, and return to the Reading Log to your child’s class teacher. Your child will go in the draw to win some great prizes – your family could win $250 worth of book vouchers and our school could win $600 worth of books!

In addition, the child in each grade who has read the most number of minutes will win a free book, and all children who participate will also win a prize!

Visit www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm for competition details and some handy resources, including tips for family reading and fun activities.

We hope your household is filled with hours of delight as you experience the pleasures and benefits of reading every day during the month of May. Good luck and happy reading!

Lifesaving Literacy Team @ Berrinba

Get involved in the Read More in May Challenge!
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