FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Vision
Our school vision for 2015 is – **Expert staff** with an unrelenting focus on the **academic excellence** of students. This is achieved through a culture of **high expectations** and within a **supportive school environment**.

As mentioned previously, the school vision is built upon the four pillars of – Expert Staff, Academic Excellence, High Expectations and Supportive School Environment. This week I would like to explain the pillar of Expert Staff.

Having Expert Staff as a pillar of our school vision emphasises our belief that quality teachers and teaching is the key to great results. As such, the school vision guides our decision making towards the continual learning required to be a quality teacher. Expert staff at Berrinba are committed to demonstrating a ‘Growth Mindset’. A Growth Mindset is the belief that we are capable of continued improvement and the quest for perfection is never ending. This mindset allows teachers to improve, embrace new practice and be responsive to the needs of our students.

The staff at Berrinba East State School are the experts in our community when it comes to teaching and learning. All teachers have at least four years of university education behind them; however, we have a number of teachers with a Master’s degree behind them (myself included) which requires between six and eight years of university study. These teachers are committed to using their expertise to further your child’s learning and are more than willing to work with you on this journey.

Date Changes
Due to a range of factors, we have had to reschedule our School Cross Country to Wednesday 1 April. I would like to apologise in advance to any families this change has inconvenienced. If you were intending coming into the school this Friday, the Jolly Bops Science Show will be taking place with parents welcome to attend a special session. Please refer to your child’s note for more details.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

BEHAVIOUR NEWS

MOR Data
Last week we lost a substantial amount of learning time due to **62** Major Office Referrals (MORs). With only two weeks of school left until the Easter break we need students to really focus on the learning happening in their classrooms now. Last week we discussed the consequences for losing learning time due to inappropriate behaviour. Each student has learning goals and a set amount of time to achieve these. All students will need to complete work missed when they are out of the classroom due to behaviour and this will be done in their lunch breaks and/or homework. Each MOR eats into the learning time set to get the results students need. Regulating ourselves to stay in the learning zone for the entire day is so important.

**Rule Of The Week: BE RESPECTFUL: Give Respect, Get Respect.** This week we are asking students to be extra careful of how they are speaking to others and whether their behaviour is demonstrating respect. When addressing others, students need to use manners, have a positive tone to their voice, show positive body language and use kind words. The key message is that our words, facial expressions, body language, volume and tone sends messages when we are interacting with others. When speaking to your child at a time where they are not demonstrating respect towards you or others try modelling what they are doing so they can see how they are behaving from your perspective. Being socially aware of how we behave helps foster more positive interactions with our peers and family members.

Natasha Prince
Behaviour Advisory Teacher
UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 26\textsuperscript{th}: School Photos
- March 27\textsuperscript{th}: Jollybops Science Show
- April 1\textsuperscript{st}: Cross Country
- April 2\textsuperscript{nd}: Easter Bonnet Parade
- End Term 1

STAFF CAR PARK

The front of the office is not a drop off zone for parent and their students. Parents who continue to do this are putting the lives of our students in danger. A number of parents are not only parking here but are driving in at high speed.

STAFF CAR PARK

P&C NEWS

Our next general meeting for 2015 will be Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} April at 6pm in the Staff Room. PLEASE NOTE: meeting days have now changed to the 3\textsuperscript{rd} Monday of each month. Mark your calendars! 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.

EASTER GUESSING GAME!

Guess how many eggs in the jar? $1 for 1 guess! 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} prizes for closest guesses. See student council at front of Admin every morning 8-8.25am and at the Easter Bonnet Parade from 8.30am. Drawn Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April. Thank You to Kmart, Logan Central, for donating our delicious prizes!

UNIFORM SHOP

CASH ONLY! Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.15am-8.30am. Back of D Block. New stock has now arrived of shorts and skorts! Unfortunately due to previous supplier issues, polo shirts are not expected to arrive until the end of term 1. We will be having a 3 day uniform sale of second hand and factory second uniforms on the 24\textsuperscript{th}-26\textsuperscript{th} March 2015 from 8 to 9 am in front of the Uniform Shop. Come grab a bargain!

SENIOR SHIRTS

Orders have been placed. The excepted delivered date will approximately be the first or second week of Term 2.

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 0432478257.

We are currently searching for donations for our Mother’s Day raffle. All donations will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help in any way please see one of our friendly P & C Executives.

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.

CROSS COUNTRY

It’s nearly that time again for our Annual Fun Run Fundraiser! Forms have been sent home for students to collect sponsors from family, friends, workmates and neighbours! Please remember, students should have adult supervision at all times. We do not encourage students to go door-to-door. Every student who participates in the Cross Country Run will receive a reward! Every $5 raised gets a ticket in the draw for a chance to win 1 of 14 Prize Packs! Highest fundraising class (1 junior & 1 senior) wins a Class Party! All profits raised will go towards school PE programs & improvements.
TUCKSHOP
The tuckshop will be open every Thursday at second break only for the sales of:
Ice blocks ranging in price from 50c to $1.50
JJ’s $1.70
LOLS and Play water $2.50
Water $1.00
Unfortunately, Tuckshop is CLOSED until further notice.

POSITIONS VACANT
Applications are open for 2 positions: Tuckshop Convenor partially unpaid & Relieve Convenor partially unpaid. Applications packs are available from the office. They must be returned by March 31.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
We are currently looking at holding a Multi-Cultural day in August, date to be advised. We are looking for expressions of interest for persons who might like to represent their culture. If you would like to be involved in this or any other way, please provide written interest and post it in the P&C correspondence letter box.

PHOTO DAY
All P&C executives and members are invited to attend photo day on the 26th March 2015 to have their photo taken for our new and exciting badges. Times to be advised.

BOOKS FOR SALE
48 page plain ruled - 20c
48 page Yr 2 exercise book - 30c
48 page Yr 2 botany book (great for at home!) – 30c
48 page 10mm grid book – 30c
2x lead pencils - 20c
Eraser - 20c

FREE
We have 1 metal bookshelf – great for shed storage, or even organising your shoes!! 1 Desk approx 1.7m x 80cm. Great for doing homework on!!

Come have a look in the office if you’re interested in taking them home.

INDIGENOUS NEWS
Well Done to our deadly little performers at our Harmony Day parade last Friday! Despite only a couple of rehearsals in Dreamtime Club, these students really wanted to perform something special for families on the day! You should be so PROUD of yourselves just as I am of you all! GREAT JOB :)

Gratitude and respect to Aunty Robyn Williams who addressed our parade with ‘Welcome to Country’ and to Miss Cheyann who ran through a cultural dance with our students! Also a BIG thankyou to Lakita and her family for helping out with the wonderful Harmony Day decorations! We will proudly display these in Dreamtime Club! Also thank you to our little families that stayed back after parade. I look forward to many more get-togethers in future!

This week in Dreamtime Club we will start on our ‘Friendship Tree’ to proudly display in the Community Room!

Enjoy your week and I will see you around school.

Miss A
Indigenous Aide

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Don’t forget school photos are on this Thursday. If you did not receive an order envelope, there are spares available in the office and from the photographer on the day. PLEASE NOTE the order forms and money will need to be returned on the day of the photos to the photographers.

JOLLYBOPS SCIENCE SHOW
This Friday the Jollybops Science Show is coming back to Berrinba East State School to give a science presentation to all students from Prep to Year 6.

There will be a show addressed to:

There will be exciting, interactive and interesting science demonstrations. Students need to pay $6 to attend. Money needs to be sent to the office by Friday morning 8.30am. Parents who would love to engage in Science with his/her child are invited to the show at no cost at the same time as their child’s class.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Our school Breakfast Club runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and allows all students the opportunity to enjoy a free nutritious breakfast. Please ensure students arrive by 8.15am so they have time to eat before school begins.

Students are expected to behave in a responsible manner whilst at Breakfast Club. Please remind your children that the expectation is that they use their manners when asking for food items and remain seated while eating.

**HONEY FOR SALE**

Jars of local, natural honey (untreated and unheated) are now available from the office for $5 per jar.

**JARS NEEDED**

If you have any spare glass jars with metal lids (the kind that jam, stir fry sauces and pickled onions come in), could they please be given to the office.

All sizes are needed.

**LOST AND FOUND**

As the term is coming to a close we ask that all parents ensure they check the lost property bin for any items that may belong to their child. Please check by the end of week 9 or items will be given to charity.

Our Lost and Found trolley is located outside the admin courtyard. Please remember to clearly name all of your child’s belongings. This helps us reunite any ‘lost’ items with their owners!

**SCHOOL FEES**

Invoices have been sent home with this weeks newsletter for families that have not yet paid school fees. We would like to advise parents that school fees must be paid off by the end of the term. If you have any problems please see the office staff to arrange payment plans.
A reminder that fees can be paid in the office on Wednesdays 8:15 – 9:15am. We accept Cash, EFT and Debit/Credit Cards.

**UPDATE STUDENT INFORMATION**

If any changes to phone numbers, addresses or medical information for your students have happened please ensure you notify the office. It is of great importance that the school has a record of all information for your student/s. If you have moved houses or phones have been disconnected, numbers changed please see the ladies in the office.

**MEDICINE IN SCHOOL**

All parents/ caregivers must:
- Notify our school in writing of a health condition requiring medication at school.
- Request in writing if school staff are to administer medication or assist in the management of a health condition.
- Notify our school in writing of any requests and/or guidelines from medical practitioners including potential side effects or adverse reactions.
- Provide the medication in the original labelled container to the nominated staff member.
- Ensure the medication is not
out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time taken.
- Notify our school in writing when a change of dosage is required. This instruction must be accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner.
- Advise our school in writing and collect the medication when it is no longer required at school.
- All medication must be brought to the school by an adult and a form completed at the office.

**HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD READ?**

At Berrinba East State School, all students participate in structured Guided Reading lessons each day with their classroom teacher and teacher aides.

During these lessons, the students develop a range of skills, including reading strategies, which help them work out what to do when they are stuck on a word they don’t know.

To the right is a reading bookmark which you can use with your child while they read to you each day. It will help you to understand the language that the classroom teacher uses when a student is stuck on a work.

For example, if your child is stuck on a word, instead of telling them the word, you could encourage them to use a reading strategy. You may wish to try the strategy ‘Chunky Monkey’ first, and ask your child to look for ‘chunks’ in the word that they already know. This will encourage them to have a go at strategies while reading, instead of stopping and waiting to be told the word.

We want to encourage our children to be independent readers! Cut out this reading strategies bookmark and use it each time you read with your child. Happy Reading!