FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Christmas Concert
We are one week away from our annual Christmas Concert. Last year this was a wonderful event that saw our school community come together and celebrate the achievements of the school for the year. As the event will take place on our school oval, I would encourage families to bring along picnic rugs and fold out chairs so that they can find a space, be comfortable and enjoy the concert. Seating will not be provided by the school for this event.

2017 staffing
Next year we will be welcoming a number of new teachers to our school. We will be welcoming Ms Belinda Winchester (from Tiaro State School), Ms Leesa Gibbs (from Park Lake State School), Ms Rebecca Zigterman (From Boynewood State School), Ms Trinity Brown (from Walkerson State School) and Mr Peter Jansen (from Atherton State School). We will also be welcoming Ms Amarrah Castles who will be beginning her teaching career at our school; however, Ms Castles will be very familiar with our students having worked here as a Teacher Aide over the past few weeks. These teachers will bring with them a diverse range of experiences that I am certain will complement the wonderful school culture we have here at Berrinba East State School.

We will be also farewelling a number of long serving staff that have obtained a transfer for 2017. Mrs Stephanie Johnson, Mrs Tanya Farrar, Mrs Kerrie Frohlich, Mrs Kylie Foord and Mr Chris Frohlich will be leaving us at the end of the year to embark on the next stage of their teaching career. Many of these teachers have either spent all or a majority of their career thus far at Berrinba East State School and I would like to thank them all the years of dedication and service they have provided for our students. Mr Kevin Bell and Ms Elizabeth Mura also finish their contracts with us at Berrinba and I wish them well as they embark on the next stage of their teaching journey at their new schools.

Students will be finding out their 2017 classes and teacher at the beginning of our ‘Bump Up’ week in week 10. A majority of these students will spend Monday through to Friday with their 2017 class and teacher in their 2017 classroom.

Students who have teachers for 2017 who are transferring in will either have their teacher for a day or will make contact with them through video link.

Academic Awards
This Tuesday we will be celebrating the academic excellence achieved by a number of students. There is a misconception that students either ‘have it’ or they don’t when it comes to academic performance. While intelligence is a key factor, other factors such as ‘grit’ (the combination of perseverance, determination and effort), behaviour and attendance play a key role.

This year the average attendance rate of our award winners is 97% (well above the school’s attendance rate of 88.8%). Put simply, students perform well when they attend school regularly, behave and try their best.

I invite all community members to attend and I look forward to celebrating our students’ achievements with you.

White Ribbon Day
Today nationally people are encouraged to acknowledge white ribbon day, reflect on the impact of domestic violence in our community and take a strong stance against this type of anti-social behaviour. The message that the use of physical violence (even in retaliation) is not acceptable is a powerful one for our community and our students.

White Ribbon Day is the world’s largest movement of men and boys working together to end men’s violence against women and girls, to promote gender equality, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity. In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly declared 25th November as the
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women, with a white ribbon as its iconic symbol.

If you or someone you know are victims of domestic violence and require assistance, please contact Lifeline on 131114 to be put in touch with local support agencies.

Steve Kanowski  
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Attendance  
BESS attendance target 95%  
BESS Current attendance rate: 88.84%

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| 1  3/4/5KW                           | 95.15%  
| 2  2/3KF                             | 91.72%  
| 3  Prep SH                           | 90.99%  
| 4  Prep TH                           | 90.93%  
| 5  5EM                              | 90.92%  

2017 Prep Enrolments  
Prep enrolment interviews are being scheduled for Week 10, 5th – 9th December, by our office staff. If you have not handed in Prep enrolment forms to our office yet, drop them in as soon as possible, and make an interview time. If you have any questions regarding Prep enrolments please call or drop into the office.

2017 Year 7  
Both Kingston College and Woodridge SHS are holding Orientation Days on 30th November for our current Year 6 students who are going to high school next year. Please make sure you have received the information from your child. If your child is not yet enrolled for high school, contact your high school of preference straight away to get any necessary information.

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Students not attending either of these high schools are expected to attend school at Berrinba East SS on this day. If they are attending an Orientation Day at another high school on a different day, please inform the school so that we can mark their attendance correctly.

Not Before 8am  
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School Uniform  
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Kathryn Marshall  
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2017 Year 1-6 Enrolments  
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Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser
There are still currently money and unsold chocolates that have not been returned. If you are one of these families, please ensure you return these to the P&C Shop ASAP. This fundraiser cannot be finalised until all is accounted for.

Position Available
Applications for the Retail Convenor, commencing in 2017, have now closed.

Tuckshop
The Tuckshop is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00am onwards. Orders for 1st and 2nd break are due by 8:30am. Students also have the option to buy over the counter at 2nd break (1:10-1:40pm). Please remember that the tuckshop is cash only.

New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated; they are the ones who help continue to provide this service to students.

P&C Shop
The P&C Shop is now only open every Wednesday from 8:15 - 9:00am. Please remember that the P&C Shop is cash only, we do not have access to EFTPOS.

Additionally, parents can now use Direct Deposit as a method of payment, but we would like to remind families that they need to supply proof of purchase with this method by providing a copy of a bank receipt or receipt number on any order forms.

Get Set for 2017
Pre-ordered 2017 Book Packs will be available for collection from Tuesday 17th January 2017. Layby option is also available for uniforms.

School Banking
Every Friday is student banking day. Please mail your bank books in the P&C Mail box, at the Tuckshop, by 8:45am. Bank Books will be returned to your class. Please allow up to 3 business days for deposits to be credited into your account. Happy saving!

The last Banking for 2016 will be Friday, 2nd December. The Bush Fly Fan, one of our great prizes, is quickly running out so if this is on your wish list and you only have 9 tokens our Banking Convenor will be able to pre order one for you. Don’t forget to let her know by way of a quick note in with your banking. Remember all tokens from 2016 will be rolled over into 2017.

Christmas Stall
Christmas is only 5 weeks away! Our annual Christmas Stall will be open soon for parents and students wishing to purchase something for their teachers, siblings, parents and friends. Flyers will be sent home soon with more details.

Appropriate donations are always appreciated and can be brought to the P&C shop or Tuckshop during opening hours.

Christmas Raffle
P&C are looking for appropriate prize donations for our 2017 Christmas raffle. Prizes can be brought to the P&C shop or tuckshop during opening hours.

Businesses who donate prizes will be mentioned in the school newsletter and Facebook page to say thank you.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Please note that the last day for Breakfast Club this year is Monday, 5th December.

I would like to send my sincere gratitude to the volunteers and staff who run this wonderful program each morning, and the YMCA for their generous donation of food each week. I look forward to seeing you all again next year!
ACADEMIC AWARDS

On Tuesday November 29th, our school recognises those students who have achieved academic excellence in 2016. Students who have achieved above and beyond year level expectations in both semesters, will be acknowledged by the school community.

We would like to recognise the following students who have been nominated this year. Above and Beyond Academic Award Nominees for 2017 are:

Prep
Lily
Xavier
Toa
Feleni
Nelly
Keiliana
Revel
Bethel
Ruby
Ranee
Amelia
Ameliah
Ruby
Damon
Belinda
VJ
Zayne
William
James
Harlia
Kelly

Year 1
Jake
Wira-Hye
Tyson
Eliai
Obed
Harper
Augustine
Tulita
Margaret
Nina
Daniel
Denise
Marion
Cassie
Esi
Jett
Aubrey
Malaiua
Bailey
Nina

Year 2
Feeza
Elisa
Tasneem
Logan
Levi
Bevan
Blair
Tiarah-Leigh
Sokly

Year 3
Sandra
Jacob
Sioeli
Kirra
Jodi
Hayley
Emalee
Lourdes
Tyreese
Rachel
Tiana
Jennifer
Noura

*Students who have achieved in the Upper 2 Bands of NAPLAN will also be recognised

ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2017!!!

Berrinba East State School offers:
✓ Vibrant & Inclusive Learning Environment
✓ Innovative English & Mathematics Instruction
✓ Dynamic & Challenging Curriculum
✓ Individualised Learning Goals
✓ Devoted & Energetic Staff

If your child was born between 01 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 they are eligible to being Prep in January 2017.

Pre-Prep Transition Classes
• Monday, November 28th and visit Prep TH

These weekly sessions from 1:00pm - 2:15pm on Mondays allow pre-prep children (Prep 2017) to familiarise themselves with our school community and staff.

NOT RETURNING TO BESS?

If you are planning on not returning to Berrinba East State School next year, please ensure you give the office a call to let them know. Make sure to advise what school you intend your children to attend.

Additionally if you are taking an extended holiday and your children will be absent from school from the normal return date, please notify the office.
2016 ERC CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY

2016 ERC Christmas Family Fun Day
ERC is holding a Christmas Family Fun Day on December 19th and we would like to invite you come along for a day of fun activities and Christmas celebrations!

Family Day
This is a family event, so the whole family is invited. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver for the whole day. If you would like to come to the ERC Christmas Family Fun Day please contact your agency representative to register your interest. We will need a complete list of names before the event so we can make sure that Santa knows you are coming.

HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN COME?
ERC is aiming for about 50 people to attend the day and take part, as such if you would like to come please make sure you tell your agency so they can put your family on the list. We will accept people onto the list up until Monday December 12th, but the earlier you get in the better.

Location
This event will be held at Robelle Domain, Springfield. Car parks can be found off Ian Kellar Drive. We will be visible in the park from there. The Day will start at 9am and finish at 4pm.

Cost
There is no fee to attend this day. Please feel free to bring the whole family, friends are welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on 3621 9666 or 3621 9667.

YOU'RE INVITED TO EDMUND RICE CAMPS’

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

© Where: Robelle Domain,
Springfield Lakes
© When: Sunday, 18th December,
9am — 4pm
© Cost: FREE!

Come for the whole day of fun and activities or just drop in for our BBQ lunch! Our volunteers will have plenty of things to keep the children (and probably even the adults) busy. We have even managed to arrange a visit from Santa Claus!

To come and help us celebrate the start of the festive season, please contact your referring agency. We have a limit of 50 places for this event. We hope to see you all there! Merry Christmas!