FROM THE PRINCIPAL

High Expectations
A value that underpins the vision we have for Berrinba East State School is that of high expectations. We are very firm in our belief that students act, behave and perform the way we expect them to. As I have mentioned a number of times, our job as a school community is to expect the absolute best from our students and not limit them through low expectations. Already this year we have seen significant gains in student attendance and we have significantly reduced the rate of suspension. Additionally, the average reading levels of our students in Prep and Year 1 have improved by 1.8 and 3.5 levels respectively when compared to the 2014 cohort at the same point of the year. Berrinba East State School is certainly a school on the ‘way up’ and on our way to becoming a high performing school focussed on academic excellence.

School Uniform
Part of becoming a high performing school is looking like, sounding like and feeling like a high performing school. I would like to ask for the assistance of all parents to help in this area. Now that it is getting cold, we are seeing a wide range of jackets and jumpers being worn by our students. I am very keen to see either the school jumper or a navy blue equivalent to be worn by all students.

Office contact
Over the past few weeks our office staff have received some unusual requests from parents, particularly regarding the pick-up of their children. These requests have included requesting office staff to arrange a staff member to drive their child home, provide bus money for their child or to contact a range of family members and contacts to arrange pick up.

The office staff have been requested by me not to follow through with these requests, particularly those that occur on a regular basis. While we are more than happy to assist in ‘one off’ cases where there may be an emergency, it is my expectation that the drop off and pick up of students from school to be entirely a parents responsibility.

Student Achievements
- Our school choir was extremely successful in the recent Choral Fanfare held at Rochedale South State School last week. Our choir was awarded the silver medal for their performance with many comments being made that our school is making significant improvements in their performances. I would like to congratulate Mr Underwood and the choir on their efforts and results.
- Mrs Teese and the 3/4 class were awarded the ‘class of the week’ trophy last week for their significant improvement in their reading results. Our 3/4 students have embraced the notion of making the most of their learning time and are meeting the high expectations set by their teacher.

FROM THE DEPUTY

This week is celebrated as Reconciliation Week in Australia and the students of Berrinba East SS will have the opportunity to learn a bit about what this means to everybody. The following information provides an explanation of what the week means and the reason behind the choice of dates.

National Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week was first celebrated in 1996. National Reconciliation Week aims to give people across Australia the opportunity to focus on reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It is a time to 'reflect on achievements so far and on what must still be done to achieve reconciliation' (Reconciliation Australia). Each year, National Reconciliation Week has a different theme. The theme for 2015 is It's time to change it up!

National Reconciliation Week falls between 27th May and 3rd June – two significant dates in the relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and Mabo Day, the anniversary of the 1992 High Court judgment in the Mabo case.

Angela Everitt
Deputy
UPCOMING EVENTS

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INDIGENOUS NEWS

This week Berrinba East students are invited to take part in some fun yet significant activities which highlight an important week in the Indigenous calendar. National Sorry Day (Tuesday 26th May); National Reconciliation Week (May 26th May - June 3rd) & Eddie Mabo Day (Wednesday June 3rd) are events which have taken place in our time line of history to help pave the way to Recognition; Remembering & Reconciling for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

In light of this year's National Reconciliation Week (NRW) theme "It's Time to Change it Up!" we want to make our efforts for positive change visible in the school and celebrate our student's contributions in a proud and respectful way by incorporating the 'Sea of Hands' as a symbol of Reconciliation. Keep an eye out for our sea of hands!

I would like to encourage and invite our families to be involved and have your input in to our Indigenous program as awareness, recognition, remembering and reconciling TOGETHER is healing and uniting for ALL!

Ms A
Indigenous Aide

P&C NEWS

A special fundraising meeting has been called on Wednesday May 27th at 1pm in the P&C room.

Our next general meeting will be Monday June 15th 1pm 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.

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.

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.

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.

Uniform Shop
CASH ONLY! Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.15am-9am. 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.

Sick of waiting in line to write your order? Did you know we now sell our prepaid bags in lots of 20 for $2, to make your day as stress free as possible. Please see our lovely ladies at the tuckshop for more information.

We are always seeking volunteers to help in our tuckshop. If you are able to help please see our lovely tuckshop convenor.

Multi-cultural Day
Multi-cultural day is 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.

A Message from the President
Are you able to help out during the day while the kids are at school if so please see one our friendly P&C executives we always need more volunteers. I would personally like to thank all the people who volunteer.

ARTSTRAVAGANZA
Tickets for Artstravaganza are on Sale NOW! Tickets will only be available via pre-purchase. You will not be able to purchase any on the night.

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Please note that Online Payments have a processing fee of 1.8% to all purchases made by credit card/debit card.

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.

FUN WAYS TO PRACTICE MATHS AT HOME
At the store, ask students to compare prices of certain items and decide which is cheaper/more cost effective. E.g. is it cheaper for me to buy 2L of milk for $3.00 or two 1L bottles at $1.60 each? OR Home brand has a 1kg packet of pasta for $5 and Barilla has an 800g packet for $5 – which is the better deal?

SPECIAL BREAKFAST CLUB!!!
Today, Tip Top ran a Special Promotional Breakfast Club to highlight some of the wonderful products they stock. They served a selection of their bakery breakfast snacks, fruit breads, crumpets, muffins and pancakes. Student and their families that attended had fun and went home with some awesome yummy giveaways.

Berrinba East would like to extend a huge thank you to the amazing helpers from Tip Top who came to the school and donated their time to give our students a fresh, healthy and yummy breakfast.

A reminder that any new volunteers who sign up for, (and participate in), our Breakfast Program will go into the draw to win an iPod nano!!!! Please return your volunteer Registration Form to the office by Friday.

Our regular Breakfast Club program will continue on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.