FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT COMMUNICATION
Following on from feedback raised at the last P&C Meeting we have been exploring alternate strategies to get information to parents. The first strategy we have started this week is the presenting key elements of our newsletter in video clips on our school Facebook page. In less than 24 hours of this being posted, this clip had almost 200 views. This is a strong indication that this is a preferred method of communication and will complement the other information we present to the community via Facebook.

Another way to access our school newsletter is via the Q Schools App. This App can be downloaded from the either the Apple or Android App Stores. Once this app is downloaded, users are guided to choose a school. Once Berrinba East State School is chosen, parents can access the latest newsletter through this app. We are also going to start attempting to use the ‘push notification’ feature of this app to convey important messages.

We encourage the sharing of information about our school and value parents who actively seek current information. I would encourage all parents to access our school newsletter via these alternate methods in the event our paper newsletters do not find their way home.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS
I was fortunate enough to have one of those ‘this is why we teach’ moments this week when Prep MB shared some of their success in learning their sight words. One little girl in particular had been working extremely hard at school and at home to learn all of her ‘Gold’ words and the pride she had in sharing her achievement was priceless. All of our students feel immense pride when they achieve a learning goal that they or their teacher has set for them. I would encourage you to engage in a ‘what did you learn’ conversation with your child on a daily basis (and continue to persist when they say nothing!) so that you can also have one of the moments I experienced this week.

ON TIME ARRIVALS
Teachers invest heavily in the time and effort they go to in the first 30 minutes of the school day to set our students up for success. Missing the first 30 minutes of the day places your child at a disadvantage as they are unaware of any change of routine that may occur throughout the day.

Our school also invests heavily in running a daily Breakfast Club for our students. I would suggest that if you are running late in the morning, bypass the breakfast at home and feel free to take advantage of our school Breakfast Club. I look forward to seeing a significant reduction of the students arriving late of the coming week despite the change of season.

SCHOOL GROUNDS
Over the last few weeks you would have noticed some significant changes to the presentation of our gardens and school grounds. This is largely due to the initiative and efforts by our Groundsman Jamie Bloomfield. With this in mind, I would like parents to reinforce the school’s expectation of our students when walking through the grounds by addressing the following:

- Ensuring your child does not walk through any gardens.
- Ensuring you and your child do not drop litter on the ground.
- Encouraging your child to pick up any litter that they walk past.
- Discourage your child from jumping the fence.

Sometimes visitors judge a school by the small observations they make when moving around the school. By addressing these small issues, visitors to our school will always walk out of our school knowing that we are a great school.

Steve Kanowski
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY

ATTENDANCE

BESS ATTENDANCE TARGET
95%

BESS CURRENT ATTENDANCE
89.3%

The Attendance Gnome was awarded to 2/3KF at the Week 6 parade. The attendance rate for 2/3KF was 93.92%

The Top 5 Attendance classes in Week 6 were:
1. 2/3KF 93.92%
2. 345KW 93.88%
3. 1CM 93.65%
4. 6CF 92.48%
5. PREP TH 91.88%

Berrinba East SS students are looking forward to hearing all about the Attendance Gnome’s learning in 2/3KF over the fortnight.

As a school, we average 50 students missing school every day. Even missing one day of school means that students are missing vital learning. Each day of learning builds on the day before, so missing a day can make learning difficult the next day.

Our classes have been talking about what are acceptable and not acceptable reasons for missing school. Here is what students in 2AH have brainstormed:

Reasons to be absent: 2AH

Acceptable
if you are really sick

Not acceptable
• at Seaworld
• going to a park
• play with friends
• you slept in
• you are too tired

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Research shows that parental involvement and communication with schools has a positive impact on student achievement. At Berrinba East SS, we encourage our teachers and parents to talk on a regular basis. There are a number of ways we can communicate:

*Weekly newsletter
*Facebook page
*Beginning of term Class newsletters
*Emails
*Phone calls – teachers can’t take phone calls during teaching times, but a message can be left asking them to return your call
*Class DoJo messaging (a few trial classes)
*Seeing the teachers before/after school
*Arrange a meeting
*Send in a note/letter

If you have concerns, questions or would like an update on how your child’s learning is going, please make contact with your child’s teacher to talk about it.

Please make sure your contact details (phone/address/emergency contacts) are up-to-date.

Kathryn Marshall
Deputy
Hi Families!

**Thursday 26th May marked National Sorry Day. Friday 27th May – Friday 3rd June, 2016 marks National Reconciliation Week** on our Indigenous Australian calendar!!!

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

This year, 2016, is particularly momentous, with Reconciliation Australia celebrating a number of anniversaries – including 25 years of formal reconciliation in Australia with the establishment of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in 1991. It is also 15 years since Reconciliation Australia was formed and 10 years of success in its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program.

The theme for NRW 2016 is *Our History, Our Story, Our Future*.

‘**Our History**’ reminds us all that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. Historical acceptance will exist when all Australians understand and accept the fact that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, often having devastating immediate impacts and causing much of the disadvantage that exists today. It is also a commitment to ensuring these wrongs are never repeated in the future.

As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country. As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow. Reconciliation is at the heart of our nations’ future.

The Student’s Services Team and Dreamtime Club invite ALL Berrinba East students to participate in some deadly, fun-filled art/craft activities to help celebrate our reconciliation journey!

So be at school EVERY day so you don’t miss out! Remember – EVERY DAY COUNTS!!!

Ms A Indigenous Aide
P&C NEWS

GENERAL MEETING
The next P&C General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th June 2016 at 6.00pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

WOOF WOOF OUR GREAT GUARD DOG
Woof Woof, our great guard dog, is located near our Big Red Mail Box at the Tuck Shop. All P&C money, notes along with Book Club orders and of course Bank Books can be mailed there. This is open Wednesday’s, Thursday’s and Friday’s. Our mail box is cleared daily so no money or bank books are left there overnight.

P&C SHOP
Opening hours: Tuesday only from 8.00am to 9.00am again at 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Please remember that EFTPOS is not available, cash only.

With the weather starting to get a little cooler it would be a great idea to have a look at our BESS fleece Jacket for $26 with front zip side pockets and school logo.

TUCKSHOP
“GRAND OPENING”!!! Yes our Tuckshop is opening again. As of Wednesday 1st June the tuckshop will be open with a limited menu. The menu will be sent home with this newsletter and there will be copies in the Office, Tuckshop, and the P&C Shop in D block. Volunteers are very welcome, come along and speak with the new Convenor, Kym.

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking day is Friday. ‘Mail’ your deposit book into “Woof Woof” by 8.45am Friday. Please ensure you mail your books before the 8.45am deadline or they will be missed and not found until that afternoon. Your deposit will not be taken for that week. Books will be returned to your class. Please allow up to 3 business days for deposits to be credited into your account. Happy saving! Remember every deposit earns a token, even 5c! 10 tokens can be redeemed for a prize!

JUMPSTART
Due to limited registrations, we will suspend our JUMPSTART playgroup for the remainder of the term. Beginning in Term 3, we will initiate our TRANSITION Program to support the successful transition to school for pre-prep children. If you have a child or know of a child born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, this child is eligible to start PREP in 2017.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS
A HUGE Thank You to all of our school community who supported Chappy Week activities last week.

On Saturday the 14th May, the local chaplains held a fitness challenge day at Mable Park High School. 25 teams participated and seemed to enjoy the events and competition (even though I don’t know why they put themselves through it). Thanks to Lynn Biggs and Linda Bell for volunteering their help for this event.

On Wednesday the 18th May, lots of our families enjoyed a fun party night at McDonalds. Ten per cent of all the sales for that period will go to our local chaplaincy programs including ours. Thank you to all the families that attended and to Sandra Head who came to help.

Over the last two weeks each class has been collecting 5 cent coins for the 5 cent challenge. The winning class in the lower school is 1MF and in the upper school it is 3/4/5KW. Well done to both classes who have won a movie/popcorn party.

These funds go towards helping students in many ways. Thank you for your help.

Wendy Hilton
School Chaplain
This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2016 challenge is to reach a total of two million books read.

Students wishing to take part in this year’s challenge are asked to record the books they have read on the School Reader Record Form. This has been distributed to students this week. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. Please return the completed form to your classroom teacher no later than FRIDAY, 26th AUGUST.

For more information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit:

http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

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Invitation to Party!

Hi my name is Cassandra and I am an Independent Stampin’ Up! Demonstrator. To celebrate the launch of this year’s Catalogue, I am hosting a Launch Open Day!

If you are interested in making beautiful handmade cards and gifts for your friends and family then please come and join in on the fun.

You will be able to create some projects, see products and designs on display, meet the new In-Colours, pick up a copy of the catalogue, obtain special offers and much more!

If you like to craft, then this is for you!

Date: Saturday 4th June 2016
Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm
Cost $5.00

RSVP: 2nd June 2016 (Address provided on RSVP) createwithcass@hotmail.com or 0403 688446