FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What we want for our students

Last week I mentioned that at the beginning of the year the staff listed the reasons that they teach. I have had many parents make comment of this saying that they were impressed that our teachers are so devoted to the profession. Another activity the staff completed was identifying the attributes they wanted Berrinba students to develop and take with them into their adult life.

These attributes include –

Educated, Adaptable, Growth Mindset, Control over future, Resilient, Tolerant, Confident, Persistent, Opportunistic, Proud, Self-Aware, Strong values and morals, Aspirational, Driven, Realise Potential

On top of delivering the Australian Curriculum, our staff are committed to developing these attributes in your children. The purpose of this is to ensure that we achieve our school mission of every child succeeding.

Student Behaviour

At Berrinba East State School we are committed to ensuring we maximise learning time for all students. Unfortunately at times this objective is compromised by disruptive student behaviour. Often this behaviour looks like students leaving the room without permission, refusing to following instructions or deliberate attempts to disrupt others.

The staff at Berrinba East State School is committed to proactively dealing with, and ultimately reducing this type of behaviour. However, it is impossible for just one person to change the behaviour of a child. With this in mind I would encourage all families to work collaboratively with the class teachers and the support staff if they receive a phone call regarding a child’s behaviour.

This collaborative partnership may look like following up at home, attending a parent/teacher meeting or engaging with external services. While the thought of dealing with your child’s behaviour may be confronting, please be assured that this process is entered into with your child’s best interests at heart.

Attendance

We have recently collected and analysed our first set of reading data for this year. The most alarming fact was that a majority of students with an attendance rate in 2015 of less than 85% were at least 12 months behind year level expectations for Reading. This information emphasises one key fact – Poor Attendance = Poor Student Performance.

As an educator, it is disheartening that students are underperforming due to something that is easily preventable. I strongly encourage all families to ensure a high level of attendance for their children. This means no days of absence for birthdays, additional holidays or family visits. If you need support in improving your child’s attendance, please contact the school.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Parental involvement

Parent and caregivers involvement in school is an important part of student success. Research shows that parents who hold high expectations for their child’s education have the greatest positive effect. Research also shows that parental involvement in school boosts attendance.

How can you get involved to help your child succeed at school?

1. Talk to your child’s teacher
   - Call the school and make an appointment – 07 3489 6777
2. Send an email
3. Drop in and say hello, before or after school
4. Write a note
Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

- Bob Beauprez

Healthy Lunchboxes

An important part of getting through the school day successfully is having healthy food to keep us going. This week I have spoken with a number of students and one of the common reasons for ‘crankiness’ is hunger and one I can identify with! Who else gets angry when they are hungry?

han-gry
(han-gree) adj.

A state of anger caused by lack of food; hunger causing a negative change in emotional state.

What can we do about this?

BREAKFAST – Have a good breakfast before coming to school or remind your child to drop into Breakfast Club before 8:25am.

MUNCH & CRUNCH – Pack fruit for a mid-morning snack. Classes across the school are pausing for a fruit break in the morning session.

A HEALTHY LUNCH – We have fridges in each of the classrooms to ensure healthy lunches stay fresh.
CURRICULUM CORNER

Learning How Print Works
POP (Point out print) is a strategy that helps children gain knowledge about print during reading.

Print Awareness includes:
- Print contains a message
- Books are used in a specific way (read left to right, title, author)
- Print is read in a specific way (top to bottom, left to right)
- Print includes letters, spaces, words, punctuation marks
- Letters make words, words make sentences, and sentences tell a story.

(Taken from ABC & Beyond – Elaine Weitzman & Janice Greenberg)

The students in Prep and Year 1 have been learning how print works during Shared Reading and Guided Reading lessons. Their enthusiasm towards learning to read is outstanding!

Lauren Highman & Terra-Lee Peters Head of Curriculum Mathematics and English

LATE ARRIVALS

You are no longer required to get a late pass from the office if your student arrives to school before 9am. Go straight to class and your classroom teacher can amend the roll. If you do arrive after 9am please stop in at the office with your student to sign in and get a late note.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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The next general meeting of the Berrinba East State School P&C will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 6.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome!!

EASTER PIE DRIVE

Order forms have been sent home for delicious Homestyle Bakery Pies and sweets. Great for quick and easy dinners or for a treat in the holidays! Remember to ask family, friends, neighbours and work mates to help support our school raise vital funds for improvements and programs. Please return orders and money to the P&C Mail box by Monday 7th March. Orders will be available for collection between 2pm-3pm ONLY Thursday 17th March. YUM!!!!

BOOK CLUB

The first issue for the year has been handed out. Check out the exciting NEW ALL AGES catalogue! Please return orders and money to P&C Mail Box by Friday 11th March. PLUS, you can now ORDER ONLINE with the new Scholastic LOOP. Every order earns FREE books and resources for your school! Reading has never been more fun!

ELECTION BBQ & CAKE STALL

Not long now until our famous BBQ and cake stall during the upcoming council elections on Saturday 19th March! Donations of delicious home baked cakes would be appreciated for our cake stall. Please bring donations labelled with ingredients and ready for sale to the Tuckshop or P&C Shop ONLY on Friday 18th March. Trays and packaging items are available if needed from the P&C Shop. It will be all hands on deck to make the most of the opportunity! Please add your name and availability to the roster in the P&C Shop, registering your interest to help by filling out the form at the back of the newsletter or return the form below to the P&C Mail box.
P&C SHOP
Open Tuesday & Thursday from 8.15am - 8.30am. No EFTPOS – cash only.

TUCKSHOP
Volunteers are always needed in the tuckshop which is open from Wednesday to Friday.

SCHOOL BANKING
Thank you to all the new families who joined us at our account opening day. Eighteen new accounts were opened which means $90 was raised for our school thanks to the Commonwealth Bank! All children, including non-students, can participate in our school banking program.
Banking day is Friday. ‘Mail’ your deposit book into ‘Woof Woof’ by 8.45am Friday. Books will be returned to your class teacher. Please allow up to 3 business days for deposits to be credited into your account. Happy saving!

CHAPLAINCY NEWS
Last week I said that I would try to enlighten you as to what a chaplain does in the school and how I can help YOUR family.

It's always been tough being a kid... Today it's even tougher. Our kids and their families are facing more serious issues than ever before, and that is where the school chaplain comes in.

Chaplains in state schools provide spiritual and emotional support to school communities. They are in the prevention and rescue business - helping students and families find a better way to deal with issues. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in school communities.

Next week I will be more specific about what I do at Berrinba East State School. You might need some of my help or see a way that you can help our wonderful school through the Chaplaincy Program.

If you don't know me just ask around. I have been working in the school for the last 23 years and so someone should be able to point me out. I am located in E block on every 2nd Monday and each Wednesday and Friday. So come and see me anytime or make an appointment by ringing the school office on 34896777.

Wendy Hilton
School Chaplain

LIFE EDUCATION
Students are getting excited that Harold the Giraffe will be at our school on Tuesday 8th of March and Wednesday 16th March. All permission slips and payment of $5 per child should have been paid by today, Friday 4th of March. No late payments will be accepted.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
We are looking to gather old (good condition) uniforms for our school, to pass on to families / children who are new to the area and in need of uniform clothing. If you have any items you wish to donate, please see our wonderful staff in the school office.

SCHOOL WATCH
We need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our school. No-one can access the school grounds after hours without written permission from the Principal. If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene.

Call the School Watch number - 131 788.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Clean Up Australia Day is on this Sunday! This is a great opportunity for individuals to make a difference in their community by helping to clean up their local environment. There are numerous sites in our local area that are registered for this event and are looking for extra volunteers, including Karawath Forest, Meakin Park and
Berrinba Wetlands. Further information can be found at www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au

**PCYC CAR SHOW**

Logan PCYC is holding its annual Car Show this Sunday 6th March from 9.00am – 2.00pm, and it promises to be a great family day out. In addition to the great display of cars, bikes and hot-rods, there will be rides, raffles, bands, food and drink, entertainment and a variety of stalls. Even the Triple M Street Team will be there. General admission is $5. Visit the Logan City PCYC Facebook page for more information.

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**SCHOOL CROSSING VACANCY**

**Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor @ Berrinba East State School**

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at the school

* Up to 10 hours per fortnight.
* Remuneration $28.19 per hour

Please phone Sharon on 55851871 and leave a detailed message.

Forms are available at the school office.

Closing date is Thursday 24th of March 2016

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**CAN YOU HELP ON ELECTION DAY?**

Name: ____________________________

Contact number: ______________________

I would love to help with the Election BBQ & Cake Stall. I am available to help with:

Shopping on or before Thursday 17 March.
Preferred times: ______________________

Preparing on Friday 18 March
( approx. 1.30pm-2.00pm) YES/NO

Setting up on Saturday 19 March
( approx. 6.30am-8.30am) YES/NO

Cooking/Serving/Selling on Saturday 19 March
1 hour timeslots available from 7.30am-3.00pm:
Preferred time/s: ______________________

Cleaning/Packing Up on Saturday 19 March
( approx. 2.00pm-4pm) YES/NO

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal; you do not change your decision to get there.

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**Thursday, March 10**

Students must hand in their own envelope ON PHOTO DAY!