FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On time arrival
There are a large number of students that are arriving at school well after our school starting time at 8:30am. In some classes, only half the class is present when the class lines up at the start of the school day. Turning up to class late is very similar to starting to watch a movie that has already been playing for half an hour in that you spend a large amount of time trying to figure what is going on. It is very common for students arriving late to become unregulated and have issues throughout the day. It is crucial that all students are sitting in front of their teachers by 8:30am. I would plead with all parents to ensure they meet this obligation.

Outside School Hours Care
The tender process for service providers has begun for an Outside School Hours Care facility to be based at Berrinba East State School. While there is still some work to be done, it is anticipated that this service will commence at our school prior to the end of the year. I would like to thank everyone for their support and feedback with this process.

School Expectations – The Firm Five
On Tuesday morning I called a special parade which was attended by all students and staff. The purpose of this parade was to emphasise the high expectations we have of student behaviour. Of particular concern was the growing trend of students not being in the right place during learning time. This included students being out of class or in out of bound areas. From Tuesday all staff have adopted a ‘zero tolerance’ of students being out of class without a valid reason and from this the ‘Firm 5’ were developed. These rules all centre on practices that will ensure that all students are in the right place during learning time. The ‘Firm 5’ are –

- Leaving the Classroom
Students must only leave the classroom with permission from the teacher.

- Office and First Aid
Students requiring first aid must also have a first aid pass completed by a staff member.

- Water Bottles
Students will bring a water bottle to school to be able to drink during class time. Students will not be allowed to leave the class during learning time for a drink.

- Hats
Bucket hats are to be worn in the playground (NO CAPS). Hats are to be kept in school bags and are not to be worn inside.

- Classrooms
Classrooms will be locked at break times and if classes are out of the room. Students are not to go into classrooms without an adult.

I would appreciate if all parents can reinforce the expectation of students remaining in class during learning time and work collaboratively with the school if they receive a phone call from staff informing them that their child has not met this expectation.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY

Attendance
BESS Attendance Target: 95%
BESS Current Attendance: 88%

Week 4 Top 5 Classes
1. 3/4/5KW 94.06%
2. Prep TH 93.01%
3. 6CF 91.68%
4. 23KF 91.56%
5. 1CM 91.44%

Congratulations 3/4/5KW! I know each day 345KW monitors their class attendance, in an effort to reach that 95% target. Many of our other classes are working together to meet individual attendance goals and class goals. Ask your child what their class is doing to celebrate high attendance.

Unexplained absences
Currently nearly half of student absences are unexplained. Each day, parents of students who are absent without explanation will receive a text message. Thank you to those parents, who then either call or text back a reason for their child’s absence.

Water bottles
As part of our work, to minimise disruptions to learning time, we are encouraging students to bring water bottles to school. These can be refilled during the day and kept in the fridges when the
weather gets hotter. Please name all water bottles clearly, with the student’s name and their class.

**Uniforms**
We currently have many students who are not wearing school uniform. The uniform shop is open on Thursday and Friday morning 8:00 - 9:00am if you need to purchase anything.

If you are looking to sell second hand uniforms, please drop into the uniform shop to organise this.

**Volunteering**
We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with our Magic Words practise in Year 1. If you are available Tuesday or Wednesday 11:15 - 1:00pm please drop into the office and leave your name and contact details for me.

*Kathryn Marshall*  
*Deputy*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Don’t forget next Monday, 8th August is a Public Holiday in Logan for the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka). The school will be closed on this day.

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**LATE ARRIVAL SIGN IN**

As many families are aware, schools all across Queensland are tightening up on processes around absenteeism. A program Berrinba has already implemented is our S.O.B.S program which sends a text message out to a nominated parent of students who have been marked absent with no explanation.

From Tuesday August 9th any student who arrives to school after 9:00am will now need to be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian in our Late Arrival sign-in book. This process is now mirroring our current Early Departure process.

We would like to thank parents for their cooperation in supporting this new process and hope that you understand the importance of this matter.

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**P&C NEWS**

**General Meeting**
The next P&C General Meeting will be Wednesday 17th August 2016 at 6:30pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**P&C Shop**
Opening hours: Thursday and Friday 8:00am to 9:00am. Please remember CASH ONLY!

**Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser**
A number of money and unsold chocolates have not yet been returned. If you are one of these families please ensure you return them to the P&C shop immediately.

**Tuckshop**
Tuckshop is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am onwards. Orders for 1st and 2nd break are due by 8:30am. Counter Sales are available at 2nd break from 1:10 - 1:30pm only.

We would like to thank parents and students for their patience and understanding while our volunteers work hard to continue to provide this service the student. New volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Please advise the P&C if you are able to assist.

**School Banking**
Every Friday is Banking Day. Please mail your bank books into the P&C Mail Box by 8:45am every Friday. Books will then be returned to your class. Allow up to 3 business days for the deposits to be credited to you accounts.

**B.E.S.S. Multicultural Festival**
Friday 2nd September 3:00pm - 8:00pm. Join our event on Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest information.
Poster Competition
Congratulations to the following students for their creativity and effort in our poster competition:
- Gloria 6KB
- Sofia 4AS
- Azhar 1CM
- And the anonymous artist who created the colourful flip out design.

Free Dress Day
To make this year’s festival as successful as possible, we are trying something new and will be asking for donations to assist. These collection items will help with stalls and the overall running of the festival.

When: Wednesday 10th August
Bring an item from the list or a gold coin donation. Donations will be collected from the classrooms in the morning. Please remember to wear appropriate clothing and closed in footwear. Clothing must be sun-smart. No offensive or inappropriate clothing is allowed.

List of items needed: Please only bring NEW & UNOPENED items. Donating inappropriate items leads to more work for our already stretched volunteers. Use by dates MUST be AFTER November 2016.

DISPOSABLES: packs of serviettes, teaspoons, straws, hot drink cups & lids, paper towel
SAUCE: tomato, barbeque (new, unopened, use by date after November 2016)
DRINKS: poppa/poptops 6pk - any variety (new, unopened, use by date after November 2016)
GAME PRIZES: girls & boys small toys, party favours, stickers, balloons (new, unopened)
GROCERY HAMPER RAFFLE PRIZE: non-perishable food items (same rules as above)

Community Update
The next Festival organisation meeting will be Tuesday 9th August at 1.15pm in the P&C Room. Everyone is welcome! Come along for information, to offer help or to find out about being involved.

Help Needed
P&C are looking for someone to help get some banners made up to advertise the festival in the local area. If you or someone you know can help, please contact P&C.

We invite everyone to help promote our festival online & in the community. Volunteers are also needed to visit local businesses and organisations to secure sponsorship funds and donations!

Sponsorship and Donations
A value packed Sponsorship Package is available. Please visit the website for details. Appropriate donations for raffle prizes are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the P&C Shop.

Get involved
Ethnic and community organisations are invited to share their culture by providing entertainment, or by being a stallholder at the event. Please visit the website for details.

Contact P&C on 0432 478 257 or email pandc@berreastss.eq.edu.au
Festival Website: www.berrinbaeastssmulticulturalfestival.com.au

WOOL NEEDED
If you have any balls of wool you no longer need, (even partly used ones), we would love to have them at our school for our craft boxes. All colours and types are welcome! Please bring donations to the office.

SPORT NEWS
Junior Sports Day
The ‘Berrinba Olympics’ for Prep through to Year 3 is on Tuesday 9th August. The aim of the carnival is for full participation and to experience a variety of fun tabloid activities that develop skill, resilience and fitness. There will be no points allocated for any events – it is about the students having FUN.

The students would love you to come along and support them, so save the date. Don’t forget your hat, sunscreen and water bottle!

Event times
8:30 -10:30 Prep and Year Three
11:10 -1:10 Year One and Year Two

Michelle Bradford
HPE Specialist Teacher
WELL DONE PREPSH

PrepSH students have been learning about rhyme with their teacher, Miss Hansen. Each student then wrote their own rhyming sentence, and drew a picture about it too. Their wonderful creations are on display in the office foyer, so be sure to come and have a look at their fabulous work.

PREP 2017 ENROLMENTS

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

ENROLMENT OPEN EVENINGS for 2017
Wednesday, 17th August 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 7th September 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Pre-Prep Transition Classes – REGISTER NOW!!!!
Monday August 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th & September 5th.

Transition classes support a seamless transition to school and will begin in week 4 on Monday August 1st from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. Parents and children will engage in a variety of pre-prep activities to support early literacy and numeracy. These weekly sessions allow pre-prep children (Prep 2017) to familiarise themselves with our school community and staff. Registration is required by expressing your interest at the school office 3489 6777.

CREATING FUTURES

Communication is a key to success at school and for Speech Pathology week (August 7th – 13th), we are highlighting the importance of communication in creating futures for our children. If we think about the classroom it is a buzz of words, explanations, questions, reading and writing. The ability to use language for thinking and learning is important for school success and creating students futures.

Children learn to speak by talking with other people. The more children practice talking, the more they will learn. As parents you begin the teaching language from the very first day often with “mum mum mum” or “dad dad dad”. It is important to continue modelling and teaching language by talking with your child. Conversations are an easy way to boost your child’s language and learning. When you have a conversation with your child, you help them to learn new words and different ways of talking about their ideas and opinions. Conversations can take place anytime, anywhere: while playing together, sharing a book, watching TV together, in the park, at the shops or over dinner. Having conversations with your child will help their language grow in readiness for learning to read and write.

Making time for conversation gives your child more opportunities to learn about the world around them. When talking with your child make comments and ask questions about what they are interested in. Take the time to listen to what they say and respond to them and their ideas.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

The Book Character Parade will be held on Thursday the 25th of August 11:15 am in the Hall. Students can come dressed as their favourite character from a book. There will be lots of great prizes for the best costumes including the best dressed TEACHER and PARENT. Start getting your costumes organised now!
Grandparent’s Day

Date: Thursday, 25th August

Time: 9am-12pm

Where: School Hall

Please join us for book week. There will be fun activities and time to share with your grandchildren, finishing off with the book week parade. Morning tea will be provided for grandparents.

R.S.V.P. to Wendy Hilton at whilt6@eq.edu.au or to the school office