FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ATTENDANCE
My thanks to the families that sent their children to school despite the weather last week. There has been a significant ‘shift’ in the thinking of our families on days like last week with an obvious effort to get students to school. While it is not where we would like it to be yet, the attendance on Friday was 84%, this is up from a 62% attendance rate on a wet Friday from 2014.

Currently our attendance rate for the year so far is 91.1%. This is down from 92.2% at the end of Term 1. Again I would like to emphasise our school’s guarantee of ensuring academic improvement/excellence for students whose parents guarantee a 95% or higher attendance rate.

NAPLAN
Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the National Tests for Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. While these tests form only part of the assessment schedule, it is important to ensure students are positioned to do as well as they possibly can on these tests. A few things we will be relying on parents to contribute to ensure this include –
- Ensuring your child is well rested and has had enough sleep before the tests.
- Ensuring your child is well fed prior to coming to school (breakfast WILL NOT be provided to students outside the days Breakie Club is open).
- Ensuring your child arrives at school on time (prior to 8.25am).
- Encouraging your child to persist and do their best on the test.

Our internal school data suggests that our students are positioned well to achieve highly on these tests. It is anticipated that the NAPLAN tests will be further evidence of our unrelenting focus on academic excellence.

PARKING
Again I would like to remind families that the car park next to the church on Bardon Rd is private property and as such, people should not be parking there unless they have prior approval from the church. I understand that parking at the school can be a challenge at times; however, I would expect that rights of the local property owners would be respected.

FROM THE DEPUTY

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
- Our Prep classes are starting to transition their reading skills over to writing. It was encouraging to see some great examples of Prep writing last week. Our Preps are achieving things well in advance to where it is thought they should be and this is due to the high expectations set by their teachers and the school.
- 2 GREEN were the winners of the Class of the Week trophy last week. They were awarded this trophy due to the significant improvement made in the overall behaviour of the class resulting in no major office referrals for the week. As this class has had significant change over of teachers over the last few weeks, it was wonderful to see the students demonstrating the high expectations of behaviour in our school to their new teachers.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

As the new Deputy Principal of Berrinba East State School I would like to thank the students, their families and the staff for the wonderful welcome I have received. Looking around the school I can't help but think about how lucky the students and staff are to work in such beautifully presented and well-appointed classrooms with so many facilities to enjoy.

Most recently I have been working as the Deputy Principal of the only state primary school in Charleville, a community of 3000 people approximately nine hours’ drive West. After spending six years working there, the move to Berrinba East is a welcome and exciting challenge for me.

I look forward to working with the Berrinba East school community and plan on contributing all I have to the improvement of student outcomes across the school.

Angela Everitt
Deputy
I am pleased to inform you that students have returned to school with a renewed focus on saving learning time and remaining in the classroom on task. We have had a second week of reaching our goal with 30 MORS last week. There was an especially great vibe on Tuesday at our parade as we celebrated another Green Day. The focus was on taking risks and telling yourself “it’s okay to make mistakes”. Parents and family members participated in a ‘Minute To Win It’ style task with varying success. It saw them having to regulate, persist and inquire as to the best way to throw the water bottle to land successfully on the table. Thanks so much to everyone who participated. We will post some photos up on our Facebook page from our Green Day.

**Rule Of The Week: BE RESPECTFUL: Get Along and Be Tolerant Of Others.** This week we are asking students to take care of how they are interacting with their peers and show tolerance when working with different people. Showing respect to other students includes:

- Speaking in a nice tone
- Listening to others’ viewpoint
- Showing positive body language and facial expressions
- Using the ‘High Five’ strategy when faced with a difficult situation
- Understanding we are all different and learn in different ways
- Being the bigger person and walking away from certain situations

*Natasha Prince*
**Behaviour Teacher**

---

**JUMP START**

Just a reminder to register your interest in our JUMPSTART playgroup and parent sessions beginning Friday, May 8th 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Participate in guided play with your child, meet other families from BESS and engage in a variety of workshops to support early literacy, numeracy and child development.

It’s a great way to connect with the community and school staff! Don’t forget to bring a friend too! All children attending receive a FREE JUMPSTART bucket hat!

For more information, contact Terra-Lee Peters, Head of Curriculum Berrinba East State School 3489 6777.

---

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 8th Cross Country
- May 8th Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea
- June 8th Public Holiday
- June 24th Artstavaganza

---

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

We would like to advise families that the school photos are still being edited at present time and can be expected to arrive on Friday 16th May. We will distribute to students early in the following week.

---

**P&C NEWS**

Our next general meeting for 2015 will be Monday 18th May 2015 at 6pm. Meeting are held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Mark your calendars! 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…are you that person? Membership is FREE!

Did you know WOOF! WOOF! Guards our P&C mailbox. All P&C money can be mailed there. It is cleared daily. NO MONEY LEFT THERE OVER NIGHT
FUNDRAISING
School Calendars are available to keep up with important dates. Starring our very own Berrinba East students! $5 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.

UNIFORM SHOP
CASH ONLY! Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.15am-8.30am. Back of D Block. 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 to $7. Until sold out. Come grab a bargain!

Senior shirts have arrived and have been sent home. If you have not received your senior shirts please check with your child’s teacher.

TUCKSHOP
Exciting news! The tuckshop will be opened for business from Wednesday 6th May. Please pop in and say hello to our new tuckshop conveyor Leann. Menus have been sent home and are also available from the uniform shop.

MULTI-CULTURAL DAY
Multi-cultural day 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 mobile 0432 478 257. The organisation of Multi-cultural day is now under way.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Tickets are NOW AVAILABLE from Uniform Shop. Grab a book to sell to family, friends, work colleagues, neighbours! Thank you to some of the generous locals our prize pool has grown. We now have over 11 prizes to be won.

1st prize – 3 Month Fernwood Fitness membership PLUS new member bonus extras! (value $409)
2nd prize – Avon Skin Care pack (valued @ over $130)
3rd prize – Logan Rec Club voucher (value $50)
4th prize – LeReve skincare crème (value $67.95)
5th prize – Russell Hobbs Salt & Pepper Mills (value $49.95)
6th prize – Homemaker Health Grill (value $29)
7th prize – Candle holder, votives and tea lights
8th & 9th prize – Tupperware baking sets
10th prize – mixing bowl
11th prize – Homemaker Café glasses & Serving bowls sets (value $15)

Thank you to Fernwood Fitness, BP for their generous support and to Logan Rec Club for their generous and ongoing support.

TICKETS $1 EACH
DRAWN 8 MAY 2015 at our Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea. Please return sold/unsold tickets & money to the P&C mail box (woof woof) by 9am Friday 8 May.

MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA
An invitation is extended to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and Carers of our school community to attend.
WHEN: 1pm Friday 8 May 2015
WHERE: Berrinba East Admin Courtyard
COST: Gold coin donation

Come along and enjoy a cuppa, some yummy afternoon tea and a chat. PLUS a gift for all who attend! Thanks to Fernwood Fitness Browns Plains. Please rsvp for catering purposes by Wednesday the 6th May 2015. Hope to see you there!

Who LOVES Tupperware? Why not come along to the Mother’s Day afternoon tea. It will be greatly reduced and a percentage of all sales will be going to the P&C so why not pop in and get mum an extra special gift.
I, _______________________________________, will be attending the Mother’s Day afternoon tea.

Number of people attending__________________

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Volunteers needed: if you can help please fill out the volunteer form located at the tuckshop. Mother’s Day is this Sunday 10th May. Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Carers…There’s something for everyone at our annual Mother’s Day stall. Gifts from 50c-$10.

WHEN: Wednesday 6 May 8-9am, Thursday 7 May 8-9am & 2-3pm, Friday 8 May 8-9am

Any appropriate donations for stall gifts will be greatly appreciated.

CROSS COUNTRY
The P&C will be running a refreshment stand on the day so please come and support our school.

BOOK CLUB
Please post all orders in WOOF! WOOF! at the tuckshop by the 8th of May.

CLOTHING DONATIONS
Can you please help?

As winter is coming, we are in urgent need of shorts, shirts and jumpers. If you have any clothing that your children have grown out of that you could donate to the school for children who have got wet or had an accident, could you please leave them in the school office.

If your child has been given a change of clothes by the school could you please return clean clothing to the office.

ARTSTRAVAGANZA
Footsteps dance sessions are well and truly up and running and the teachers and students are in the early stages of preparation for our annual Artstravaganza. This year tickets will only be available via pre purchasing so make sure you get in early - they will not be available at the door on performance evening. Tickets will go on sale soon. Prices to be advised.

CROSS COUNTRY
Cross Country date has been set for 8th May. Students will make their way to the oval at 8.45 and return to class after they finish their events. All family members are welcome to attend and cheer their children on.

BOOK FAIR
Book Fair starts Wednesday 6th May and runs until Monday 11th May from 8.00-8.25am, 2.35-3.00pm. Please note: Book Fair will not be open in the morning session Monday 11th but will be open 2nd break in lieu.

Eftpos will be available.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS
Week 5 is CHAPPY WEEK!!!
On the Wednesday of week 5 (20 May) the Chaplains in this local area have organised a fundraising event.

If you come to McDonalds at Woodridge for dinner or a snack between 5.30 - 8 pm, 10% of the nights profits will be donated to the Chaplaincy Services in our local schools including ours. We will have some fun activities happening during the night.

Mrs Hilton would love to see you all there for a fun night and to raise money to help fund what she does in our school.

READ TO WIN
Join in the Book Week celebrations and share your favourite book with your friends. To help celebrate Book Week we are holding a book review contest where there will be awesome prizes awarded for the best reviews in P – 2 and 3-6. All you need to do is cut out and complete the book review form below, you can use words or pictures to tell us about your favourite book. Entries need to be put in the box at the library by Friday 8th May. The winners will be drawn on parade on the 12th of May. You can enter as many times as you like. Happy reading!
Book Review

Book review by: _______________________
Title: ________________________________
Author: ______________________________
Non-Fiction ☐  Fiction ☐

What is the book about?

Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

Rating: ★★★★★

Book Illustration

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interests

Name: _______________________ Class: _______________

---

Want to try basketball? Join the Cavs
Ages 4-19

The Cavs is a founding club of Logan Basketball and was established in 1998.

All enquiries contact
Sandra (Registrar) 0438 585 969
or email: pato59.sp@gmail.com