FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Multicultural Fair
Thank you to everyone who came to support our school by attending the annual Multicultural Fair run by the P&C. It was a wonderful night of showcasing the skills and abilities of our students and celebrating the diversity within our community.

On the night I was particularly proud that I was able to show visitors to our school our amazing school culture in action. This was particularly evident at the end of the night with approximately 50 people staying behind to pack away furniture and equipment as well as tidy the grounds. The demonstration of unity and pride in our school is something certainly unique to Berrinba East SS.

I would again like to acknowledge the work of our P&C led by our fundraising co-ordinator Sarah Hyndman for their commitment and effort in making this event happen. I would also like to thank the State Member for Woodridge, Mr Cameron Dick for devoting so much time to MC the event.

Academic Excellence
This time of year our students are being assessed by their teachers to measure progress over the term. Typically, Term Three is a time we normally see students in the lower school ‘take off’ with their Reading and our students have certainly lived up to this expectation. There have been reported improvements of up to 8 reading levels for some students. I would encourage you to have a conversation with your child about their reading goal, their reading success and the strategies they are learning to improve their reading.

Outside School Hours Care
Currently we are engaged in a process to source an Outside School Hours Care service to be based at our school in 2017. We have interest from a wide range of providers and we are currently finalising the tender process.

Student Uniform Policy
At the moment there is a trend among our female students to arrive at school with their hair (or parts of) dyed bright colours. Recently we had a student who regretted her choice of hair colour, felt self-conscience during class time and as a result was unable to engage in any learning. I would appreciate if hair styles like this were kept as a ‘holiday option’ in the future.

Breakfast Club
Today we were fortunate enough to host the 10th Anniversary Celebrations of the YMCA Breakfast Club in our local area. Berrinba East State School was one of the first schools to adopt this program and we are proud to be one of a handful of schools who offer this service to our students 5 days a week.

Our Breakfast Club is always looking for volunteers to assist with preparation, serving and clean up. If you are in a position to offer some of your time, please leave your details with the front office staff.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL

In October this year, Logan City Council will be implementing automated number plate recognition (ANPR) technology around schools and on other roads.

Council is committed to ensuring the safe parking of vehicles on roads near schools for the protection of children and other road users. As part of the Council’s role, there is a community expectation that Council officers attend schools to monitor the safe drop off and pick up school zones and in the surrounding streets.

This new technology will enable Council officers to patrol roads outside a school using a vehicle fitted with cameras that identify vehicles parked contrary to the Queensland Road Rules. Council will issue infringements to the vehicle owner by post.

For further information please see the notice boards at the office and or prep area or contact the council with any queries on 3412 5318.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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LOST PROPERTY
Once again the pile of lost property is growing! Many items on the lost property trolley are unnamed. Don’t forget to label all property students come to school with, including lunchboxes, bags, hats, jumpers and water bottles!

P&C NEWS

General Meeting
The next P&C General Meeting will be Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 6:30pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Tuckshop
Tuckshop is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 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.

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.

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

BESS Multicultural Festival
We hope everyone had fun, and enjoyed the food and fireworks at last week’s Multicultural Festival! It was lovely to see the student’s performances, and we would like to thank all the staff involved for helping our students put together and enjoy such an experience!

Congratulations to all our raffle winners. All winners have been contacted. Thank you to the following businesses for our great prizes:
- Cameron Dick MP for Woodridge
- Picqui Arts
- Jamberry Nails
- Kingston Park Raceway
- Logan City Tenpin
- Beach House Grill Browns Plains
- Accentuate by Dee
- Lollypops Playland & Café
- Logan Central Plaza

An event like that can't happen without the support of our community. Thank you to all our generous sponsors for helping our event to happen:
- Stoddart Manufacturing
- McDonald's Logan Central
- Access Community Services
- Logan Mayor Luke Smith
- Division 5 Cr Jon Raven
- Division 2 Cr Russell Lutton
- Ariel Childcare Centre
- Cameron Dick MP for Woodridge
- Logan Central Plaza
- Qld Screenprinting Group
- Jim Chalmers MP for Rankin

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

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WOODRIDGE AMBULANCE STATION OPEN DAY

Woodridge Ambulance Station will be hosting an open day for the general public on Saturday 17th September for this year’s Ambulance Week. It will be held from 9:00am - 1:00pm at 3 Blaxland Street, Woodridge.

This day will consist of a guided CPR session for all who attend, a demonstration of the new equipment being implemented in the local area, a meet and greet with paramedics, a free barbeque and goodies to be given away. Adults and children are welcome to attend.

Copies of the colouring competition sheet that will be drawn on the day are available from the office. Make sure to bring your artwork on the day for your chance to win!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

I know that it was even scary for me to write the word ‘Christmas’ already. But because our
wonderful Christmas boxes go overseas we will need to get our shopping into gear.

Our school has participated in Operation Christmas Child for many years now. If you don’t know what it is I’ll give you the details. It is simply putting a shoebox of gifts together to send to a child in a developing country who would never receive anything like this without your help. All you have to do is to wrap a shoebox in pretty paper keeping the lid separate. Then go shopping and buy items to fill your shoebox. Choose a boy or a girl ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and pack the gifts. Some ideas are for something to love, to wear, for school, to play with, for personal hygiene and something special. Then donate $9 for postage.

The completed boxes will need to be returned to Mrs Hilston or the office by Friday 21st October. This date comes up really fast after the holidays so it’s a good idea to get shopping during the holidays. You can complete a whole box by yourself or donate some items to your class if they are making one.

Please see Mrs Hilton if you want further details. I do have brochures that will help, so ask your children to get one from the office.

Mrs Hilton
School Chaplain

BREKKY CLUB

Please note Breakfast Club will finish this term on Thursday 15th September and resume on Wednesday 5th October. There will be no Breakfast Club on the last day of this term or the first day of Term 4.

STAFF CAR PARK

Just a reminder that the staff carpark is not for public access without prior consent from the Principal. Parents and caregivers are not to drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up their children. Not only are you trespassing on school grounds, but you are also placing our students’ safety at risk.

ENROL FOR 2017 PREP

Berrinba East State School Offers:
✓ Vibrant and Inclusive Learning Environment
✓ Innovative English and Mathematics Instruction
✓ Dynamic and Challenging Curriculum
✓ Individualised Learning Goals
✓ Devoted and Energetic Staff.

Is your child born between 1st July 2011 and June 30th 2012? If yes, they are eligible to start school in January 2017.

Open Evenings for 2017 new enrolments are Wednesday, November 2nd from 5:30 - 6:30pm. Meet our expert staff and learn more about the programs to support your child’s academic success. Enrolment packages and take home support packs provided on the night.

Prep Transition Classes 1:00 - 2:15pm. Monday October 24th and 31st as well as Monday November 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Parents must register at the school office on 3489 6777 for the transition classes. Parents are required to stay on premises with their children while the transition class is carried out.