



BERRINBA EAST STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 2019



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN

Congratulations to the students who have given the NAPLAN tests their best shot this week. Whether you agree with the NAPLAN testing regime or not, participation in this test teaches our students a very important life skill in that there are times where you may not want to do something but you need to show resilience and get the job done. Our staff have done a magnificent job in developing the resilience of our students to prepare them for this test and they have been well supported by our families and community. Regardless of the results of the test, I am very confident that there has been personal growth for all students involved.

Election Day

This Saturday Berrinba East State School will again be a polling booth for the Federal Election. Voting will open at 8.00am and will be conducted in our school hall. Of benefit to the school is the opportunity to fundraise throughout the day, particularly with the hosting of a sausage sizzle. This year the P&C have decided all the funds raised from the sausage sizzle will go towards meeting the request of our Year 1 students to upgrade their sandpit and play area. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with the running of this BBQ from 9:00am to 2:30pm. If you are able to give an hour or more of your time could you please put your name down on the sign-on sheet at the front office.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

As with most schools in the local area, Berrinba East State School are participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. This year we are targeting our effort to collect as many stickers as possible to purchase resources to support our intervention and learning support programs. I would encourage you to persuade all your family and friends to collect these stickers on the school's behalf and for you to deposit these stickers in the box in the school's front office.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

As you are aware, our school expectations are WE ARE SAFE, WE ARE SCHOLARS, WE ARE KIND, WE ARE GRATEFUL and WE ARE MINDFUL. The expectation for this week is WE ARE SCHOLARS – we use whole body listening. The school was very deliberate in choosing the term scholars as opposed to learners as scholars not only participate

in the learning but also use every opportunity as a learning opportunity, as well as being proficient in solving problems. I would strongly encourage that as a school community that we embrace the term scholars and raise the expectation of our students and their learning.

Attendance

This is a tricky time of year with regards to attendance as students start to fall sick and parents are required to make the decision as to whether they are fit to attend school. In this time, if you make the decision to keep your child home from school due to illness, please ensure this absence is explained with either a phone call into the school, or a letter sent to school upon their return. Again, as always I would encourage families to be mindful of the absences of their child and encourage you to assist your child in being a scholar by frequent and consistent attendance at school.

Steve Kanowski
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 18 th May: | Election Sausage Sizzle |
| 20 ^h May: | Volunteer Parade & Afternoon Tea |
| 28 th June: | Last Day of Term 2 |
| 15 th July: | First Day of Term 3 |

P&C NEWS

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be open on Fridays each week in May. Yay! Volunteers are needed. Please! Special offer – Roadie Pies for \$2.50!!

Senior Polos

We have a limited number and sizes available for sale @ \$32. Get in quick! No laybys.

P&C Red Mail Box

The red mailbox in tuckshop is open for all banking, Book Club orders and P&C correspondence each Tuesday and Friday morning.

Election BBQ

This is a great chance to raise funds for students. Helpers are needed for the BBQ and stall. Set up time from 8.00am and pack up from 2.00pm. Please see the office if you are able to help out.

MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER

A huge thank-you to all the students, families and staff who supported our fundraiser last week. Between the raffle and the stall, the P&C raised just over \$900 profit. The raffle was drawn last Friday by Prep students at the parent morning tea. The winners were:

- 1st Prize: Emma from Year 5
- 2nd Prize: Mrs Watson
- 3rd Prize: Kaylub from Year 2
- 4th Prize: Tamahtai from Year 2
- 5th Prize: Mr Hall

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

SUPA Club

SUPA Club has started for the year. SUPA Club is a voluntary program designed for primary school students who are interested in looking at spirituality, religion and everyday life from a Christian perspective. SUPA Club is fun, interactive and age appropriate, providing a place to build supportive friendships and learn important skills to assist them in their social development. This club is available for all students from Year 1–6. It is held on Tuesday in second break. Your child will need to get a permission form signed by their parent or guardian for them to be allowed to attend. You can get these forms and return them to Mrs Hilton or the office.

This club has run in this school for the last 27 years. Mrs Hilton often meets ex-students who remember fondly their time at SUPA Club or Bible Club as it used to be called.

Chappy Week – May 20th – 24th

In week 5 this term there will be a few special activities happening to help discover what the Chaplain does in our school community and do some fundraising to fund activities that the Chaplaincy program delivers at our school. Look out for more details next week and at parade.

McDonalds Fundraiser

On Tuesday 21st of May, McDonalds in Logan Central kindly support the Chaplaincy programs in our local schools by donating 10% of all sales between 5:30pm and 8:00pm to our schools. The Chappies have lots of fun activities to enjoy for free after you eat dinner or pop in for a snack. Our school is always great at supporting the Chappy

Week event each year. I look forward to seeing lots of you there. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mrs Hilton
Chaplain

YMCA OSHC

Last week we made beautiful creations for our Special Mum and Grandmothers for Mother's Day. We have all loved spending time out in the new garden, looking after the plants; we even saw some cherry tomatoes beginning to grow! Staff are getting excited to get out in the community this weekend for the Election. We hope to see everyone at the BBQ enjoying a yummy sausage sizzle.

Staff have also been busy starting planning an awesome Vacation Care Program (psst- we're having a LEGO MASTERS Day!) if you would like some more information our program should be available from Week 7 for families to book in. Pop by the Hall, Call us on 0419 334 818 or Email abe@ymcabrisbane.org

READING TIP

Try this Conversational Reading Tip at home with your child this week.

For more information

<https://3a.education.unimelb.edu.au/>

CURRICULUM NEWS

Welcome to Week 4, we are almost half way through Term 2. For those in the school community that I am yet to meet, my name is Lynda Ellis and I am fortunate to be Head of Curriculum at your school. I would like to provide you with a little bit of background on myself. I have come from a school not too far from here, Pallara State School. Whilst I was there, I taught classes from Year 1 through to Year 5 and held the position of Head of Curriculum for the past 3 years. My role is one that I thoroughly enjoy as I get to work closely with teachers to ensure the Australian Curriculum is delivered systematically and at the appropriate level for your child. I also get to work with teachers to provide

opportunities for your child to interact with the curriculum through engaging learning experiences that are developmentally appropriate.

My teaching philosophy is based on the belief that all children are able to experience success when provided with a learning environment that matches their developmental needs; academic, physical, social and emotional. Therefore, you will often see



me refer to 'we', which is an indication of the myriad of staff accessed to support your child, while utilising a variety of approaches.

Over the past few weeks, the Year 3 and 5 students and teachers have been working hard on their preparations for NAPLAN. Thank you to the teachers for reassuring our students and building their confidence that they are Berrinba East Scholars, as they embark on this testing. We understand that NAPLAN is a point in time testing and that it can at times, cause anxiety for you and your child. With this in mind, as a team we have used a planned approach so that your child is exposed to the types of questions they will see during these tests. Your child's teacher has also ensured the learning environment is conducive to your child feeling as relaxed and stress free as possible. They have taken into account your child's strengths, whether it be Literacy or Numeracy and provided the specific support required. These strategies underpin the school belief that all students are capable of succeeding.

Exciting news from Term 1 is that we saw selected students from Years 5 & 6 attend the Mathematics Day of Excellence at Woodridge SHS. While the children were there, they interacted with students from nearby schools. The Year 5 & 6 students were able to enhance their mathematical skills through the exposure to learnings from the specialised staff at the high school. They also participated in some higher order thinking activities to solve hands on creative mathematical problems. Thank you to Mrs Kathy Hodges for attending this event with our students and providing support to them throughout the day.

I also enhanced my learning through attending some professional development during Term 1. I engaged with two days of training at the Reading Centre in Woolloongabba, along with Mr Mike Parker (1/2MP), around supporting our students from Prep – Year 2 in the area of reading. We delved into the reading skills required across all the Key Learning Areas. This ensures we are aware of and exposing our students to multiple opportunities to demonstrate their literacy skills.

Some upcoming events this term are:

- Under 8's Day for Prep – Year 2
- Year 5 Excursion to Daisy Hill Koala Centre
- Our second Mathematics Day of Excellence for our selected Year 5 & 6 students
- Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) club is underway for selected Year 5 & 6 students, this is held during second break on a Tuesday
- Preparations begin for our Debating Team (further information to follow)



If you have any questions or would like some clarification around how the Australian Curriculum is delivered here, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office to arrange a time to meet.

Lynda Ellis
Head of Curriculum

Positive Behaviour for Learning: Week 4

We are Scholars

I use whole body listening.

At Berrinba East State School

We are Safe
We are Scholars
We are Kind
We are Grateful
We are Mindful



We are learning to: We are learning to use whole body listening in all learning environments.
What I'm looking for: I am looking for students who can explain why it is important to use whole body listening.