DROPPING CHILDREN OFF EARLY TO SCHOOL
This issue has been raised in our newsletter earlier this year, yet a small number of children are still arriving at school well before 8.45am and not attending our Before School Care program. We provide supervision of our school grounds from 8.45am and it is not in anyone’s interests in having children on our premises before this time if they are not attending our Before School Care program where they will have appropriate supervision. I do understand that the cost of having children attend the Before Care program can act as a deterrent, yet it is the best way to ensure their safety and wellbeing other than to have them arrive at school at about 8.45am. In saying this, it has been brought to my attention that several children have been dropped off or are congregating at the Mansfield Street convenience store from shortly after 8.00am on some days, then arriving at school just after 8.30am. This also is unacceptable and not in their best interests. I really don’t like sounding grumpy, but our children’s best interests need to be our prime concern and I believe that we can do better in respect to this matter. Please make an appointment to see me to discuss ways in which we can assist you if you are in a bind on this.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. What should I do if my child is reluctant to come to school in the morning?
A. Firstly, I would have a chat with them about it – sometimes that will provide you with valuable information that will enable you to address the issue. Sometimes it won’t. In such cases I would make an appointment to see my child’s class teacher to discuss the matter. There are many reasons why children can become school refusers, some are school related, others are not. Chatting with your child’s class teacher, is a great starting point.
QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Honesty begins with looking into a mirror and seeing yourself warts and all’

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 8th March
Wednesday 15th March
Tuesday 21st March
Wednesday 31st May -
Friday 2nd June
Wednesday 31st May -
Friday 2nd June

Casey North Division Swimming Carnival
House Cross Country grades 3-6
House Athletics grades 3-6
Grade 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill
Grade 6 Camp - CYC Camp

NOTICES DUE BACK

Tuesday 7th March
Thursday 16th March
Friday 17th March
Friday 23rd June

Casey North Division Swimming Carnival
Book Club orders due online
Grade 5 & 6 Parent Helper expression of interest for
Sovereign Hill & CYC camp
CSEF forms due back

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR
ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please ensure you let the school office know if you have changed address or updated mobile phones with new numbers. This information alleviates stressful situations for students when they are ill and we cannot contact parents.
YOU CAN DO IT ‘CONFIDENCE’
As part of our You Can Do It Program our students will be focusing on the ‘Confidence Key’.
Confidence means believing that you will be successful at many things you attempt. It means not
being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. Examples of confident behaviour in
children include: raising their hand in class to answer a question, attempting difficult work without
asking for help, sharing a new idea with a teacher or the class, or saying hello to someone new. In
building confidence in children it is important to encourage Self-Acceptance (not thinking badly of
yourself when making a mistake), Risk Taking (trying something new even though you might not be
able to do it first go), and Independence (thinking it is important to try new activities).

MOSQUITOS
While most mosquitos are just a nuisance, leaving just a nasty bite, some mosquitoes can carry and spread serious
diseases. This includes Ross River virus, Kunjin virus and Murray Valley Encephalitis (MVE). There has been an
increase in the number of Ross River virus cases being seen across Victoria this summer.
Parents can undertake some simple measures to protect children from mosquito bites and help reduce the risk of
catching mosquito-borne diseases. If families have any health concerns encourage them to see their doctor or
phone NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 606 024
For more information on protecting against mosquito bites, see:
Better Health Channel

STAFF CARPARK
We have noticed an increasing amount of families using the staff car park as a thorough fare or driving in/out when
making their way into and out of the school grounds. This behaviour is of great concern to us as it creates a
danger to the students and their families, with vehicles travelling into and out of the car park on a regular basis.
The drivers are not expecting to see people walking through this area. We ask that parents model the correct
behaviour to their children by using the footpath along the school fence and access the car parking areas outside
the school grounds when dropping off/picking up students.

STUDENTS WHO RIDE BIKES/SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL
Students who ride to school need to store their bike/scooter in the bike shed for the duration of the day. The
bike shed is locked just after 9am and opened just prior to 3.30pm. A few students who are arriving after 9am are
leaving their bike/scooter outside the locked bike shed. Please remind your child if they ride to school and arrive
after the bell they need to come to the office and we will organise for the bike monitors to unlock the bike shed.

CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 10th March – No School for students on this day.
Friday 10th March is a curriculum day for our staff and no students are required at school on this day. CAMP
Australia will not be operating on this day. On the day, our staff will be involved in a series of workshops
with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) focus. The workshops will cover digital coding,
robotics, green screen technology for films/iMovie and Arduino boards which link to coding.
What is Coding? Coding, in the simplest of terms, is telling a computer what you want it to do, which involves
typing in step-by-step commands for the computer to follow. Many things we use every day involve coding such as
smart phones, websites and video games.
What is Arduino? Arduino is a circuit board that can be programmed using software on a computer utilising a ‘code’
which is written and uploaded. The Arduino can be programmed to turn on and off lights, sensors, switches and
many more applications.
What is Green Screen Technology? Green screen is just that, a green screen which is used by filmmakers to
superimpose anyone or thing into a photo or movie. When you see Superman flying in a movie, they have used
green screen technology to superimpose him into the scene. We have a green screen in our school film studio.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
As part of our Prep program this year we will be commencing a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) 2 mornings a week starting later this term. The program will run Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am - 9.45am in the gymnasium, courtyard and basketball courts.

PMP is a program, which aims to develop a child’s PERCEPTION and UNDERSTANDING of themselves and their world through movement and fine/gross motor experiences. A Perceptual Motor Program aims to give the child experiences in seeing, hearing, touching, processing, making perceptual judgments and reacting through carefully sequenced activities which children enjoy including running, hopping, skipping, jumping, balancing, crawling, climbing, throwing, catching, bowling, and sliding. The program uses a variety of commonly found and specially designed equipment.

**How can you help?**
To successfully run the program we require at least 15 parent helpers each day. Each parent will have a set activity to supervise and they will be working with a group of approximately 5 students at a time. The children rotate through 5 or 6 activities which take 5 minutes per activity to complete. We have picture cards to assist parents with what the children are required to do and it can be as simple as helping them hold a bean bag on their head and walk a few steps. Other examples of activities include bouncing and catching balls, crawling through tunnels and throwing a beanbag at a target. If you are able to assist, even if for one morning only, please complete the attached form and return to your child’s teacher by Friday 17th March 2017. (You will also need to have a current Working with Children's Check. Please bring a copy of your WWCC to the office if you have not done already). 

*Please note:* Unfortunately we cannot have Toddlers/younger siblings with parent helpers due to the supervision required to assist with the successful running of the program. Parent helpers are welcome from any grade across the school.

If you are able to help out in any way we would love to hear from you

**Tanya Craig**
PE Coordinator

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**PREP PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM (PMP)**

**Parent Helper**

Students Name: ___________________________ Grade: __________

I am able to help with the Perceptual Motor Program from 9am – 9.45am on the following days each week.

□ Tuesday  □ Thursday

(Please tick days you are available)

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ______________________________

Contact Number: ________________
MARVELLOUS ME – Grade 3 incursion recount.

“In Peculiar Primary School, friendship, diversity, acceptance and self-esteem are the most important lessons of all. But Mr I M Dull wants to close it down and make everyone look and act the same. Help our unique teachers – Harriet Humpback-Whale, Elle E Phant and Wizard Wart Nose – show him that it’s great to be different. We all have special qualities which make us unique. And it’s ok to make mistakes – that’s how we learn! Celebrate your individuality, discover the importance of friendship – and be proud to be yourself!”

An interactive performance celebrating everyone’s unique qualities, “Marvellous Me!” encourages students to explore:

- Their own uniqueness
- Their special skills and qualities
- Self-esteem
- The importance of friendship
- Acceptance and diversity
- Cooperation and teamwork

Recount from the students

Marvellous Me is about a school where everyone is different. There was a man who dressed up as a child when it was the first day of school at Peculiar School. An announcement was made that someone was here to close down the school. Mr I M Dull thought that everyone should be the same. The principal of the school appeared, said that it was great to be different, and taught us the High Pants dance. It was really fun and funny.

The teachers in that school showed Mr I M Dull that lessons could be fun and enriching. They went to the zoo and met Mr Truman who was nice and kind to all the animals. Then he fell sick. The animals decided to look after him instead. They brought him a nice warm blanket, hot soup and a dance to cheer him up. We learned that if you are nice to others, they will be nice to you too.

Next lesson, we were introduced to Miss Perfect, who had never made a mistake. She took part in a competition and made a mess with the sausage landed on her head! She thought it was quite funny and started to laugh. We laughed aloud too. We learned that it is okay to make mistakes.

After, we met the unicorn named Rainbow. She was happy even though she was different from other unicorns. We learned that it is okay to be different and be happy. The two people presented in the show were incredibly funny. They made us laughed so hard. We had an amazing time.

3S Milan, Jolene, Rayhaan, Aarav, Rachael and Stephanie
CSEF Applications

Application forms are now available in the office for the Camps, Excursions & Sports (CSEF) funding.

Please bring a copy of your concession card into the office when applying for the CSEF Fund.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term one, or;

on the first day of Term two;
   a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
   b) Be a temporary foster parent, and

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of the above.

CSEF application forms and a copy of your concession card must be handed into the office by Friday 23rd June 2017.
Book Club

Book Club brochures were sent home to all families today. Please place all orders online by Thursday 16th March 2017. Please note, the office cannot accept cash for your orders, it must be done online.

Second hand Uniform Shop open hours

(Meeting Room 1 - Entry via main school building from outside door Collins Cres side near the Art Room)

Payments are by CASH or EFT – via the office- (Min $15 EFT)

8:45am - 9:20am

February 6th
February 13th
March 20th
April 24th
May 8th
June 19th
July 17th
August 14th
September 11th
October 9th
November 13th

3:00pm - 3:45pm

February 27th
March 6th
May 1st
May 22nd
June 26th
July 24th
August 28th
September 18th
October 23rd
December 4th
Visual Arts

Casey Kids Carnival is coming up Saturday 25th March in Berwick. There is a great colouring competition for all ages with great prizes to be won. Selected entries will be displayed.

For an entry form please come to the Art Room to collect!

Good luck!

Jo Zammit/Julie McLeod

Visual Arts Specialist
BERWICK COLLEGE HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM 2018

We have received information about applying for the 2018 High Achievers Program at Berwick College. Grade 6 parents who are interested in this program for their child can contact Mrs Sue Naismith (room 23) for the information booklet. Closing date for applications is 4pm Friday 28th April 2017.
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Berwick Lodge Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
   Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **TUESDAY**. Each week you complete your deposit slip, insert money into the Dollarmites wallet and then hand this to your classroom teacher who will send it to the office to process. These will be returned to you by the end of the day.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Marie’s Family Day Care
Argyle Crt, Berwick
0423 695 530
Offering Family Day Care for preschool children and vacation care
Registered with Kids in Family Day Care, Beaconsfield

Girls born in 2008 – it’s basketball season!

The NBL and WNBL seasons are almost finished but the Junior Domestic Winter Season is just around the corner!

Our club has vacancies available now for Under-10 girls to play in the winter season beginning on 22 April 2017.

To enquire about joining please call Dennis on 0439 115 229, or make an on-line enquiry and find out more about our Club here: http://berwickbasketballclub.com.au/registration/enquire-about-joining/

www.berwickbasketballclub.com.au
Womens Self Defence Class

Would you like the skills to defend yourself? Have you got a teenager? Why not try our Women’s only self-defence class?

Date: Friday 17th March 2017
Time: 7pm-8pm
Cost: $10 per person
Venue: Timbarra Community Hall

Bring a friend and learn together
Easter School Holidays
Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.
Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food
prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the
environment. For ages 7-14 years

April 2017 school holiday dates:
- Week 1: Monday 3rd Tuesday 4th Wednesday 5th Thursday 6th Friday 7th
- Week 2: Monday 10th Tuesday 11th Wednesday 12th Thursday 13th
- 10am –4pm

Cost: $70.00 per day, or $189 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day

Bookings essential as spaces are limited
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or
raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935
Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
Open daily between 10am and 5pm
St Andrew’s Uniting Church
105 HIGH STREET, BERWICK
Enter off the Service Road OR Wilson Street at the back of the church.

Pre-Easter Family MARKET
Saturday 4th March, 2017
8.30 am – 2.30pm
A great variety of stalls
Sausage sizzle, books, Café, cakes, sweets, craft, Easter gifts, fruit & vegetables, garden plants, jewellery, pre-loved clothes, pickles, jams, produce, soaps & candles, toys & games, trash & treasure, videos & music.
Bring a friend and come along
Lots of bargains
GIRLS FOOTBALL

ARE YOU:
- interested in playing girls football?
- keen to improve your knowledge, skills & confidence as a footballer?
- seeking a team/club to join that will support your development and take your football to another level?
- wanting to get physical, improve fitness, compete and have fun with friends?

South Belgrave Junior Football Club

Under 14 girls
from year 5 to 9*

*not sure if you are eligible - call Simon to find out ...

The SBJFC Girls football program is designed to teach you how to play the game of Australian Rules Football.
- Training starts Tuesday 28th February, 5.30 – 6.45pm
- Training 2 nights a week, Tuesday’s and Thursday’s
- Runs for 21 weeks
- 14 games in the Eastern Region Girls League (ERGFL) - Sunday games
- Complimentary uniform for all registered girls (boots not included)

Coach: Simon Mehegan
- 20 years experience play in the Eastern Football League (EFL)
- 10 years experience coaching juniors and senior players in the EFL
- 12 years experience parenting 2 girls :-)
- Supported by: Tackling, skills & fitness coach

All interested enquirers, please call Simon Mehegan Ph: 0428 866 681
- To registrar and stay in touch with SBJFC: www.sbjfc-teamapp.com