SCHOOL SECURITY PROCEDURES
Please ensure that when you drop your child off in the morning, if it is after 9.15am, that you sign them in at the front office before they go to their classroom. When children arrive late for school they must obtain a late pass from our office staff for record keeping purposes as teachers mark the attendance roll before 9.15am except on Mondays when we have a school assembly. Rather than have them go straight to their classroom and then be sent back to the office by the teacher to obtain a late pass, time will be saved by having children go to the office first. Also, by requiring parents to come to the office with their child if they are late to school ensures that if their child is late to school of their own accord we will know immediately and can inform parents.

On another note, we do require that all visitors, including parents who may be dropping off lunch for their child or picking them up early, do so via signing in at our main office. Thank you for your co-operation on this.

ACCESSING OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
There are now four ways in which our weekly school newsletter can be accessed - via our website, our Facebook page, the parent portal on Sentral, or by email, via subscription. We no longer distribute the newsletter in hard copy in keeping with the ever-increasing move toward a digital society.
DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th November  
Public holiday - no school
Friday 10th November  
Remembrance Day service 3.10pm
Tuesday 14th November  
Fun Run
Friday 15th December  
Twilight Christmas Picnic from 4pm - 6.30pm
Monday 18th December  
Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony

NOTICES DUE BACK

Monday 13th November  
Grade 6 Graduation Signature Bear or Ball
Tuesday 14th November  
Fun Run - sponsorship forms & payment

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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)

Q. Why was our PFA Facebook page closed down and by whom?
A. I explained this in an earlier edition of the newsletter, however – the decision was made by school council. In rebuilding and extending our social media communication platforms, of which school council has significant responsibility in the way of setting policy guidelines, council was of the opinion that a school Facebook page was a more appropriate direction for the future. The monitoring of our Facebook posts is now managed by school staff to ensure security and appropriateness of material uploaded. The school Facebook page provides up to date information on school events and matters of importance to our community. What it does not do that the PFA Facebook page did was to operate as a buying and selling of goods and services platform, or for parents to raise questions relating to lost property or matters that are more appropriately raised with school staff directly. To date the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive – which is very heartening. Nonetheless we welcome your suggestions for ways in which our social media communication platforms can be improved.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

‘Patience is like an elastic band – it can be stretched only so far’

Henry Grossek
MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER is a normal school day for all students.

TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER is a public holiday and no students are required at school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Next Friday, 10th November we will be holding our Remembrance Day service from 3.10pm on the basketball courts. Families are invited to attend the service.

PREP TRANSITION – GARDEN ACTIVITY
On Tuesday, we had an enthusiastic and excited group of kinder children participate in a garden activity and planted their own seeds into a pot to take home. They enjoyed exploring the Community Garden and our grade 5 helpers: Elizabeth, Ajok, Max, Ben, Chelsea and Allanah were outstanding leaders and assisted the children with planting and discovering what was growing. It was lovely working with our future Prep students and we look forward to meeting more of our Preps at next week’s Story time in the library activity.

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA
During grass pollen season there is an elevated risk of thunderstorm asthma in south-eastern Australia. Children and staff who have been diagnosed with asthma, have a history of asthma or have undiagnosed asthma, as well as those who experience hay-fever are at risk of experiencing asthma symptoms. Asthma symptoms can include wheezing, breathlessness, a feeling of tightness in the chest and a persistent cough during these weather conditions. An asthma attack can vary in severity and can be sudden, serious and life threatening. Thunderstorm asthma warnings will be issued through the VicEmergency app on days of ‘HIGH’ alert. This site provides thunderstorm asthma forecasting for up to two days in advance which can assist when planning outdoor events. Please ensure your child has their asthma puffer with them at all times and if they are unwell or their asthma worsens, please seek medical attention.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018
We currently have a few places remaining for Prep 2018. If you have family or friends with a kinder child and they haven’t enrolled yet for school, please let them know they are welcome to contact the school to discuss enrolment for 2018.

SAVE THE DATE: TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS PICNIC FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 4pm to 6.30pm
On Friday 15th December, we will be holding our Twilight Christmas Picnic and officially opening the new Sensory Garden. On the evening, there will be performances from grade levels, an art show, games, Zance, Mandarin performance and a BBQ. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy celebrating the wonderful year we have had a Berwick Lodge!

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery.
As mentioned in our previous School Newsletter, after consultation with our school community, School Council has approved the introduction of a $30.00 Fundraising Contribution per family for 2017.

This is a new direction for our school and will significantly reduce the number of fundraising activities throughout the year. It is a voluntary contribution per family and parents are not required to pay it, however, for the concept to work – that is, reduce the burden of organising and operating a large number of fundraising activities throughout the year, we do need everyone’s support. This approach, if it works will also mean that less of the money currently spent on our fundraising activities will go to paying overheads and external providers. In effect, parents will be paying significantly less to raise the same amount of money. It is anticipated that this year’s fundraising contribution will raise $14,000.

The funds raised from this contribution will be put towards:

- Replacing & Updating our P-6 Readers: $4,000
- Installing seats and tables in P-2 play areas: $5,000
- Installing an Interactive whiteboard in library: $3,000
- Installing goal posts/soccer posts in P-2 grassed play area: $2,000

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, Direct Credit, Centrepay (Centrelink), or BPAY. Please make cheques payable to Berwick Lodge Primary School.

We thank families for supporting our school.
In regards to the **Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater 150th Anniversary Schools Art Exhibition**, could these please be bought into the Art Room to Mrs McLeod or Mrs Zammit. This will help any confusion with the Street Mural Competition that are being taken to the office.

Thank you, all works must be handed in no later than November 20th. It can be any media, any size and all artworks will be displayed at the Anniversary.

**BLPS Art Show**

Keep an eye out for upcoming posters around our school, for our BLPS Art Show coming in December to coincide with the Twilight Picnic and the opening of the Sensory Garden. The theme for the Art Expo is **“What do I see in the Garden?”**

Paintings, sculptures, collages, mosaics, photography, clay, drawing can be entered as long as it’s themed around **“What do I see in the garden?”**

Ideas may include 3D mini beasts, landscape paintings of gardens, painted rocks, garden terrariums, fairy garden craft, photography of something in the garden, flower arrangements, sculptures etc!

More details to come, but in the meantime, time to think and start creating!

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**Sweeney Drive Murals**

This is such an exciting project that we are very proud to be a part of. Students are invited to submit a design for the Sweeny Drive Mural, which will be painted on the new underpass.

The designs should include the themes of sustainability and community as well as featuring the Helmeted Honeyeater somewhere on the design.

Entries must be A4 or A3 and be at the school office no later than Monday 20th November.

It would be wonderful to see as many students enter their designs. Looking forward to seeing what everyone creates!

**Donations!**

Thank you to those who continually drop items to the Art Room, it is greatly appreciated and has been a great assistance, however we are now overflowing with donated items. So till next year, hold onto anything you may want to donate. Thanks again!

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Julie McLeod/Jo Zammit
Visual Arts Teachers
Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater
150th Anniversary
Schools Art Art Exhibition

GET CREATIVE FOR THE HELMETED HONEYEATER!
On the 1st of December 2017, FoHH will be celebrating the
150th Anniversary of John Gould's official naming of the Bird.

To celebrate we are inviting the students from selected
schools to participate in an art exhibition to coincide with a
“street art event” in the reserve and the launch of a book on
first 50 years of the reserve.

All works submitted will be displayed and can be in any
media and size. Works are to be submitted by the 28th
November.
Works that focus on the anniversary or on any aspect of the
bird and its habitat are encouraged and multiple entries will
be supported.

For further details please contact:
Cecilia Imre - Environmental Coordinator 0419 023 622
or Marita Hanigan - Secretary 0487 048 225
SENSORY GARDEN OFFICIAL OPENING FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2017 4pm – 6.30pm

On this evening, we will officially open the Sensory Garden and enjoy a Twilight Christmas Picnic. All grades will have the opportunity to make a special “Pot” which will be on display in the garden and will remain in the garden for all to enjoy. We require donated recycled garden pots, approximately 30 to 40cm in width and height or larger. If you are able to assist, please speak to your child’s teacher or Mrs. McCrum. Each grade will have the opportunity to create a mini world/environment for all to enjoy. The pots will be judged on the evening, focusing on recycling, reusing and sustainability. We look forward to a fantastic evening!

Ideas for pots include:

Happy Gardening, Mrs. McCrum.
Further congratulations to all of the 50 students who participated in the 2017 English Test at Berwick Lodge last term!

More than one million students enter from over 6000 schools in Australia, New Zealand, plus 20 other countries annually.

Well done to those students who participated!

In particular, outstanding student awards were attained by:

- **High Distinction:** Thiseni Year 3 & Kyra Year 5
- **Certificate of Distinction Awards:** Sophia Year 3, Jake Year 3 & Ashwin Year 5

Congratulations to all! We are proud of you!
Second Hand Uniform Shop - Opening Days/Roster

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WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK IN PLACE NOW

Due to amendments to the Working with Children Act 2005, from Tuesday 1st August, all parents helping within the school, including morning reading in classrooms will require a working with children card. This needs to be current and registered with the office. If you have not applied for a card and you want to be able to assist with reading or other activities within the school, please do so via the link:

We are in the process of adding new knitted squares and long rolls of knitting onto the trees around our school to refresh the previous yarn bombs. Some of the old yarn bombs will be re-sewn on trees inside-out, showing their bright colours again. We aim to complete this project before the end of term, and in order to do so would appreciate help from parents who can spare a bit of time to help sew yarn bombs onto trees.

**When?**
After Monday morning assembly 6th & 13th November. Stay as long as you would like.

**Where?**
Sign in and then collect the materials at the school office.

**Who to contact?**
If you would like more information or have any questions, contact Sarah Boyd through the school office or come visit her in Room 14.
If you are able to help outside of the time specified above, it would be greatly appreciated. Please arrange a time that you can collect the materials by contacting Sarah Boyd.
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

TWILIGHT MARKET
The Berwick Neighbourhood Centre is hosting a Twilight Market at the Timbarra Community Hall, Timbarra Way, Berwick

Saturday 18 November 2017
5pm-8pm

A variety of stalls, jumping castle, face painting, sausage sizzle, food vans & much more. A great family day out!

For more information or to book a stall call
9704 1863 or email bnc12@westnet.com.au

Free Community Event
Milo In2CRICKET at Berwick Cricket Club
Girls and Boys Aged 5-9

Registration
http://www.playcricket.com.au
(Enter Berwick Cricket Club/Select Milo Cricket/Register)

Program Dates:
5:30 - 6:30pm Every Friday evening
Starting: 24/11/17 to 15/12/17
Resuming: 02/2/18 to 23/2/18

Cost is $75 and includes a free player pack!
Bag, bat, ball, drink bottle, hat and shirt

www.berwickcc.com.au

For more details please contact
Junior Coordinator: Ian Paul
Mobile: 0414 716 824
Email: berwickjuniors@hotmail.com
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

SOCcer PLAYERS WANTED
AGED 6 – 16 YEARS
Male and Female
Casey Panthers Soccer Club is a young and vibrant community club located at Prospect Hill Reserve, Narre Warren
Come and join us for the 2018 Winter Season.

For information contact the club at

caseypanthers@hotmail.com
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Try Summer Sports

WE HAVE NOW STARTED OUR TRACK & FIELD SEASON

Every Saturday Morning
Robert Booth Athletic Track
Bess Court, Dandenong

Starting at 8:30am until Noon

❖ Track Events
  ▪ Running
    • Short, Middle, or Long Distance
  ▪ Hurdles, Steeplechase

❖ Field Events
  ▪ Discus
  ▪ Shot Put
  ▪ Javelin
  ▪ Long, Triple or High Jump

New & Returning Members Welcome
Under 6 to Under 16
Registrations on line

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NW – Ph: 0417 144 963 (Paula)
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