GRADE PLACEMENT 2018
Class lists for 2018 will be placed on display tomorrow afternoon (after 3:00PM) in the following locations: The Film Studio windows and external doorway, the Art Room external door and side windows, the windows at the Library entrance to the BER building, 5/6 Building main entrance and the Staff Room windows. Parents will also be able to access this information through the Parent Portal. These final class lists are a result of an extensive consultation process within teaching teams, as well as across teams. Individual placement of all children has been carefully considered, taking a range of criteria into account. Parent support of our decisions regarding class placement will be greatly appreciated. Students will be told their 2018 grade by their class teacher tomorrow afternoon.

END OF YEAR REPORTS
The student end of year reports will be loaded onto the Parent Portal Friday afternoon 15th December. The URL address is: https://sentral.berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au/portal/login
Your username is your email address and your nominated password. If anyone requires assistance with accessing their account, please contact the office.

BIRTHDAY TREATS
From time to time parents bring treats to school on special occasions such as the birthday of their child. These treats are shared with their child’s classmates and friends. For obvious safety reasons we have strict protocols in place to protect all children’s health. Parents bringing food brought to school for distribution to children other than one’s own, must adhere to the following guidelines, which do appear in the Parent Handbook:
“If your child would like to bring along birthday treats for the grade on their birthday, please make sure that all treats are individually packaged (with ingredients listed) and handed to the class teacher to distribute at the end of the day.”
Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.
**DIARY DATES**

**Wednesday 13th December**
- JSC Craigcare Aged Care visit

**Thursday 14th December**
- Prep excursion - Chesterfield Farm

**Thursday 14th December**
- Grade 5R Kindergarten visit

**Friday 15th December**
- Grade 5/6 End of year excursion Casey Race

**Friday 15th December**
- Twilight Christmas Picnic from 4pm - 6.30pm

**Monday 18th December**
- Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony

**Monday 18th December**
- Grade 5 Hands on Science Incursion

**Tuesday 19th December**
- Parent helper morning tea

**Wednesday 20th December**
- Grade 6 Hands on Science Incursion

**Thursday 21st December**
- Grade 3K Movie & Party afternoon

**Friday 22nd December**
- Grade 6 Autograph collection

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**NOTICES DUE BACK**

**Friday 8th December**
- PFA Nominations - 2018 Committee

**Monday 11th December**
- Prep excursion - Chesterfield Farm

**Monday 11th December**
- Grade 5R Kindergarten visit

**Tuesday 12th December**
- JSC Craigcare Aged Care visit

**Wednesday 13th December**
- Parent helper morning tea

**Friday 15th December**
- Grade 5 Hands on Science incursion

**Friday 15th December**
- Grade 6 Hands on Science incursion

**Monday 18th December**
- 2017 Yearbook

**Wednesday 20th December**
- Grade 3K Movie & Party afternoon

**Friday 15th December**
- Grade 6 Autograph collection

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**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.

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**QUOTABLE QUOTE**

‘Almost Christmas time again – don’t forget to gift yourself some time, for soon enough it will be a distant blur.’

*Henry Grossek*
CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL
Have you seen our beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the foyer? Thank you to the Prep and Grade 6 Buddies, who, as part of the Better Buddies Program, made the beautiful decorations for our tree. The tree is the focus of our Christmas Tree Appeal. Families have the opportunity to donate a gift for a child to be placed under the Christmas tree in the Foyer. The gift should be labelled boy or girl with the approximate age recommendation. The gifts will be collected on Friday 15th December 2017 and they will then be passed onto families in need in time for Christmas.

ORIENTATION MORNING
Next Tuesday morning our current students in Years Prep to 5, new students to the school for next year and our 2018 prep students will participate in a whole school transition program from 9:15AM until 1:15PM. (New prep students will arrive at 9:30AM) The aim of this program is to familiarise all students with their class group and teacher for 2018. Students will have the opportunity to play in their 2018 play areas and meet some new friends throughout the morning. Many of our current grade 6 students will be involved in secondary school orientation activities. Remaining grade 6 students and students transferring out of the school will be involved in a range of activities for the morning.

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA
Thank you to those parents who have responded to the invitations that were sent home with students last week for our annual Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea. This will be held on Tuesday 19th December at 11:15AM in the school gymnasium. If you have been one of our wonderful helpers and have missed out on an invitation we apologise for missing you. Please feel most welcome to attend the morning tea.

LAST DAY ARRANGEMENTS
Parents are reminded that school finishes on Friday 22nd December at 2:30PM. Due to the early finish time Camp Australia will operate their program from 2:30pm until 6:30pm. Students not booked into after school care need to be picked up, or make their way home as soon as possible. The yard will be supervised by staff between 2:30PM and 2:45PM. After this time children remaining in the grounds will be directed to wait at the office area and parents will be contacted.

FAMILY TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS PICNIC: SENSORY GARDEN OFFICIAL OPENING
Next Friday 15th December is our Family Twilight Christmas Picnic from 4pm—6.30pm. This is a whole school event and each area of the school will be performing a few songs during the night. Families will have the opportunity to view our Art Show, Listen to a Mandarin performance, play games together and wander through the new Sensory Garden and look at the pots each grade has made. The official opening of the Sensory Garden by the City of Casey Mayor – Geoff Ablett, will take place between 4.15pm and 4.30pm. The event, picnic and performances will be located on the grade 1/2 oval and Sensory Garden area near the BER building. Please bring a picnic to share with your family. A limited amount of BBQ sausages and cans of soft drink will be available at a minimal cost. We look forward to sharing this celebration with as many families as possible. It is a wonderful opportunity to come and enjoy a relaxed evening with friends, families and staff members within the Berwick Lodge Primary School community.

LOST PROPERTY
Next week the lost property will be laid out in the main corridor. Please come and check if your child is missing any items. Property remaining after Monday 18th December at 3.30pm will be donated to the local Op shop.

PREP - GRADE 2 ATHLETICS DAY
A big thankyou to Miss Craig for organising a very successful Prep - Grade 2 Athletics day yesterday. The children had a wonderful day and it was great to see so many parents attend to support their children.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery.
Lodgers Series 1

Christmas Episode

Feature Length Episode
Coming Soon
Exclusively on Vimeo
Literacy at the Lodge!

2017 has seen many exciting literacy and literary activities at Berwick Lodge PS, including a visit to our school by internationally acclaimed children’s author / illustrator and Australian Children’s Laureate, Leigh Hobbs.

Leigh’s cartooning illustration workshops provided a highlight of the year for both staff and students alike and plans are currently under way for similarly inspirational author / illustrator visits in 2018.

Berwick Lodge Primary School has also embraced the nationally acclaimed Seven Steps to Writing Success Program to compliment our existing VCOP and Smart Spelling literacy programs.

The Seven Steps is much more than a writing program – our teachers have told us that it has reignited their passion for teaching literature and that students have already shown improvement in engagement, creativity and, of course, enjoyment in writing!

Parents are likely to hear much more about terms such as; ‘sizzling starts’, ‘ban the boring’, ‘dynamic dialogue’ and ‘exciting endings’ as we move into 2018.

Students across the school will continue to benefit from a range of literacy resources and children in Grade 3-5 will enjoy the Reading A-Z (Raz-Kids) digital reading program – a suite of resources successfully trialed with grades 3 & 4 during 2017.

Mark Carthew (PhD)
BLPS Literacy and Literature Coordinator
We wish to cordially invite

Students, Families and Community Members

to our

Family Twilight Christmas Picnic and
official
Sensory Garden Opening

to be held on

Friday 15th December 2017

At Berwick Lodge Primary School

145 Mansfield Street Berwick

From 4pm to 6.30pm.

The night will include an Art Show in the library, Mandarin Performance, Songs, Games and a Family Picnic. Come and wander through the Sensory Garden and view the amazing “Pot Creations” made by each grade.

The Official Opening of the Sensory Garden by the Mayor, Geoff Ablett will take place between 4.15pm and 4.30pm.

Location: Sensory Garden and Grade 1/2 oval area.

Limited BBQ Sausages and drinks will be available for a gold coin. Bring your own family picnic and enjoy an evening at our school.
Berwick Lodge Primary School are partnering with the Salvation Army in Berwick to provide disadvantaged families with gifts.

The gifts must be labelled “girl” or “boy” with an approximate age the toy would be suitable for.

You can give anything that is not dangerous or harmful and the toy must be new.

The last day for presents will be Friday 15th December.

We hope our BLPS community can help in providing the gift of giving to those less fortunate.
Your last canteen day for 2017 is Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} December and your first canteen day for 2018 is Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st} February.

Bellbrook Catering would like to wish all the Berwick Lodge Primary School Staff, Students and Families a safe and happy Christmas break.
Can all outstanding library books please be returned to the library immediately so we can complete our annual stocktake.

Thankyou.
APRON DONATIONS

We are needing clean usable secondhand aprons so if you have any at home you are no longer using and would like to donate these to school, can you please drop them into the front office. Thank you in advance!

Lodgiepreneur Market

As part of the Grade 6 Economics unit this semester, our students have formed ‘Companies’ and made products to sell. They have identified Grade 1/2 students as their target market audience.

As such, the Grade 1/2 students are invited to the Lodgiepreneur Market to be held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 from 2.30pm-3.15pm.

There are a range of products for sale from paper animal crafts, stress balls, pom poms, fun dough and much more! Products range in price from 50 cents to $3.50.

All profit from the sales will be donated to a local charity. We look forward to a wonderful afternoon!
Silver Fern is now offering Ready Set Trot – a fun and exciting program for young people who want to give equestrian sports a try.

This is a great activity for young people to try a new sport. The course is conducted over a period of 7 weeks for a 1 1/2 (one and a half) hour session per week.

Our centre provides all the necessary equipment as well as a Nationally Accredited Equestrian Coach who will facilitate the lessons so participants are assured of learning correct techniques in a safe environment.

Our training program is aimed at all 9 to 12 year olds.

For more details, please don’t hesitate to phone or email Jai on

Jai 0450 576 123
Email: silverfernequineservices@gmail.com
Berwick Carols by Candlelight

Shu-Cheen Yu
Casey Choir
Bethany Fisher
Berwick College
Melbourne Youth Chorale

Saturday 16 December
7pm, Gates open at 6:30

Edwin Flack Reserve
Manuka Road

Proudly supported by the City of Casey
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
Beleza Hallam

20% off VIP Sale

14 Dec - 16 Dec `17

Beleza Hallam
Shop 7, 151-159 Princes Hwy
P: (03) 9702 3181
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Summer School Holiday Fun at Berwick Lodge Primary School

- **GRAVITY ZONE**: Come on a ride with us to Gravity zone!
- **Build up to eight different construction vehicles**
- **Learn some circus skills and take home your very own set of juggling balls**

- **Make your own tie dye bag and pencil case**
- **Jump, climb, Slide your way through a wild excursion to Super Zu Playcenter**
- **Join us as on a yummy cooking adventure**

- **PADDINGTON 2**: We are going to the movies to see Paddington 2
- **If sport is your thing then we have a spectacular sports day just for you!**

For more information and to book into the holiday program at Berwick Lodge please visit:


REGISTER FOR 2018 SEASON NOW!

WHY CHOOSE SOUTH BELGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB (SBJFC)?

- SBJFC is affiliated with Eastern Football League (EFL) & Eastern Region Girls Football League (ERGFL). In 2018 SBJFC will field U8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 & 17s (EFL) & U10, 12, 14 & 16s (ERGFL). SBJFC feeds SBFC senior club list.
- SBJFC play at Narre Warren East Reserve (Cnr. Wellington & Berwick Rd’s), only 5-10 minutes drive to Harkaway, Narre Warren North, Berwick or Emerald OR 10-15 mins to Fountain Gate, Endeavour Hills or Beaconsfield.
- EFL play a 14 round season (R1: 15/04/18), plus a 4 round top 5 finals series for U11s to 17s. U8-10 play a 14 rounds, modified rules, no finals.
- The EFL regrade strong/weak teams after round 4 & have 4 graded divisions in all age groups so teams play in more even competitions.
- FREE uniform for new players & membership fees Payment Plan available.
- SBJFC is committed to teaching football and giving all kids a fair-go, e.g. game-time, position rotations, etc. and is a Dynamic Footy Skills and Coach Support partner club. *For more info, contact Rick 0410 187 948*

www.sbjfc.teamapp.com

Early bird rates to 31 Dec 2017
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

JAM HOT MUSIC CONCERT

PERFORMANCE DATE: MONDAY 18th DECEMBER
IN THE HALL
TIMES:
JUNIOR 10.30am - 11.30 am  P,1,2,
SENIOR 11.45am- 12.45pm  3,4,5,6

BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY

STUDENTS WILL PERFORM HITS FROM
BRUNO MARS / ACDC/ED SHEERAN/ KATIE PERRY
AND MANY MORE

Please bring your best Outfit in a bag to school on the day

Extra Rehearsals are taking place in the next 3 weeks

Also a Reminder to Finalise All invoices by the 30th November

Enquiries please contact
JASON STONEHOUSE
0419 872 875 or jamhotmusic@hotmail.com