LOST PROPERTY

Lost student property is one of those issues that is always with us – children being children, many will simply forget or be distracted by the moment and lose or misplace belongings. Having exasperated my parents as a young child and having my own children do the same to me with respect to managing their belongings, I can understand your frustration when your child comes home and they cannot remember where they left an item of their clothing, a school bag or a book for example.

Ensuring that their name is printed or tagged on their belongings is time-consuming, but nonetheless, most important. We do have lost property bins located in the main building and it is worth checking them as early as possible after you notice that they have lost something. Informing us as soon as possible is also important and posting details on the school’s PFA Facebook page, as I’ve noticed some parents doing, is also a good idea, particularly as sometimes children mistakenly take home a classmate’s belongings.

Q. What is the value of NAPLAN tests?
A. The answer to that question depends on whom you are asking. There is almost universal agreement on one thing though – that is, that NAPLAN tests do not provide a holistic picture of school performance simply because they focus only on literacy and numeracy. Beyond that consensus, opinions vary greatly. It’s fair to say that NAPLAN data does provide schools with some valuable diagnostic data on student progress in literacy and numeracy. Nonetheless, I am of the opinion that it is far less valuable as a means of comparing school performance and unfair when used to label schools as ‘underperforming’ as there are so many other indicators of school performance that simply aren’t included in NAPLAN.

Chris Fotinopoulos, who started his teaching career at the then Doveton High School in 1990, wrote a thought-provoking, critical piece on NAPLAN published in the online Guardian newspaper recently. It certainly provides food-for-thought this week as students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia sit the annual NAPLAN tests. The link to his piece is: https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/may/08/naplan-is-a-mess-and-has-little-benefit-parents-should-withdraw-their-kids?CMP=share_btn_link

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Great leaders start by asking the right questions rather than by offering the right solutions.’

Henry Grosick
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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.
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY

19th MAY

Next Friday is National Walk Safely to School Day. This is an annual national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. Families who live too far away to walk are encouraged to park their car away from the school and walk part of the way to the school. It is important to encourage healthy habits in our children from a young age and modelling safe behaviours when travelling to and from school is a great idea. We should support our children to develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians. Walking helps reduce car dependency habits that are created at an early age and difficult to change as they become adults. It also reduces the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles and lessens traffic congestion around the school. The Junior School Council will be encouraging everyone to recognise this day by wearing a crazy pair of socks.

FOOD ALLERGY WEEK 14-20 MAY 2017

Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world and this is increasing at an alarming rate; in fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy. With no known cure for food allergy, awareness and education is of utmost importance, as a severe allergic reaction and/or anaphylaxis can rapidly become life-threatening, and must be treated as a medical emergency. It’s important for all Australians to be aware of food allergies, and know the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction and how to respond in an emergency situation. Educate yourself this Food Allergy Week (14-20 May). [www.foodallergyaware.com.au](http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au)

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Life Education partners with schools to deliver vital health and safety messages to children and provide useful and informative resources for teachers. Life Education also continues the support in the home, offering parents, carers and guardian’s tools, tips and activities to ensure all Australian children are empowered to make safer and healthier choices. We have had great feedback from the students in grades prep to grade 4, who have thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the Life Ed Van.

We also had a wonderful turn out on Monday morning for the Life Education Parent session! Thank you for your attendance, we hope that you found the session valuable.

CYBERSAFETY

Your children’s online world is as much a part of their life as offline, so it is crucial that you are as involved in supporting their online wellbeing as you are their physical health. Your skills in rule setting, support, guidance and respect are just as important to helping ensure your kids enjoy positive digital experiences and to help them gain confidence in asking for advice and support. Please click on the following link, for lots more information: [https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent](https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent)

WINTER CLOTHING

With the onset of the cooler weather, we thought it timely to remind all families of the need for students to wear appropriate clothing to school. Although the children may be warm in the comforts of their home, car and classroom they need to be rugged up when going outside to play. A warm, cozy jumper or jacket and named, weatherproof coat are strongly recommended at this time of the year. There is currently an overabundance of lost property and this raises two concerns. Firstly, as most of the clothing items are not clearly named, they cannot be returned promptly to their rightful owners. We understand clothing is expensive and it is difficult to distinguish individual ownership of similar items and so we are asking you to please ensure all clothing is clearly named. Secondly, we are concerned with the large number of lost items that are not being collected and ask for your assistance in checking whether your children are missing items of clothing. Lost property is located inside the corridor leading from the courtyard into the main building and is accessible during school hours.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will be finalised this week with catch up tests for students who are away concluding on Friday. Parents with students in grade 3 and 5 will receive a report later in term 3.

MOTHER’S DAY

Our Mother’s Day stall is on Friday and we thank our hard working PFA for organising this event for our school. We hope all families enjoy a lovely weekend and find some time to spend with mum.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
We have had a busy start to the Performing Arts program this term. Students from Grades 4-6 are already busy rehearsing for Wakakirri and State School Spectacular.

What is the aim of Wakakirri?
The aim of Wakakirri is to teach students about themselves and others through creating and sharing stories and by this process develop students’ educational outcomes, lifestyle choices and community awareness. A great story can change the way people think about the world around them and Wakakirri gives schools the opportunity to do just that.

This year Berwick Lodge are telling the story of the 1989 Hillsborough Disaster, in which fans were crushed during an FA Cup semi-final game between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. There were 96 fatalities. Our story is simply titled 96. Our story-dance will show the events of that day and the 27-year court battle that the victims’ families had to endure for justice and truth.

What is a Story-Dance?
A Wakakirri Story Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a group of students that theatrically tells a story using a combination of dancing, acting and creative movement to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story and use any combination of dance, creative movement, acting, music, props, costumes, sets, and in some cases; film, projections and singing.

The Berwick Lodge students will perform in August at Frankston Arts Centre.

What is State School Spectacular?
The annual Victorian State Schools Spectacular provides an invaluable performing arts opportunity for Victoria’s government school students encouraging development of their creative skills, discipline, perseverance and confidence over months of rehearsals.

As one of the largest recurring productions in Australia, the Victorian State Schools Spectacular brings together over 3000 school students performing as a 64-piece orchestra, 1300 voice choir, 1200 mass dancers, 30 lead vocalists, 16 principal dancers, 20 ensemble dancers, 8 backing vocalists, roller skaters and puppeteers and much more.

This year Berwick Lodge will once again be part of the choir and we are already busy learning our songs. We will perform in the Hisense Arena in September and the concert is broadcast on Channel 7 in December.
INSTRUMENTS WANTED

Do you have any unwanted instruments collecting dust at home?

I am looking for a variety of instruments to complement and extend the music program at Berwick Lodge Primary School.

Ideally I would love to source an electric drum kit, ukuleles, acoustic guitars, keyboards and percussion instruments.

I am also looking for bamboo chopsticks which will be used to teach drumming. If you think you can help, please contact Lorraine Montgomery in the Performing Arts Room.
Year 7 2018 Transition News

The ‘Application for Year 7 Placement Form’ must be returned to your child’s class teacher by no later than 9.00am on Friday 12th May 2017. This includes students who have applied to a non-government school.

For those parents applying to a government secondary school, you will be notified of your child’s Year 7 placement for 2018 on Wednesday 9th August 2017.

If you have any questions regarding the completion of the form, please direct these to your child’s Grade 6 teacher or to the school office.

Thank you,
Sue Naismith
Transition Coordinator

Last week to enrol into the Cert III in Education Support (Teacher Aide) course which will commence in the next 3-4 weeks. Please contact Liz Blanchard on 0411 020 220

COMMUNITY

BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Course & Career Support Program
(we have been very successful for gaining employment for students)

Are you interested in studying:
• Cert III in Education Support (Teacher Aide) - CHC30213
• Cert III in Children’s Services - CHC30113
• Cert III in Aged Care - CHC30212

All our adult classes are in between pickup and drop off.

1 day per week and 3 courses are nationally accredited with state funding.

We will support you through our Job prep unit. Created with the help of a Primary School Principal. 3 years in the making! (Free of charge)
The outdoors is good for everyone.

I often read articles, which outline how many children today do not have the opportunity to enjoy nature and the outdoors and how this can affect our health and wellbeing. In the lead up to Education Week which the focus this year is Healthy Body, Healthy Mind I will endeavour to share some information and websites which may be of interest.

The following is an excerpt Warren McLaren wrote for the ABC in 2012: “Without nature, the little children suffer.” This article provides some interesting information about how children today do not get to experience the outdoors, unlike their parents only a generation earlier.

“For 98 per cent of Australian children, watching TV or videos out of school hours remains the most common recreational activity of children aged 5 to 14 years.” So revealed the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the 2003 study, Children’s Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities. Experiencing nature in an outdoor setting can help tackle not only physical health problems such as obesity and coronary heart disease, but also mental health problems. A follow up report in 2006 noted that “Not only was the participation rate highest for ‘watching television, videos or DVDs’, on average, children involved spent more time on this activity than on any of the other selected activities.” In a study published last year, the ABS reported that whereas a tad over half of all children were playing games online in 2006, by 2009 and this had increased to just shy of 70 per cent. The ABS also noted that 17 per cent of kids 8 to 14 had a computer in their bedroom”.

To read the full article please follow the link: [http://www.abc.net.au/environment/articles/2012/11/12/3629731.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/environment/articles/2012/11/12/3629731.htm)

An outdoor activity you may enjoy this weekend:
Make an outdoor naughts and crosses board:
Collect some sticks, rocks, stones or leaves and enjoy playing a few games together.

Happy Gardening,

Mrs. McCrum.

![Have a great day!](image)
School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.

This year’s School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items
There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app
Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:
• Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
• View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
• Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
• Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
• Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Learning the value of digital money
Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating ‘tap and go’, online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk
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.
This term looks busy in the Art Room with painting, collage, construction and more!

We are after donations of any old lego or duplo blocks. They will be used in paint so if you are happy for them to be used well, without being returned, then please bring them in!!

Thanks to those who continue to drop other materials for the Art room, it’s been greatly appreciated.

Please remember all students require an art smock for class, named is an added bonus!

Thank you
Jo Zammit/Julie McLeod
Visual Arts
**Mother’s Day Stall**

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on **Friday 12th May 2017**
(not Thursday 11th May as previously advertised)

Gifts are $5.00 each with a limit of 4 gifts per child
All forms and money are due by 9am on **Wednesday 10th May 2017**

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**Book Club**

Book Club brochures were sent home to all families last week.
Please place all orders online by **Friday 12th May 2017**.

Please note, the office cannot accept cash for your orders, it must be done online.

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**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**

- April 24\(^{th}\)
- May 8\(^{th}\)
- June 19\(^{th}\)
- July 17\(^{th}\)
- August 14\(^{th}\)
- September 11\(^{th}\)
- October 9\(^{th}\)
- November 13\(^{th}\)

**3:00pm - 3:45pm**

- May 1\(^{st}\)
- May 22\(^{nd}\)
- June 26\(^{th}\)
- July 24\(^{th}\)
- August 28\(^{th}\)
- September 18\(^{th}\)
- October 23\(^{rd}\)
- December 4\(^{th}\)
The Government Schools Guide booklet is now available in the front office showing a list of all Secondary schools in the East, South East, Bayside, Outer East, Melbourne, West, North, North East, North West & Girls Colleges.
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You can find our other centres online.

The City of Casey and the Melbourne Football Club have enjoyed a special partnership since 2009. Through this partnership, the Club contributes to the Casey community through a range of community programs and provides opportunities for Casey residents to support them. Each year, the Club acknowledges this partnership by providing free family tickets for Casey residents to what is known as the Casey Round, which is on the 21st of May 2017 at 3.20pm. The game will be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and will be against North Melbourne, the Kangaroos.
