How quickly term 4 has arrived! I hope you all had the chance to enjoy some quality family time over the school holidays. As always, term 4 is chock-a-block full with activities, not the least being our forward planning for next year, both staffing appointments and grade placement of students in addition to framing our school budget plans for 2018. Transition programs for next year’s Prep students and our grade 6 graduates are also an important feature on our term 4 calendar. Accountability wise, we have the end of year DET Annual School Implementation Plan review process, completion of reviews for all staff members individual yearly Professional Development Plans and the preparation of students’ end of year reports. We finish up with the grade 6 graduation night – and what a wonderful way that is to close out another successful year at our school.

LAUNCH OF OUR NEW WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND PARENT PORTAL APP
Tomorrow it finally happens! I am thrilled to announce the launch of our new school website, social media platforms, You Tube Channel and Parent Portal App. You will receive a letter tomorrow, providing you with an explanation and instructions on the features and use of these resources as well as a fridge magnet with handy information. We have greatly appreciated the suggestions and feedback we have received from you in designing the package of digital communication resources. I would also like to acknowledge the great work done by all members of our social media team, led by Michele Tan and including Robert Kelly, Lachlan Gilbert, Liz Blanchard and Jodie Norton.
I might add that our Facebook page will operate differently to that of our former PFA Facebook page. Firstly, our Facebook Moderation Team, led by Liz Blanchard will monitor all comments posted. Our new school Facebook page will be open to the public and will not be a closed group as was the case with our PFA Facebook Page. As such, comments can be posted, subject to moderation, via responding to posts we have made or via a weekly ‘comments and suggestions’ facility that will be available. It will not be a forum for advertising of goods and services and neither will it be a forum for parents raising issues such as lost property items for their child, queries on dates for special events, whether the canteen is open on a certain day, reminders for school banking, etc. These types of questions and issues are properly directed to school administration staff, principal class members or individual teachers, depending on the specific nature of the issue.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. What if I don't receive my letter and fridge magnet tomorrow regarding our new school website, etc?
A. Please contact our school administration staff. They will be only to pleased to provide assistance.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Certainty, more often than not, is like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow – it keeps it distance from you. That’s called doubt.’

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DIARY DATES

Thursday 12th October  
Grade 6 Family Life Program

Wednesday 18th October  
Grade 4 Wildlife Xposure - in school activity

Wednesday 18th October  
T20 Cricket Blast Day

Thursday 19th October  
Grade 6 Family Life Program

Friday 20th October  
Wakakirri Celebration

Wednesday 25th October  
Grade 3/4 Southern Ocean Education - in school

Thursday 26th October  
Grade 6 Family Life Program

Wednesday 1st November  
Grade 3 Dinosaurs - in school activity

Wednesday 1st November  
Grade 2 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion

Thursday 2nd November  
Grade 1 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion

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NOTICES DUE BACK

Friday 22nd September  
Grade 5/6 Summer Interschool sport

Monday 16th October  
Grade 4 Wildlife Xposure

Monday 16th October  
T20 Cricket Blast Day

Thursday 19th October  
Wakakirri Celebration

Friday 20th October  
Grade 3/4 Southern Ocean Education

Wednesday 25th October  
Grade 1 & 2 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion

Wednesday 25th October  
Wakakirri DVD
WELCOME BACK!
We hope everyone had the opportunity to find some time to rest and relax over the holidays. Term 4 is always a busy term with lots of enjoyable and exciting activities, we can share together. This term we have excursions, incursions, grade 6 graduation, twilight picnic, fun run, Prep transition, Chinese Moon Festival and a many other fantastic events. It is hard to believe that we are in our final term for the 2017 school year!

CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL
On Friday, Ms. Tian, our Mandarin teacher has planned a special whole school Chinese Moon Festival celebration. We encourage all students to wear red, yellow or a Chinese costume on the day. Students will be involved in a range of activities within their classrooms and have the opportunity to hear a special Chinese music performance. There will be a whole school parade at 11.45am on the basketball court and parents are welcome to attend.

SUNSMART REMINDER
Families are reminded that, as our school has SunSmart accreditation our policy requires that children wear a SunSmart hat to school. Students may wear a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire’s hat at all times when outdoors from the beginning of September through to the end of April. If a child does not have their hat on whilst playing outside they will be asked to remain playing in a shaded area. We encourage students to apply sunscreen at home before coming to school.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
We all need good mental health to build strong relationships, adapt to change and deal with life challenges. Here are some ideas to promote your child’s mental health and wellbeing.

- Show love, affection and care for your child.
- Show that you are interested in what is happening in your child’s life. Praise their good points and achievements, and value their ideas.
- Enjoy spending time together one-on-one with your child, and also as a family.
- Be there for your child. Encourage your child to talk about feelings with you. It’s important for your child to feel they don’t have to go through things on their own, and that you can work together to find solutions to problems.
- Deal with problems as they arise, rather than letting them build up.
- Maintain a healthy and active lifestyle, including physical activities, a balanced diet and plenty of sleep.

We all need help from time to time. Talk to family members, friends, and other parents. Keep teachers informed if you have any concerns about your child’s wellbeing. If you feel you need more help, speak to your GP or another health professional.

SAVE THE DATE!
The Berwick Lodge Twilight Christmas Family Picnic is on Friday 15th December.
We are inviting all families to our Family Twilight Christmas Picnic. This is a celebration of our school year and an opportunity to come together and meet informally with other families and members of our school community. We anticipate this will be a fabulous event and hope that everyone can come along and join in with the celebrations.

CONGRATULATIONS STEPHANIE
Congratulations are extended to Stephanie M in 6N who has been awarded 5th Prize in the Casey Schools’ Art competition. Stephanie will be presented with a certificate and prize at the Casey Mental Health Week Launch tomorrow at Lynbrook Community Centre. Well done Stephanie!

Sandra McCrum
Celebrating Achievements

Following on from Zoe in 6P’s recent win at the State Taekwondo championships titles, an even huger congratulations to Zoe for WINNING A BRONZE MEDAL IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS! Zoe has been very quiet about this achievement but she deserves some recognition. Berwick Lodge is extremely proud of you Zoe!

Celebrating Achievements (2)………

A huge well done to Miss Mac for winning a bronze medal at the Teachers’ Games. Miss Mac thought she’d give the sport of pistol shooting a try………and came away with Bronze!

Well done to these two dangerous individuals!

Canteen News

** IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT **

The canteen will NOT be open on Monday 6th November, the day before Melbourne Cup day. Normal canteen will resume on Thursday 9th November.
2017 Fundraising Contribution Reminder

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.
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:


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**Second Hand Uniform Shop - Opening Days/Roster**

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BUSINESS ADVERTISING

Kingston foot clinic

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Share & Support 4 Additional needs

Berwick Lodge P.S is excited to share our new innovative platform for parents and carers of the whole community facing challenges in providing support for children requiring additional learning interventions.

“Share & Support 4 Additional Needs” (SS4AN) comprises dedicated individuals who come together to share challenges, ideas, experiences, information and resources.

It is a ‘One-Stop’ informal environment to provide encouragement and social support.

There will be an online website and facebook to access useful tips and resources, monthly morning coffee sessions to share from others in similar situation and hear presentation by professionals working in field of special needs.

Join us! for our first meet-up session at the start of Term 4, date and timing to follow soon.

If you are interested in attending could you please RSVP by email to Liz – liz.blandiards@berwicklodge.ps.vic.edu.au
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

WE’RE IN TOWN

Roll up your sleeves and give blood

Narre Warren North
Mobile Donor Centre

Community Hall - 1-11 A’Beckett Road, Narre Warren North 3805
Appointments available:

Monday 30 October    12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 31 October   12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 1 November  2.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday 2 November  12.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Friday 3 November    8.30 am – 3.30 pm

Make an appointment today

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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

HP – Ph: 0417 744 992 (Peter)
NW – Ph: 0417 144 963 (Paula)
DEH – Ph: 0427 352 852 (Veronica)
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Jam hot Music encourages parents and students to plan a roster regarding practice days
Allocate a section in the house for music practice, encourage listening to all styles of music
Look to buy the instrument your child is learning

Ebay / Gum Tree / Music shop, will only promote more Practice

GUITAR / KEYBOARDS

Students learning Guitar/ Keyboards will by learning from 2 books regarding music notation and theory

The new Jam Hot Music SongBook with Easy Chords and Shapes for Guitar/Piano will come in Term 4

Teaching students hits from all their favourite artists like Ed Sheeran/JustinBieber/Adele/Bruno Mars/ACDC

DRUM KIT

Students learning Drum Kit need to practice even if they Don't have a Drum Kit

They should practice on the bed/ practice pads/ boxes old chair

Enrolment Forms are at the Front Office

Enquiries please contact JASON STONEHOUSE

0419 872 875 or jamhotmusic@hotmail.com

Website : jamhotmusic.com.au
Lunar Drive In

115 South Gippsland Hwy, Dandenong. 9706 9988

The Emoji Movie
September 14

Captain Underpants
September 21

LEGO Ninjago Movie
September 21

Kingsman: The Golden Circle
September 21

Thor: Ragnarok
October 26

The Little Mermaid: The Movie
November 2

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