LAUNCH OF OUR NEW WEBSITE, FACEBOOK & TWITTER PAGES
Our ICT team has been working very diligently for the past 6 months on redesigning our website – this taking some time in order to address all areas of concern we have received from you, our parent community. In addition, we have also focused on revamping our existing PFA Facebook page and, in doing so, incorporating it into our whole school digital communication platform. We are also very pleased to inform you that we will have a Berwick Lodge P.S. Twitter account in operation. We are planning the official launch in the first week of term 4. Many thanks to everyone who has provided us with very valuable feedback and ideas – we have certainly taken all information received into account.

FOOTY DAY
Despite the windy conditions we had a great time – I haven’t seen so many Richmond jumpers, scarves and beanies in a long time. I wonder why! At morning recess time we enjoyed a football kicking competition, with staff members decked out in their club colours and students barracking from the sidelines. I did my best for Collingwood, but it wasn’t enough. The Bombers took the honours, winning both the longest kick and most accurate kick events. Well done Bombers!
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. When will we be holding the Fun Run?
A. Good news – in consultation with our PFA the date set for our Fun Run is Tuesday 14th November. The backup day, in case of bad weather, Wednesday 15th November, the following day. We agreed that by mid-November, the weather is most likely to be fine and warm and this gives us plenty of time early in the term for planning.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘The more you want, the less you give – hardly a great pathway to happiness’

Henry Groszek

DIARY DATES
Saturday 16th September  State Schools Spectacular Hisense Arena
Monday 18th September   Wakakirri Awards night - Hamer Hall
Wednesday 20th September Divisional Athletics
Wednesday 20th September Grade 5 Discovery day program at Fountain Gate Secondary College
Wednesday 20th September Grade 5 Family Life Program
Thursday 21st September  3K Movie & Party afternoon
Thursday 12th October   Grade 6 Family Life Program
Thursday 19th October   Grade 6 Family Life Program
Thursday 26th October   Grade 6 Family Life Program

NOTICES DUE BACK
Monday 18th September   Divisional Athletics
Wednesday 20th September Grade 6 Family Life program
Thursday 21st September  3K Movie & Party afternoon
Friday 22nd September   Grade 5/6 Summer Interschool sport
TERM 3 EARLY FINISHING TIME

Term 3 finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 22nd September. Term 4 resumes on Monday 9th October at 9am.

BLPS FILM FESTIVAL

We dressed up and rolled out the red carpet on Monday evening to celebrate our 8th Annual Berwick Lodge Primary School Film Festival. The grade 5-6 students and teachers have been working tirelessly this term to produce quality films: writing scripts, sourcing props, filming and editing. Each year the students present a variety of films to watch, some which have a strong moral message and others that are simply fun and entertaining to watch. A big congratulations to everyone involved, it was a wonderful evening!

PLANNING WEEK

Planning Week provides the teachers with time to plan the exciting learning programs for term 4. Each team of teachers has a day to plan and our specialist teachers take the grades in that area for the day. Planning Week days are as follows: Friday 15th September – Grade 3/4, Monday 18th September – 1/2, Tuesday 19th September – Grade 5/6, Wednesday 20th September – Grade Prep, Thursday 21st September – Specialists.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property will be on display in the corridor of the main building during the last two weeks of term. Students will be encouraged to visit the collection in order to identify items of clothing that may belong to them. There are many pieces of clothing that have not been claimed. Parents are encouraged to come in after school and have a look through the collection. Lost items left at the end of next week will be donated to the local Opportunity Shop.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Keeping children safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for children about cybersafety.
2. Set a technology curfew.
3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. They could contain inappropriate material and/or a computer virus.
9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

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SHINE

Family mental Health Support Services for City of Casey and Greater Dandenong.
Shine is an early intervention program, offering whole-of-family assistance and support where family problems are impacting on the mental health of children and young people.

Aims to:
· Improve the capacity for prevention and early intervention for mental illness in children and young people
· To strengthen parenting relationships and communication within families affected by mental illness
· To provide enhanced support for children and young people, families and carers who be affected by mental illness
· To increase community awareness and understanding of mental health issues and the impact of mental illness on families
· Children and young people between the ages of 0-18 years, families and carers are eligible.
· There is no fee charged as the service is funded by the department of families, housing, community and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)

For more information, see Angela Maskery or call Shine directly on: 9784 0650 or email shinecdintake@familylife.com.au

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR
We have 20 very excited students accompanied by Mrs Montgomery and Miss Thomas who are participating in State School Spectacular on Saturday at Hisense Arena. We wish them all the best for their two performances and look forward to hearing all about their experience next week. If you are unable to attend, the show will be broadcast on Chanel 7 later in the year.

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.
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND IDEAS:

With school holidays fast approaching, it is nice to be able to plan activities, which are free or have minimal costs. Great places to take the family include:

- **Royal Botanical Gardens – Melbourne.** The children’s garden is a great place to explore, take your shoes off and enjoy paddling in the meandering stream running through the garden.
- **Dandenong Ranges.** Enjoy all the beautiful spring flowering trees, in particular, the rhododendrons. The National Rhododendron garden in Olinda is spectacular at this time of year.
- **Lysterfield Lake Park.** Children can ride their bikes on many of the mountain bike paths and enjoy walking around the lake. Enjoy a picnic and explore the surrounding area.
- **Braeside Park off Lower Dandenong road.** A great place where you can explore the walking tracks, playgrounds and picnic areas. Children can ride their bikes and you may be lucky and see one of the many Australian Animals that live within the park, including Echidnas.

**Activities to enjoy at home:**

- Have a snail race. Find snails within the garden, set up start and finish line and spray with water. Place the snails on the racetrack and see which one is the fastest/slowest. Spray the surface to keep it damp, this will help the snails.
- Find as many different coloured flowers/leaves within the garden and see if you can make a rainbow collage.
- Make a dinosaur garden. Fill an ice-cream container with soil or sand, find sticks, rocks, small branches, and place them within the soil. Use small toys such as plastic dinosaurs and create a dinosaur garden. Ideas for other gardens include fairy garden, matchbox car garden, farm animal garden or utilise any other small toys within the garden. An easy way to extend the garden is to create different themes in ice cream containers and then use sticks to create bridges between them. These gardens will occupy children for many hours and they can be as creative as they like and change the garden to suit their toys.
- Find rocks the size of your palm and paint/decorate, add google eyes and scraps of fabric to make rock pets.

**WANTED:** Clear, washed and clean recycled plastic bottles/containers to use within the garden as mini hot houses. Please drop these off at the office. Thank you to families who have brought items in, we will be using these as we plant our new crops.

Happy Gardening, Mrs. McCrum.
Is your child missing their school uniform?

Please have a look in our lost property basket located just inside the main building door near the courtyard. We have so many items in this basket and sadly they are not named. This is a timely reminder to our families to put their child’s name on their clothes as we can return them to their classroom if it’s clearly labelled.

During the last week of term, all lost property will be placed in the corridor of the main building. What is not collected on the last day of term, will be donated to the PFA secondhand uniform shop and the local Opportunity Shop.

Update on Amira

Our school has the honour and privilege of sponsoring a World Vision child called Amira.

Amira lives in Indonesia. Her favourite fruits are bananas and durian. In her spare time she likes to play football and draw.

We have just received the annual progress report from World Vision and we are pleased to report that Amira has turned five years old this year and she is in kindergarten. Her confidence has improved a lot because she has joined a Performing Arts group with a friend. Amira and the people in her town are starting to get more fresh water. Her health is starting to get better. Our money is helping her and her town have safer water and healthier foods for the boys and girls.

Thank you to Berwick Lodge Primary School for your continued support and care for Amira! Together we are making a difference!
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 excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until **19th September 2017**, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every **$10 you spend** at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), **you will receive a sticker**. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card or you can hand them directly into the office staff or place them into your local Woolworths collection box. The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.

THANK YOU!

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JAM HOT MUSIC PROGRAMS

Building Confidence and through Music Performance

OFFERING MUSIC LESSONS IN:

SINGING/DANCING, DRUM KIT, GUITAR & PIANO/KEYBOARDs

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
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Lunar Drive In

115 South Gippsland Hwy, Dandenong. 9706 9988

The Emoji Movie
September 14

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September 21

LEGO Ninjago Movie
September 21

Kingsman: The Golden Circle
September 21

Thor: Ragnarok
October 26

My Little Pony: The Movie
November 2

All Carloads
Only $25*
Every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

All Carloads
Only $30 per Movie
Thurs-Sun

Sessions at www.lunardrivein.com.au

Information correct at time of printing. All dates and films are subject to change.
BELEZA HALLAM

TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS 2017
LAST DAY OF TERM FRIDAY 22\textsuperscript{ND} SEPTEMBER -
9:00am to 2:00pm

THE STORE WILL BE CLOSED
SATURDAY 23\textsuperscript{RD} SEPTEMBER to SUNDAY 1\textsuperscript{ST} OCTOBER

WE WILL RESUME NORMAL TRADING HOURS AS OF MONDAY 2\textsuperscript{ND} OCTOBER 2017

NORMAL TRADING HOURS
(Effective as of 2\textsuperscript{nd} July 2016)
Monday to Friday - - 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday - - 9:00am to 1:00pm
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.

Spring 2017 school holiday dates:

Week 1: Mon 25th Tues 26th Wed 27th Thurs 28th September
Week 2: Mon 2nd Tues 3rd Wed 4th Thurs 5th Fri 6th October
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
DO YOU LOVE LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES?

WE’RE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES

BECOME PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK!

Not-for-profit student exchange organisation, WEP Australia, is looking for volunteer host families to welcome high school exchange students arriving in Australia in February 2018! Can you host?

REQUEST YOUR FREE INFORMATION PACK: WEP.ORG.AU/HOST
OR SMS ‘HOST’ TO: 0428 246 633

"It has been such a rewarding opportunity that allowed our whole family to experience a different culture!"

- host mum, Kay.
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

LOST RUNNERS

Black Nike runners mesh style with white sole visible at side.
Size 6 or 7 (I think)
Lost before or during grade 5/6 Hoop time on Friday 8th September.

If found, please contact Nikki on 0401 248 858 or hand them into the office.

Thank you

Information Registration Day

Max Pawsey Reserve
Fountain Drive, Narre Warren
Saturday 16th September 2017
Time 10am -1pm
New & Returning Members
Welcome
Under 6 to Under 16
Registrations on line

Ph: 0417 144 963 (Paula)
Ph: 0417 368 844 (Greg)

Try our Summer Sports
Track & Field Events Every Saturday Morning
Robert Booth Reserve Dandenong
Starting at 8:30am until Noon

Information Registration Day

Robert Booth Athletic Track
Bos Court, Dandenong
Saturday 23rd September 2017
Time 10am -1pm
New & Returning Members
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NW – Ph: 0417 144 963 (Paula)
DEH – Ph: 0427 352 852 (Veronica)

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