NEARLY THERE
As I mentioned to our students at Monday’s school assembly – we are in the final two weeks of the school year and it is an excellent opportunity for us all to reflect on the year and enjoy the concluding activities. Let’s not waste it.

END OF YEAR EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2.30PM
This could have been framed as a frequently asked question – in the event that parents are unable to collect or have their children collected from the school at 2.30pm on Friday 22 December, then please enrol them in our after school care program. I do understand that it may be inconvenient for some families having the early dismissal, consistent as it is with DET guidelines for the end of the school year day, however it is well publicised and is standard practice for many schools.

PFA: LOOKING FORWARD
We were unable to form a quorum at our PFA AGM on Monday. Consequently none of the executive positions were able to be filled. The matter was discussed at the ensuing school council meeting on Monday evening. It was agreed to pursue the issue early in the new school year with a view to establishing an operational PFA. In moving forward, council noted the changes in the role of the PFA this year – in particular the substantially reduced number of fundraising activities conducted by the PFA.

Continued...
**DIARY DATES**

- **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

**NOTICES DUE BACK**

- **Friday 15th December**: Grade 5 Hands on Science incursion
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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)**

**Q. Why is our school canteen closed next week?**

**A.** The canteen operators are undertaking their annual end of year stocktake and also completing end of year cleaning requirements.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**

‘It’s never too late to enjoy the fruits of reflection and never too soon to move forward with anticipation.’

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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.
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Friday 22nd December 2.30pm finish.
Parents are reminded that our last school day is Friday 22nd December and school finishes at 2.30pm. Out of Hours School Care will operate from 2.30pm and students attending need to be booked in.

STUDENT REPORTS
Our school reports will be available on the parent portal from 3.30pm on Friday 15th December. We hope families enjoy reading their child’s end of semester report and celebrate the progress made. We have included some common terminology that you may read on your child’s report:

**Differentiated Curriculum:** Adapting a program that caters for individual students’ learning styles and needs.
**Genre:** Categories of different writing and reading styles. For example: Narrative, Persuasive, and Information Report.
**Inferential Comprehension:** Something that is not directly stated; suggested. For example; comparing and contrasting, making predictions, word meaning in context.
**Evaluative Comprehension:** Abilities include: distinguishing between fact and opinion, identifying author’s purpose, interpreting figurative language and distinguishing real from make believe.
**Figurative Language:** Words or expressions that create effect. For example: exaggeration, similes, alliteration, and metaphors.
**Uplevel:** Raise standards
**VCOP:** Writing program based around the components of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation.
**Index notation:** A number is multiplied by itself a certain number of times. For example $10^3 = 10 \times 10 \times 10$
**Order of operations:** A mathematical process to solve equations in a particular order.
**Number bonds:** A number bond is the pairs of numbers that make up a given number. For example: Number Bonds to 10; 1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6, 5+5
**Chunking:** To break words into their sound parts ch/u/n/k/i/ng.
**Boundary punctuation:** Punctuation presenting at both ends of the sentence.
**Wow words:** Ambitious vocabulary
**Guided Reading:** Teacher directed reading looking at strategies, decoding and comprehension skills.
**Blends:** 2 - 3 letters put together to make one blended sound (sm, fl, gr, scr)
**Phonological Awareness:** An awareness of sounds.
**ICT:** Information and Communications Technology
**EAL:** English as an Additional Language
**PMP:** Perceptual Motor Program – Development of fine and gross motor skills, eye/hand coordination and balance.
**ILIP:** Individual Learning Improvement Plan.
**SMART (Say, Meaning, Analyse, Remember, Teach) Spelling:** An explicit and systematic approach to teaching spelling.

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS PICNIC and SENSORY GARDEN OPENING – FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 4pm – 6.30pm
We look forward to celebrating a successful year on Friday night at our School Twilight Christmas Picnic. The night will start at 4pm and conclude by 6.30pm. The official opening of the Sensory Garden will be at approximately 4.15pm. The evening will be located on the grade 1-2 oval and within the Sensory Garden. We encourage families to bring a picnic, enjoy the art show in the library, Mandarin and class performances, sensory garden, games, meet new families and catch up with friends. A limited amount of BBQ sausages and cans of drink will be available to purchase for a $1 each.

BOOK PACK COLLECTION
Book packs will be ready for collection from the school on Thursday 25th January and Tuesday 30th January between 9am and 3pm. The office will be open to receive payments on these two days.
Families are reminded that payment for their child’s requisites for 2018 should be paid prior to the commencement of the school year. A discount of $20 will be applied to the Essential Education Item component for all payments that are received in full by 28th February 2018 or to those families who commit to a payment plan by this date. Payments can also be made in a variety of ways. Information regarding this option is provided on the Student Requisite notice.
PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA
We invite all parents who have assisted in our school in any capacity to our annual Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea on Tuesday 19th December from 11.15am to 12pm. Invitations have been sent home but if you missed yours, please come and join us in the gym on this morning. We look forward to thanking all of our families.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION
We wish all of our graduating grade six students every success at secondary school. We look forward to the graduation presentation on Monday evening at the Cardinia Cultural Centre where we have the opportunity to celebrate with the students and families.

ORIENTATION DAY
What a wonderful and smooth transition day our students and teachers had on Tuesday. We welcomed all of our new families and students to our school. The teachers enjoyed the opportunity to get to know their new grade and share some time working with their class of 2018.

LOST PROPERTY
There is a large amount of lost property, which is laid out in the main school corridor, including school jumpers, hats, art smocks, casual clothing and lunch boxes. Please come and have a look through this before Monday 3.30pm. Items that remain will be bagged and donated to a local Op shop.

STEM EXTENSION GROUP
Congratulations to our eight students from grade 5 who have participated in our STEM extension program this year. They have learnt how to code using an Arduino board and have built an amazing 'bug' robot. They have worked on Tuesday afternoons with Miss Tan, Mr Kelly and George, an expert in the industry. On Tuesday afternoon, they presented a very informative presentation to each area level. Well done to everyone involved in the program and congratulations to our STEM students: Joshua V, Peter G, Daisy C, Kyra L, Emelia K, Brianna S, Cory H and Ashwin M.

EDU BLOG
Last week Mr. Kelly received some wonderful news from the Edu blog, which is show casing our ICT blog at school. Just another wonderful way our school is linking to the community. Congratulations Mr. Kelly on a great blog! Please see the link: https://www.theedublogger.com/2017/11/29/global2-my-blogging-story-and-a-showcase/

FIRST SCHOOL DAY 2018
School resumes for all students on Wednesday 31st January 2018. Grade 1 to 6 student’s start at 9am and our Prep students start at 9.15am.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
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**

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

**From 4pm to 6.30pm.**

**Order of Evening** (Approximate Times)

4pm ZANCE with Grade 6 on the grade 1/2 oval
4.15pm Official Opening of Sensory Garden by the Mayor
4.30pm Prep Q and Prep A performance
4.40pm Prep C, Prep R and Prep T performance

4.50pm Grade 1 performance
5pm Grade 2 performance
5.10pm Mandarin performance
5.20pm Grade 3 performance
5.30pm Grade 4 performance
5.40pm Grade 5 performance

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.

**Limited BBQ Sausages and drinks will be available for a gold coin. Bring your own family picnic and enjoy an evening at our school.**
As part of the Grade 6 Economics unit this semester, our students have formed ‘Companies’ and made products to sell.

Due to the successful Lodgiepreneur Market held on Wednesday 13th December, we will have additional stock available to sell at the Twilight Picnic on Friday 15th December.

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 the “Make a Wish Foundation”

We thank students and families for their support.

The library will be holding a second hand book sale this Friday 15th December at the Twilight Picnic.

Books will be displayed outside the library from 3.30pm and will be a gold coin donation. All monies raised will go back into the Library program.
As you know, 20 students from Berwick Lodge performed in the Victorian State School Spectacular in September.

Make sure Saturday 16 December 7:00pm is in your diary! The 2-hour Channel 7 broadcast will feature highlights from the live performances as well as behind-the-scenes footage and interviews. Tune in to catch all the action and relive the Spectacular memories.

It will also be simulcast via livestreaming on the 7PLUS app and be available on the 7PLUS catch-up website for 30 days from the broadcast date.
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.
Canteen News

Your last canteen day for 2017 is Friday 15th December and your first canteen day for 2018 is Thursday 1st February.

Bellbrook Catering would like to wish all the Berwick Lodge Primary School Staff, Students and Families a safe and happy Christmas break.
Lodgers Series 1

Christmas Episode

Feature Length Episode
Coming Soon
Exclusively on Vimeo
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

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 0456 576 123
Email: silverfernequineservices@gmail.com

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Kids – Ponies – Fun

The perfect Christmas present! Own a pony for the day!

Kids can choose their pony for the day, with experienced riders to ride with.

A great day with fun and riding lessons, plus a yummy snack and a fun ride.

Age – 9+

School holiday programs will run every term!

Day includes:
- 1 riding session
- Grooming and saddling
- Lunch included
- All for just $120

Kids can ride and play with horses, learn to care for ponies, and have fun!

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Riding school lesson at the Victorian Equestrian Centre

2 week nights available:
Starting at 4pm
Group sessions: 5 nights
$52 per rider per hour

Weekend lessons:
Starting at 9am
2 hour sessions
Includes riding lessons and horsemanship
$65 extra price for term 1

Available for all levels of riders: age 8+

Please email info@victoriaeneqestriancentre.com.au
Or call Victorian Equestrian centre on (03) 9944 9791
BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL FAMILY IN 2018!

Hosting promotes an exchange of cultures, languages and traditions, enriching family life. Students, aged 15-18, are wonderful role models for Australia’s future generation. Become a volunteer host family with WEP!

1,463 x Aussie families hosting
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Countless memories made

"Our daughter has a big sister now, someone to talk to other than mum or dad! If you're thinking about hosting, do it! It's the most rewarding experience for your family!"
Nicole, three-time host mum.

REQUEST YOUR FREE INFO PACK TODAY!
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1300 884 733
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

Beleza Hallam

20% off VIP Sale

14 Dec - 16 Dec `17

Beleza Hallam
Shop 7, 151-159 Princes Hwy
P: (03) 9702 3181
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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: [http://www.campaustralia.com.au/HolidayClubs/Program/BerwickLodgePrimarySchool/24333](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/HolidayClubs/Program/BerwickLodgePrimarySchool/24333)

City of Casey's Waste and Landfill department are running some free school holiday activities during January. Be sure to book in early to join in the fun!

**Recycling Superheroes kids craft sessions**

Casey needs more recycling superheroes! Come and learn more about Waste and Recycling in Casey, and make your own superhero costume to take home made from recycled materials! Practice your catch phrase and pose for photos on the day. Maximum 4 children per adult. Adults must be in attendance for the session.

Wednesday 17 January

Session 1: 10.00 am - 11.30 am
OR
Session 2: 1.30 am - 3.00 pm

Bookings essential at:
Session 1: [https://www.trybooking.com/TGZA](https://www.trybooking.com/TGZA)
Session 2: [https://www.trybooking.com/THLI](https://www.trybooking.com/THLI)

**Family trip to CERES Environmental Park in Brunswick**

Join us as we travel by bus to CERES Environmental Park. Attendees will participate in three environmental and waste based activities whilst there, as well as time to explore the park, nursery and cafe. Families welcome. Ratio maximum 3 children per adult. Adults will be responsible for the children in their care. Ages 5 and up. Bookings essential.

Bus will leave Bunjil Place at 9am sharp (please arrive 15 minutes early), and return around 4.30pm.

Monday 22 January

8.45 am - 4.30 pm (approx)

Bookings essential at:
[https://www.trybooking.com/TCFH](https://www.trybooking.com/TCFH)
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