STAFF CHANGES FOR 2018

As always, every new year brings with it a number of staff changes - 2018 is no exception. Julie McLeod, after many years of wonderful service at Berwick Lodge, in a number of different roles, will be retiring in 2018. Sarah Boyd and James Kuchel are also leaving Berwick Lodge next year. Our LOTE (Chinese) teacher, Wen Tian will be commencing Family Leave as from the beginning of the school year, while Lorraine Montgomery our Performing Arts teacher will be commencing Family Leave from the beginning of term 2. Lia Whitelaw is also leaving us next year – I have granted Lia 12 months leave without pay for personal reasons. Our best wishes are extended to Julie, Wen, Lorraine, Lia, Sarah and James in 2018 and beyond.

Welcome to our new members of staff: Ashleigh Reynolds, Rachel Garnish, Erin Maloney and Min Mao. Erin Maloney has been teaching at Ashburton Primary School in recent years, Ashleigh Reynolds and Rachel Garnish join us as Graduate teachers and Min Mao brings knowledge and expertise to our school in the area of LOTE (Chinese).

On another note, you may be wondering who Laura Rawlings is – Laura Cooper married earlier this year and is taking on Rawlings as her married name as of the commencement of 2018.

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## TEACHING ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES 2018

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Performing Arts: Christine Thomas

Physical Education: Tanya Craig

Visual Arts: Jo Zammit/Kylee Muccnignat

Multi Media/Robotics: Robert Kelly

LOTE (Chinese): Min Mao

Teacher Support (TERM 1): Lorraine Montgomery
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STAFF LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES 2018

PRINCIPAL CLASS
Principal: Henry Grossek
Assistant Principal: Sandra McCrum
Assistant Principal: Angela Maskery

LEADING TEACHERS
Numeracy: Sharon Chandler
Literacy: Mark Carthew
Digital Technologies: Michele Tan

PREP
Curriculum Coordinator: Jacqui Quelch
Wellbeing Coordinator: Carla Conway

1/2 AREA
Curriculum Coordinator: Bernadette Kelly
Wellbeing Coordinator: Nancy Hoang

3/4 AREA
Curriculum Coordinator: Hayley Rumble
Wellbeing Coordinator: Sue Naismith

5/6 AREA
Curriculum Coordinator: Ali McArthur
Wellbeing Coordinator: Sharyn King

SPECIALIST REPRESENTATIVES:
Specialist Co-ordinator: Jo Zammit
Curriculum Team: Christine Thomas
Student Wellbeing Team: Tanya Craig
Student Teacher/Work Experience: Fiona Froelich/Rose Scavo
Whole School Events: Rob Kelly
Library Coordinator: Trish Luke
Asian Studies: Min Mao
Junior School Council: Alvina Seow/Sophie Forte
Additional Assistance: Lianne Morgan
OH&S/Grade 6 Transition: Nick Pryor
Bike Shed Management: Zena Cadman
Garden Coordinator (open/close): Laura Rawlings
English & Maths Comp/eSmart: Erin Maloney
Parent Education Coordinators: Oliva Cook/Kerry Worthington
Learning Maps Coordinator: Ali McArthur

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**PFA SURVEY RESULTS**
We received a total of 123 responses to our recent survey regarding the future direction for our PFA and I’m thrilled to report that we have very strong support for the continuation of our PFA. That is great news. In summary, the results are as follows:

Do you support the continuation of our PFA? YES: 65%, DON'T KNOW: 22%, NO: 13%
Do you have the time to join the PFA Committee? YES: 16%, NO: 84%
Would you be prepared to take on a leadership role on the PFA? YES: 2%, NO: 98%
If the PFA ceased to exist in 2018, would you be prepared to assist in some capacity at the school if requested, on a flexible basis? YES: 68%, NO: 32%

On the basis of this feedback, we will be conducting our final PFA meeting for the year shortly with an optimistic view for 2018. Thank you so much for your contribution to this very important survey.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)**
Q. How successful was the fun run?
A. It was hugely successful in every way - the report will be presented at Monday’s school assembly.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**
Some things should never be taken for granted - trust tops the list

Henry Grossek

**DIARY DATES**
- **Friday 15th December**: Twilight Christmas Picnic from 4pm - 6.30pm
- **Monday 18th December**: Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
- **Wednesday 29th November**: Helmed Honeyeater Ambassador excursion

**NOTICES DUE BACK**
- **Wednesday 29th November**: 2018 Grade 6 Windcheater & T-Shirt orders
- **Friday 24th November**: Additional Grade 6 Graduation tickets - expression of interest.
- **Friday 24th November**: Helmed Honeyeater Ambassador excursion
- **Thursday 30th November**: Outstanding Service Award for Staff

**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.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET SHOW
Due to the cancellation of the Camp Quality Puppet Show, the alternative date set is Monday 20th November. The Camp Quality Puppet Program is a community education outreach program that teaches children about childhood cancer. Using four life-size puppets, the presentation helps children understand the importance of caring for and offering support to one another, especially when a child has a major illness such as cancer. If you have any questions about the puppet show, please speak to your class teacher.

FUN RUN
A huge thank you to all the wonderful helpers and organisers who made the school fun run on Tuesday such a success. The smiles on the children’s faces said it all! Prize winners and the total amount raised will be announced at the whole school assembly on Monday morning.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day. Students who are regularly absent from school are at risk of missing fundamental aspects of their educational and social development. The Victorian Governments “Everyday Counts” initiative promotes the fact that regular school attendance enables students to maximise their full potential and to actively participate and engage in their learning. It is important that children develop habits or regular attendance at an early age. Children with attendance of 80 per cent or less (that is, 40 days or more absenteeism per year) may be significantly disadvantaged in their learning. If you are having attendance issues with your child, please let your child’s teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day. Our Assistant Principal or school staff will contact you if there are any concerns about your child’s attendance or punctuality. Remember EVERYDAY COUNTS!

FUTURES IN MIND
Futures in Mind is a private paediatric allied health practice established in 2015 by Child and Adolescent Psychologist Ms Felicity Ferber. Individual counselling sessions are available to children at school, with a referral and Mental Health Care Plan (obtainable from GP). These sessions are bulk-billed through Medicare and there is no cost to the family. Each student is eligible for up to 10 sessions per calendar year. Counselling can be provided for, but not limited to, the following concerns:
• Anxiety • Depression • Self-esteem • Social skills • Emotion coaching / Anger Management • Grief and Loss • Family separation
For more information, please speak to your child’s teacher or Angela Maskery

2018 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM
The 2018 Prep students came to visit Berwick Lodge this week to participate in a story time session in the library with Mr Carthew. The children were thoroughly engaged as they listened to a selection of Mr Carthew’s wonderful stories including “The Moose is Loose” and sang along with some songs, as he played the guitar. The formal 2018 Prep Transition program will commence on Tuesday next week when the kinder children will spend time within a Prep classroom. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the new children and their families to our school!

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Last Friday we held our Remembrance Day service for the whole school. Mr Chris McKenna from the Berwick RSL was our guest speaker and the service was led by our wonderful school captains, Stefan, Emma, Nadia and Ravine. They spoke about Remembrance Day and why it is significant to pause and remember those who have served or are currently serving. It was lovely to see many parents attend the service.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery

Celebrating Achievements

A huge congratulations to Callum P in 6M who won a blue rosette at the Royal Melbourne Show in the Puppy division of the show.
He won with his puppy “Theodore” a British Bulldog who is 6 months old.
Well done Callum & Theodore.
HELMETED HONEYEATER 150\textsuperscript{th} CELEBRATION
On Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} December, a special presentation at Yellingbo Nature Reserve will mark the 150\textsuperscript{th} anniversary of John Gould's official naming of the Helmeted Honeyeater. John Gould was an English ornithologist and bird artist. During his lifetime, numbers of scientific societies honoured John Gould. Now his name persists as that of the ‘father’ of bird study in Australia, and he is commemorated in a nation-wide institution, the Gould League of Bird Lovers. For further information about John Gould follow the link: http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/gould-john-2113
The Helmeted Honeyeater is the official bird emblem of Victoria.
On this day, selected students from our school will be attending a special presentation at Yellingbo Nature Reserve where the Minister for Education, Mr. James Merlino will attend and unveil a unique artwork depicting the bird. Students from our school will also have art works displayed in an exhibition. Visitors are able to attend and are requested to be at Yellingbo nursery by 9.30am with the official presentation starting at 10.30am.

Happy Gardening, Mrs. McCrum.
Please be aware that from Monday 27th November 2017 there will be no borrowing of any books from the library for the rest of the year as we need to commence our annual stocktake.

Please also note that ALL books will need to be returned to the library by Monday 4th December 2017.

We appreciate your understanding.
BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ART SHOW

Twilight Picnic: 4pm - 6.30pm
Friday, 15th December
Grades Prep-6

Theme:
What can I see in my garden?

Any Media including:
- Collage
- Photography
- Painting
- Drawing
- Modelling

THE ANNUAL
BERWICK LODGE
ART SHOW

TWILIGHT PICNIC - FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 4PM - 6.30PM

ANY MEDIA:
- Drawing
- Painting
- Collage
- Photography
- Modelling
- Sculpting
Morning Tea Session - parents of children with additional needs

Are you interested in joining us for our second meet up session on Friday 17th November at 9.30 am. Children are welcome.

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

View more info – http://berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au/community/#share

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

If you are interested in attending could you please RSVP by email to Liz – lizblanchards@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au

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FREE PLAYER PACK FOR NEW REGISTERED PLAYERS

Namie Warren East Reserve on Berwick Road (near Cnr Wellington Rd)
Casey Cardinia Libraries (CCL) is establishing Forgiving Trees at all its branches in the lead up to Christmas. People are welcome to contribute items of food or unwrapped gifts for people in need of support. If donors have CCL library fines or other charges, CCL will waive their fees in acknowledgement of their generosity.

Casey Cardinia Libraries CEO, Chris Buckingham said: “This is the season for giving and we want people across our community to know that if they pay it forward and help out others, we will return the favour.”

The Forgiving Tree is a golden opportunity for library members with overdue items or fines to wipe the slate clean and feel good about it.

“We know Christmas is a time where lots of households are under pressure to make ends meet. As a public library service we take great pride in providing useful and free services in safe welcoming places. By waiving fines and encouraging people to visit our libraries we can bring people together and help celebrate the best things about community life in Casey Cardinia” said Chris Buckingham.

The Forgiving Tree campaign will run from November 7 – December 24 and all donated goods will go to local charities. Non-perishable food needs to have its packaging intact with best before dates in 2018. Christmas gifts must be new and unwrapped.
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SENIOR 11.45am- 12.45pm.  3,4,5,6

BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY

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