PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP
No sooner do our students return from Singapore than our middle school students are off to Phillip Island this week. I am pleased to report that all is well – our team of students, parents and staff are safely settled in at Phillip Island – we have heard that it is rather windy on the Island today and there’s a chill in the air, but everyone is having a great time.

PARENTS APPROACHING CHILDREN OTHER THAN THEIR OWN
This relates to situations in which parents approach children other than their own at school and warning/advising/admonishing them over an issue in relation to their own child. Please refrain from doing so. Speak with a principal class member – Sandra McCrum, Angela Maskery or me if you have reached the stage where you are about to confront a child at school over a matter involving your child and over which you are obviously upset.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. Why does it take until Monday to receive my email subscription school newsletter when it is uploaded to our school website on Thursdays?
A. The problem lies with our connectivity with the software package, Mail Chimp, which we use for email distribution. We hope to have this problem solved next week.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Certainty can be like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow – and maybe that’s not such a bad thing’

Henry Grossek
DIARY DATES

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th August  Grade 6 Swimming lessons
Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th August  Grade 6 Swimming lessons

Wednesday 16th August - Friday 18th August  Grade 3 and 4 Camp to Phillip Island

Friday 18th August  Grade 5/6 District Basketball competition

Thursday 24th August  Wakakirri Story Dance - Frankston Art Centre

Monday 28th August  Leigh Hobbs workshop - Prep - Grade 6

Tuesday 29th August  Fun Family Maths night
Tuesday 29th August  Australian Girls Choir workshop assessment

Wednesday 30th August  Edwin Flack District Athletics competition
Wednesday 30th August  JSC Nursing Home visit - Father’s Day

Thursday 31st August  Father’s Day stall

Monday 4th September  Grade 1/2 Hoop Time Basketball competition

Friday 8th September  Grade 5/6 Hoop Time Basketball competition

Monday 11th September  Grade 5/6 Film Festival Drum Theatre Dandenong

Saturday 16th September  State Schools Spectacular Hisense Arena

NOTICES DUE BACK

Tuesday 15th August  Fun Family Maths night
Wednesday 16th August  District Basketball competition
Wednesday 16th August  Edwin Flack District Athletics competition
Friday 18th August  Wakakirri face painting permission
Wednesday 23rd August  Grade 1/2 Hoop Time Basketball competition
Friday 25th August  Leigh Hobbs workshop permission form
Monday 28th August  Australian Girls Choir workshop
Monday 28th August  Grade 5/6 Hoop Time Basketball competition
Monday 28th August  JSC Nursing Home visit - Father’s Day
Wednesday 30th August  Father’s Day stall
SINGAPORE TRIP

Our group of 16 students and 4 staff returned from Singapore on Thursday evening tired but very excited after their amazing 8-day adventure. We had a wonderful trip exploring the sights, sounds and culture of Singapore. Tampines Primary School, our host school in Singapore were very hospitable and our students thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their host family. Our students were exceptional ambassadors, not only for Berwick Lodge Primary School but also for Australia and we were very proud of them all.

Brianna, one of the grade 5 students on the trip has written a report:

Singapore Trip 2017

Did you know that the meaning of Singapore is lion sea that’s why the symbol of Singapore is a Merlion. The main reason we went to Singapore was for a cultural experience. In fact we were there for their national day. Singapore was only turning 52 years old. For two days we visited Tampines Primary School. The class that I was in sang good morning to their teachers and us. At Tampines we got paired up with a buddy and a host family. We got paired with a partner to go with our host family. Our host family either took us out somewhere or we experienced what their home was like. My host family took Samudra and I to gardens by the bay which was beautiful. In Singapore we saw and did so much. Our tour guides Alfred, JP and Don were fantastic and very informative. Some of the things we did were: a buffet breakfast with the orangutans at Singapore Zoo, we went on the Singapore Flyer, it had an amazing view and we caught the monorail to Sentosa Island where we went to the beach and saw the sound and light show later that day. We all had a red shirt that said Berwick Lodge Primary School Singapore Trip 2017. We wore the shirts at Tampines Primary School’s National Day Celebrations and at the Airport. On behalf of us all I’d like to thank Mrs McCrum, Ms Maskery, Mr Kelly and Mr Pryor for taking such good care of us in Singapore. We’d also like to thank our parents for giving us this opportunity.

To see more, please look at the Singapore blog: [http://berwicklodge2singapore.global2.vic.edu.au/](http://berwicklodge2singapore.global2.vic.edu.au/)

CHANEL 9 GARDEN GURUS TV PROGRAM – Filming at school – Friday 25th August.

Yesterday we received some wonderful news that the Chanel 9 Garden Gurus program will be coming to our school on Friday 25th August to film a story in our school garden. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school to show case our fantastic gardens. We are holding a working bee on Friday 18th August from 3.30pm to 4.30pm to assist with tidying the garden. All volunteers are welcome to assist. Please meet in the Community Garden.
GRADE 3-4 CAMP – PHILLIP ISLAND

Our grade 3-4 students are enjoying their Phillip Island camp experience. They departed from school on Wednesday and will return on Friday. We look forward to hearing all of their exciting camp stories upon their return.

ST JOHNS FIRST AID IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

On Tuesday next week, The St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program will deliver First Aid training to our students from grade prep to grade six. The knowledge and skills gained in the First Aid in Schools Program will develop First Aid awareness in school children. This learning is age-appropriate and integrates with the Victorian Curriculum.

WAKAKIRRI

On Thursday evening 24th August our students participating in Wakakirri will be performing at the Frankston Arts Centre. This is the culmination of many weeks of commitment and hard work: writing the story, rehearsals, costume designs and prop making. The story this year will be based on the Hillsborough Disaster of 1989, which fatally took the lives of 96 Liverpool supporters. We are very excited to watch the performance and would like to wish Mrs Montgomery and everyone participating every success!

BOOK WEEK - CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. Throughout the week the students will celebrate children’s literature in a variety of ways, as teachers highlight the fun and importance of reading. Mr Carthew will be engaging the children in some fun, workshop based activities. On Friday next week the children will be encouraged to dress-up as their favourite book character.

SUN SMART

All children attending school should be protected from skin and eye damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. Although this winter is still a bit up and down, there are some nice hints of spring and the UV levels are on the rise. Sun protection is recommended whenever UV levels are three or higher. Average UV levels in Victoria are three or higher from mid-August so it’s time to dust off the sun protection gear.

1. Check the daily sun protection times for your location
   Available from: Free SunSmart app (http://www.sunsmart.com.au/tools/interactive-tools/free-sunsmart-app) or check the weather section of the newspaper

2. During the sun protection times, please remember to:
   Slip on covering clothing
   Slop on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Remember to reapply throughout the day.
   Slap on a wide-brimmed hat that shades the face, neck and ears
   Seek shade
   Slide on wrap-around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067) if practical

   The children should be wearing their sun smart hats from September to April.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery.
GARDEN GURUS TV SHOW FILMING AT OUR SCHOOL
FRIDAY 25th AUGUST

Have you heard? We will have the Garden Gurus TV show filming in our school gardens on Friday 25th August. To prepare for their visit, we are holding a working bee this Friday 18th from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. We hope many families can help for a short time.

PLANET ARK DAY ART WORKS
Mrs Zammit enjoyed working with students in the Art room on Planet Ark Day. The students enjoyed using natural materials to create a picture. Materials included seedpods, leaves, bark and sticks. All these items can be found around the school and your local area and you may enjoy creating some works with your own children. Here is some of their amazing work!
Community Garden Working Bee

Friday 18th August

Please join us from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. We will be weeding and tidying our garden and getting ready for the Garden Gurus TV show and spring planting.
Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents’ perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

This year, the survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the period from Friday 11th August to Sunday 27th August 2017. Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year’s survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The online survey is available in English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha) and Hindi. Survey language guides will be provided in a range of languages including Albanian, Bengali, Burmese, Cantonese, Dari, Filipino, Greek, Gujarati, Indonesian, Japanese, Karen, Khmer, Korean, Macedonian, Malayalam, Pashto, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Serbian, Sinhalese, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish or Urdu.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September.

Donations!
We are in need of lots of newspapers please!

Art Competition
The City of Casey in conjunction with the Mental Health Foundation of Australia are currently running an Art competition “What brings you joy in life?”
Entries are open for Prep-Grade 6 with 1st - $200, 2nd - $150 and 3rd $100.
Artwork can be any media or technique – painting, drawing, collage materials, prints, photography, sculpting. Entry forms are in the Art Room and need to be submitted to Mrs Zammit by the 14th August. We already have some entries, but would love to see some more!

Thank you
Jo Zammit and Julie McLeod
Visual Arts

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY!
FRIDAY 25th AUGUST

To celebrate Book Week and the announcement of this year’s Children’s Book of the Year winners, Berwick Lodge Primary School is holding a dress up day. We would like to invite everyone to come dressed as their favourite book character. A buddy lunch will take place to showcase everyone’s effort and there will be a Smiggle’ prize awarded to the best dressed student in every class.
Let’s get creative!
The 2017 Berwick Lodge Film Festival will be held on
Monday 11th September 2017
At The Drum Theatre, Dandenong

Please come along and “walk the red carpet” before watching new, exciting films produced by our Grade 5/6 students.

Tickets on sale now - only 36 left
Cost is $18.00 per adult & $12.00 for children under 15 years

For tickets contact
www.drumtheatre.com.au
or Drum Theatre on 8571 1666
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.

The sick bay is in urgent need of spare clothes. If you would like to donate any to the school, we are in need of ALL sizes.

If your child does come home in borrowed sick bay clothes, please wash these and return them to the office. If underwear was given, please do not return these, however purchase a new pair to replace them. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.