Welcome back to term 2!
It was lovely on Tuesday morning to see all the smiling and eager students coming back to school, catching up with friends, and sharing their holiday stories. We are all looking forward to a fantastic term with lots of great activities planned across the school including a special ANZAC puppet show and service, grade 5/6 camp, Step into Prep information night, Open night, Buddy Day, 1/2 Lego excursion, Life Education Van visit and sports clinics to name a few events. It is certainly shaping up to be a very busy term!

Herald Sun newspaper interview for Federal Budget:
The Herald Sun newspaper have contacted the school and would like to interview interested families about the upcoming Federal Budget. They would like to speak to families from three different categories: Single income families, families earning over $150K and families with very young children, to find out what they would like on the budget wish list. It would involve a 5 to 10 minute phone interview, a photo and possibly a follow up call. If you are interested in being involved please contact the office and we will provide further details.

ANZAC Day Service
On Monday 24th April, we will be holding a special ANZAC day service as part of our 9am school assembly. Families are invited to attend the assembly that will be held on the basketball courts.

Quotable Quote: The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. H. Jackson Brown, Jr

Sandra McCrum
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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.
WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to all families and I hope that you enjoyed your holidays with your children and ate some chocolate Easter eggs! Term 2 is already shaping up to be an exciting and busy term for our school.

NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEARS 3 AND 5
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests for Years 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 9th May, Wednesday 10th May and Thursday 11th May 2017. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA). The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with special needs may qualify for special provisions which reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. A formal exemption may be granted for a student who has a significant intellectual disability or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background. While participation by all students is expected, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. A formal application for exemption must be received by the principal prior to the testing. Later in the year, you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. Further details about the testing program can be accessed by visiting the VCAA website at: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

STEP INTO PREP
Our Step into Prep information evening will be held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7pm. If you have friends or family with a kinder child, please pass the information onto them. The evening is an opportunity for prospective Prep families to learn about programs we offer at school, including school readiness and our curriculum and wellbeing programs.

MESSENGER DOGS - Tales of World War I Puppet Show
Today and tomorrow the students will enjoy a visit from the travelling roadshow “The Messenger Dogs – Tales of WWI Puppet show”. This show will teach the students about our ANZAC story and World War I.

The Messenger Dogs - Tales of WWI puppet show follows the journey of Nell, Trick and Bullet - three dogs responsible for carrying messages between headquarters and the front line. The free puppet show is tailored to students from Prep to Grade 6, telling tales of courage, determination and mateship that capture the hearts and minds of young Victorians.

Each participating student will receive their own commemorative 1919 Children's Peace Medal. In 1919, Australian children under 16 received a silver-coated medallion - a special reminder of the service and sacrifice of Australians at war. All students from Prep to grade 6 will have the opportunity to attend.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
**Grade 3/4 Corner**

**Grade 3/4 Camp**
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Grade 3/4 Camp Information evening this week. This year the Grade 3 and 4 students will be attending a three day camp at Phillip Island Adventure Resort from Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th August 2017. On the evening we discussed the role of parent helpers on camp and invited expressions of interest. If you were unable to attend the information night and would like to submit an expression of interest to be a helper on our camp please collect a form from your child's teacher. Forms are due back to school no later than Friday 12th May 2017.

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**Grade 5/6 Corner**

**Year 7 2018 Transition News**
Earlier this week all Grade 6 students took home a letter and application form for secondary school next year. The ‘Application for Year 7 Placement Form’ **must be returned to your child’s class teacher by no later than 9.00am on Friday 12th May 2017.** This includes students who have applied to a non-government school.

For those parents applying to a government secondary school, you will be notified of your child’s Year 7 placement for 2018 on **Wednesday 9th August 2017.**

If you have any questions regarding the completion of the form, please direct these to your child’s Grade 6 teacher or to the school office.

Thank you,
Sue Naismith
Transition Coordinator
School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.

This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items
There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app
Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:
- Check the balance of their Youtheaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Learning the value of digital money
Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk

Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,049 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not form part of the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 49 123 134 134.
CSEF Applications

Application forms are now available in the office for the Camps, Excursions & Sports (CSEF) funding.

Please bring a copy of your concession card into the office when applying for the CSEF Fund.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term one, or;

on the first day of Term two;
   a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
   b) Be a temporary foster parent, and

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of the above.

CSEF application forms and a copy of your concession card must be handed into the office by Friday 23rd June 2017.
Unleash your creativity and artistic talents with the Casey Creations Youth Arts Competition! Let your imagination run wild and embrace the opportunity to exhibit your work and win some great prizes!

Open for submission in the following categories:

- VISUAL ARTS 2D
- PHOTOGRAPHY

Open for submission in the following age groups:

- JUNIOR Grades 5 and 6
- INTERMEDIATE Years 7 - 9
- SENIOR Years 10 - 12

Entries close Friday 21 April 2017 at 5.00 pm.

For a copy of the competition entry form and terms and conditions of entry, please visit the City of Casey Youth Services website or contact Customer Service on 9705 5200.
BERWICK COLLEGE HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM 2018

We have received information about applying for the 2018 High Achievers Program at Berwick College. Grade 6 parents who are interested in this program for their child can contact Mrs Sue Naismith (room 23) for the information booklet. Closing date for applications is 4pm Friday 28th April 2017.

Parent Information Evening
Year 7 2018
Wednesday 26th April
7:00pm
Performing Arts Centre

An opportunity to find out more about:
- College structure
- Pastoral care
- Learning at Berwick College
- High Achievers Program
- Student pathways
- Transition programs
- College facilities
- Basketball Academy
- Dance Academy
- iPad Program
- College’s restricted neighbourhood boundary

Followed by the Dance and Basketball Academy meeting at 8:00pm
FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE
JOSEPHINE AVENUE, NARRE WARREN

2017 OPEN NIGHT
THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2017

SEE DISPLAYS OF STUDENT WORK AND MEET STAFF AND STUDENTS
9.30AM AND 2.00PM: SCHOOL TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL
5.30PM - 6.00PM: INTRODUCTION AND PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME
6.00PM - 8.00PM: SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM TOURS, INCLUDING BBQ
FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 8762 6839

2017 HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM
The High Achiever Program at Fountain Gate Secondary College is designed to enable high achieving students to maximise and fulfil their academic potential in a stimulating and supportive setting, along side others with similar abilities and interests. The application for current Year 6 (Year 7 in 2018) students closes on Friday 21st of April and the selection examination will be held on Saturday the 29th of April 2017.

For further details and application forms contact Ms. Nicole Tritter on 8762 6839
Transition News

FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE

HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

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THE HIGH ACHIEVER PROGRAM AT FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE AIMS TO DEVELOP LIFELONG LEARNERS WHO REACH THEIR UTMOST POTENTIAL.

FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE

Program Goals

- High Achiever Program aims to develop high-achieving students in a way that will ensure their success in the future.
- The program focuses on developing students' skills in areas such as leadership, teamwork, and critical thinking.
- Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities to build their confidence and resilience.

Support and Future Pathways

- The program provides additional support for students who may need extra help or guidance.
- Students are encouraged to explore their interests and passions and to pursue their future goals.
- The program helps students to develop their skills and knowledge in areas that will be beneficial in their future careers.

Past Results

- Many students who have participated in the program have gone on to achieve great success in their chosen fields.
- The program has been recognized for its success in developing successful and well-rounded students.

Tertiary Offers for 2015 Graduates

- The majority of graduates from the Tertiary Offers group have been accepted into universities and other tertiary education institutions.
- The program has a strong focus on developing students' skills and knowledge, which has contributed to their success.

University Destinations for 2015 Graduates

- Many graduates have gone on to pursue their dreams in a variety of fields, such as medicine, engineering, and law.
- The program has been successful in preparing students for their future careers and helping them to achieve their goals.

ENDAVEROUR RESPECT HONESTY RESPONSIBILITY

FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE

**FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE**

**QUICK FACTS:**
- *Year Established:* 1992
- *Principal:* Mr. John Smith
- *Number of Students:* 1200
- *Sports Offered:* Football, Basketball, Swimming
- *Major Subjects:* English, Mathematics, Science

**Motto:**
- "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

**Mission Statement:**
- "To provide a challenging and supportive environment that empowers students to reach their full potential and become lifelong learners."
Berwick Lodge Primary School

Step Into Prep!

Parents of children commencing primary school in 2018 are invited to learn more about their child’s transition into Prep by attending on:

Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7pm

The program for the evening will include:

★ Transition Program overview including school readiness
★ Enrolment information
★ Meet the Prep Teachers
★ Prep Curriculum overview

Registration for this event is essential. Places are limited, please book now on

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Helping parents, and kids, deal with frustration and anger

RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOUR
Better understand why children behave the way they do

STRATEGIES THAT WORK
How can parenting be easier, and more fun!

DATES: Tuesday evenings for 5 weeks
30th May – 27th June 2017

TIME: 6.45pm to 9.15pm

WHERE: TurningPoint Church
Meeting Room
1785 South Gippsland Hwy
(opposite Devon Road)
Cranbourne East
(Melways:138E1)

BOOKINGS:
For bookings & enquiries contact:
Sandra Phillips at Parentzone
03 5945 2000 or 0447 500 355
sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au

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Australian Heritage Festival 2017
The Casey Choir Sings
at Mulberry Hill
Sunday May 7 at 2.00 pm

Come, celebrate and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful singing by the Casey Choir in the lovely surrounds of Mulberry Hill. Listen to an eclectic range of music including classical, folk, jazz, world, pop, cinema and stage.

Admission prices:
Adult $20, Conc. $15,
Children $10, Family $52,
National Trust members $15
Entry includes house tour.
Bookings at:
trybooking.com/249144

Mulberry Hill is located at:
385 Golf Links Road,
Langwarrin South
Chairs available on lawn area or BYO 'picnic on a rug'.
Pop-up bar serving Peninsula wines and local products/tea and coffee.

For further information, please contact: Lydia on 0414 819 494
or at lydiamr@tpg.com.au
Sweeney Drive update...

Just another update on works at Sweeney Drive…the second stage of the works (which is placing beams over the Sweeney Drive bridge) has been delayed. This means the pedestrian path has been reopened but will close again for a couple of days (let’s say a week just to be safe…but will be shorter) from the 26th April 2017

We apologise for any inconvenience.
Clay animation is a type of animation that uses clay figures, just like the TV shows Pingu and Shaun the Sheep. This is a really fun way to introduce children to animation, where the only limit is their imagination! At our claymation workshop, we will teach children the basics of clay animation, from designing and making characters and sets, to planning their animation using storyboards, filming, sound and editing their final animation.

If possible (but not essential) please bring an iPad loaded with the app ‘stopmotion’. Laptops are provided, all other materials supplied.

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Call us on (03) 5990 0900 to enrol, or e-mail admin@ballaballa.com.au

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Berwick-Cranbourne Road
Cranbourne East