FUN RUN REPORT
What a wonderful success it was – not only did we have a great day weatherwise, and a lot of fun, but also raised a record sum of money for our school – $10,500. Thank you to everyone for your invaluable support.

PARENT REQUESTS FOR GRADE PLACEMENT FOR 2018
I received a total of 74 parent requests for grade placement for their children for next year. This is substantially down on last year’s total of 104. I am pleased to note that the requests were, by and large, quite fair and reasonable. In just a very few cases I received requests that will be unable to be met.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA) AGM: MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017
The annual PFA AGM will be held in the conference room at 9.30am on Monday 11th December. Office bearers for 2018 will be elected at this meeting.
These positions are:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and School Council Representative.
Nomination forms and membership registration forms are available at our general office. In order to be eligible to be nominated (or self-nominate) for any of the office bearer positions, you must first be a registered member of our PFA member. This can be done quite simply by filling in a PFA membership registration form before you are nominated. Similarly, to be eligible to vote at the AGM and nominate another parent for an executive position, you must be a registered member of the PFA. This requires that you have completed the registration form. Also, in order to vote you must also be a registered member of the PFA. Please note, existing registered PFA members are required to resubmit new registration forms.
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

In the event that only one nomination for any of the office bearer positions is received, that person will be declared duly elected by the Returning Officer (school principal) at the AGM.

Our PFA has been with us since we opened in 1990 and over the years, and with many different members and office bearers, has played a vital role in supporting the development of our school. Whilst fundraising is the major role of our PFA, members have been actively involved in a variety of other roles, depending on the circumstances at the time. Such roles have included providing professional development for parents, supporting staff on whole school activities from time to time and most recently, managing our PFA Facebook page. Recently active membership numbers have been down somewhat, placing an added pressure on executive office bearers. It would be great to see the membership of our PFA grow substantially next year. In thanking our outgoing PFA executive team for the great work they done this year, I urge all parents to consider joining our PFA and if it interests you, why not nominate for an office bearer position.

**NOTICES DUE BACK**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)**

Q. Can parents whose children are enrolling at Berwick Lodge for the first time next year – for example, Prep children already enrolled for 2018 – attend the meeting?

A. Yes – most certainly.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:**

The difference between facts and fiction is our imagination

*Henry Grosske*

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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.
PREP TRANSITION
This week we had the pleasure of meeting our 2018 Prep students when they visited the school for the first of their transition sessions. The children enjoyed working within a Prep classroom and listening to stories, singing songs and participating in some hands on activities. The parents had the opportunity to informally meet the Principal team and other parents. It was great to see so many happy students proudly wearing their ‘I’m enrolled at Berwick Lodge’ t-shirts. Our specialist team are looking forward to meeting our 2017 Preps over the next two weeks.

SUNSMART
Berwick Lodge is a registered Sun Smart school. We are committed to ensuring our students are protected from too much UV. Sun Smart recommends SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Teachers do not apply sunscreen for students, but we do support strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen themselves before heading outdoors. Please help support this message at home by:
☐ Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours
☐ Talk to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer
☐ Ensure your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practise so they will be all set to apply it safely at school
☐ Be a Sun Smart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check lost property regularly if your child has lost belongings. The bins are located at the side entrance of the main building. At the end of the term, any remaining items are donated to the local Opp. Shop.

MOBILE PHONES
We do not encourage students to bring mobile phones to school, but we do understand that there are circumstances where this may be necessary: if your child makes their own way to and from school and when plans change, or when someone is running late, a mobile phone comes in handy. However, it can be very tempting for students who bring these devises to school to want to keep hold of them. This is a reminder to all students who bring mobile phones and other items of technology to school, they must hand them in to classroom teachers at the beginning of the day for safekeeping.

HEAD LICE
We have had a high incidence of head lice this term. Whilst parents have the main responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice our school community will work in a cooperative and collaborative manner to assist all families to manage head lice effectively. Parents are encouraged to regularly check their child’s hair and if lice are found, remove all eggs and live lice. Lice treatment products are available at the chemist. Eggs can be removed from the hair strand by combing conditioner through with a very fine toothcomb. If students have live lice in their hair, parents will be contacted and the child will need to go home and be treated. We appreciate all families assisting with the eradication of lice. For further information, please click on the below link; www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
Your last canteen day for 2017 is Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} December and your first canteen day for 2018 is Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st} February.

Bellbrook Catering would like to wish all the Berwick Lodge Primary School Staff, Students and Families a safe and happy Christmas break.
Our last day for Student Banking this year will be on Tuesday **5th December 2017**.

Please ensure you order your banking rewards by this date in order to receive them by the end of the year. If you don’t have a redemption sheet, please call into the office to collect one. Tuesday 5th December is also the last day to order any banking rewards.

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

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

Theme: What can I see in my garden?

The Annual

Berwick Lodge

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

By Jyada
APRON DONATIONS

We are needing clean usable secondhand aprons so if you have any at home you are no longer using and would like to donate these to school, can you please drop them into the front office. Thank you in advance!

UNCLAIMED SCOOTERS

Does this scooter belong to your child, if so please contact the office.
COP DEN DO MARTIAL ARTS

2018 training every Thursday Night
for 8 years and older

6pm - 8pm At

Berwick Lodge Primary School Hall
Mansfield St Berwick

Our Berwick classes consist of many experienced instructors, the Master of which holds over 30 years, and a 7th Dan Black Belt. Learn self defence and get fit whilst in a safe and controlled environment. Cop Den Do is a Vietnamese Martial Arts where participants can develop speed, power and strength.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MASTER PETER ON 9793 1813 (0414 468 781)
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BERWICK

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- Relaxed casual atmosphere
- Happy Hour $10 Cocktails

Open * 5pm – 9pm * Wed - Sun

Fully Licensed  Dine in / Takeaway / Delivery

8768 9150
9/248 Clyde Road
Berwick

Fundraising bookings available
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

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.

**Summer 2018** school holiday dates:
- Week 1: Mon 8th Tues 9th Thurs 11th Fri 12th January
- Week 2: Mon 15th Tues 16th Thurs 18th Fri 19th January
- Week 3: Mon 22nd Tues 23rd Wed 24th Thurs 25th January
- 10am – 4pm

Cost: $75.00 per day, or $210 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
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.
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

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