WAKAKIRRI
Tonight is one of those very special occasions in our school calendar, one to which I look forward to with great pleasure every year. This will be the seventh time that our school has participated in Wakakirri, a very exciting performing arts event. We will have 92 eager and well prepare students participating in tonight’s performance that is being held in the Frankston Arts Centre. The children, under the expert guidance of our Performing Arts teacher, Lorraine Montgomery and her dedicated support team, have been preparing for many weeks in preparation for tonight. Two years ago, our students reached the State Finals that were held in Hamer Hall at the Victorian Arts Centre. That was a great honour for us all at Berwick Lodge. Whether we achieve that level of accolade this year or not, as noteworthy as that would be, is of less importance than the fact that the experience of participating brings us all great pleasure and a sense of satisfaction from participating. Wakakirri is one of those priceless learning experiences, the value of which, cannot be measured in a test, yet leaves everyone with memories of a time well spent. Good luck to our team tonight - I know that I will be one of hundreds of members in the audience from many schools who will have a thoroughly enjoyable night out. Thank you Team Wakakirri 2017 for that.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. Can I leave my car when parking in the Collins Crescent drop off-pick up zone to drop off or collect my child from school?
A. No, you should not leave your car unattended as you will be at risk of receiving a parking fine. It is also not the place to park your car for more than a few minutes as it is a drop off/pick zone, not a longer-term parking zone.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Placing our trust wisely is one of the most important skills that we can develop – sometimes our memory lets us down in this regard more than we care to admit’

Henry Grossek

LEARNING FOR LIFE...
DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 7th September  
Grade 5 Family Life Program

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

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

Wednesday 13th September  
Grade 5 Family Life Program

Saturday 16th September  
State Schools Spectacular Hisense Arena

Wednesday 20th September  
Grade 5 Family Life Program

NOTICES DUE BACK

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

Friday 1st September  
Grade 5 Family Life Program
LOST PROPERTY
Every term we accumulate a considerable amount of lost property. Many items are not labelled with the students name and we often cannot find out who they belong to. The Lost property baskets can be found in the main corridor, near the side exit doors. Property not claimed before term holidays will be donated to local charities or in the case of good quality school uniform put into our second hand uniform shop. Please check for lost property items regularly.

BOOK WEEK
Book week is well underway! The CBCA has announced the 2017 Children's Book of the Year Awards, recognising the incredible talent in Australian children’s literature. Visit the CBCA website for further information http://cbca.org.au/winners-2017

The children at Berwick lodge are very fortunate to have Mr Carthew at the school, to share his many creative children’s books and incredible talents. Mr Carthew has delighted and engaged the students this week in some creative workshop activities.

A voting system is in place in the school library for the students to vote for their favourite book.

Don't forget book character dress-up day tomorrow!

We are very much looking forward to meeting Leigh Hobbs on Monday! Leigh Hobbs is an Australian artist and author. He is best known in Australia and the United Kingdom for the humorous children’s books which he has written and illustrated. The children will be entertained no doubt.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY - TOMORROW
Tomorrow is Book Week Dress up day. All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character or book and participate in many different activities happening within classrooms.
WATCH THIS SPACE:
We are so excited to watch the Wakakirri production at the Frankston Arts Centre this evening. There has been an incredible amount of creative thought, time and effort that has gone into the making of this performance. The rehearsals this week ran smoothly and the feedback was extremely positive. Some teachers were brought to tears by the children’s performances during the rehearsals!

eSMART
eSmart week will be held during the week of the 5-9th of September. As part of a classroom program during eSmart week, teachers will plan and look for opportunities to introduce and/or reinforce cybersafety practices. The focus will be on the behaviour and potential dangers associated with the technology as well as how to use technology safely and responsibly.

Tips for Home:
The most important thing that you can do is engage in open and honest communication. Use the internet together, the more you explore together the more you will learn about your child’s online behaviours and interests. Other ideas you could introduce could include:

• Have a home-based Acceptable Use Agreement - You have rules in the real word about what your expectations are, you can have similar rules and consequences for the internet.
• Use an internet filter. These can be downloaded for free, or purchased from an IT retailer.

Use parental controls. Most computers, net browsers, tablets, smartphones and gaming consoles have some level of parent control, for example the ability to block access to certain categories of websites. These are not default settings, so you must activate them yourself.

For everything that you need to know in relation to cybersafety please follow the link below.
Make sure that you continually reinforce to your children that nothing is so bad that they can’t talk to you about it. Let them know that they should come and tell you when they have any problems online.

CHANEL 9 GARDEN GURUS TV SHOW
Tomorrow, the Garden Gurus TV show will be filming within our school gardens. Selected students from the Garden club will have the opportunity to work with the TV crew and share our garden and participate in some ‘hands on’ activities. We look forward to letting everyone know the date when the show will be on television in the future.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
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 10 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:


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**Second Hand Uniform Shop - Opening Days/Roster**

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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.
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.

Spring 2017 school holiday dates:

Week 1: Mon 25th Tues 26th Wed 27th Thurs 28th September
Week 2: Mon 2nd Tues 3rd Wed 4th Thurs 5th Fri 6th October
10am – 4pm

Cost: $70.00 per day, or $189 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
GRAND FINAL EVE
“FASTBALL”
ONE DAY TOURNAMENT

Friday 29th September | 8:30am - 7:30pm @ Berwick Indoor Sports Centre
“FASTBALL”
10 Minute Halves | 4 Games Guaranteed
Family Fun Day

Registration: $40 per team
Day Pass: Players - $10 | Spectators - $5
Register Online: www.caseybasketball.com.au