At Monday’s school council meeting the future of our PFA was discussed at length. Earlier this year, in response to the survey feedback we received from parents, council significantly reduced the number of fundraising activities to be held during the year and simultaneously introduced a voluntary fundraising levy of $10.00 per term per family, commencing in term 2 of this year. The upshot of this has meant that the PFA’s main focus of activity, fundraising, was pared back. In recent years, parent involvement in the PFA committee has fallen alarmingly to the point where the vast bulk of the work has ended up with just a very small number of people. Present indications are that there is little interest amongst our parent body to join the PFA committee next year, let alone take up an executive position. Council decided to take this matter to you, our parents for your feedback. A Type-form survey will be sent to all families on Friday 27 October asking for your opinion on whether we should continue with a formal PFA committee structure next year, whether you can commit to joining the PFA committee if we do continue with one and whether you are prepared to stand for an executive position on the PFA. We also inviting any comments and suggestions you may have, as well as if you can assist in school activities on an ad hoc, flexible basis rather than by joining a regularly meeting committee.

PROVIDING A WEEKLY LINK ON FACEBOOK TO OUR NEWSLETTER
This is a feature that we have been informed would be welcome – as of this week, a link to our newsletter will be uploaded on our Facebook page.
**DIARY DATES**

- **Wednesday 1st November**
  - Grade 3 Dinosaurs - in school activity
- **Wednesday 1st November**
  - Grade 2 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion
- **Thursday 2nd November**
  - Grade 1 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion
- **Tuesday 14th November**
  - Fun Run

**NOTICES DUE BACK**

- **Monday 13th November**
  - Grade 6 Graduation Signature Bear or Ball
- **Tuesday 14th November**
  - Fun Run - sponsorship forms & payment

**WAKAKIRRI FINALE**

What a great year we have had. Whilst we didn’t win the Australian Story of the Year Award, reaching the Australian Final 4 for the first time was a truly outstanding achievement. Wakakirri is a unique performing arts event and the organisers are to be congratulated for their vision and commitment. Well done all teams that participated and we can be proud of our achievement this year. Well done everyone.

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

Q. **What sort of class sizes are we likely to have in 2018?**

A. Our four Prep grades will have 20/21 students per grade. Grade 1s and 2s will have 21/22 students per grade and our Grade 3s to Grade 6s will have between 26 and 30 students per grade. As I’ve said many times, the DET provides us with classrooms on the basis of 1 classroom per 25 students with the guidance that Prep-2 classes should be no more than 21 students per class if possible. This means that cases in years 3-6 will by definition be between 26 and 30.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**

‘There’s never enough time in a day it’s often said – that’s why we have tomorrow we should remember’

_— Henry Groshek_

**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 unforeseen circumstances the Camp Quality puppet show was cancelled on Tuesday this week. Arrangements are being made to reschedule another date.

A message from Life Education Victoria
Life Education Victoria would like to express genuine gratitude for your support of the Life Education program this year. Your feedback is important to them as they continue to develop new and vital health education programs for Australian school children and their communities.
As a special thank you, Life Education Victoria are inviting you to complete a simple 2 minute survey for teachers and parents, with the chance to win a Hyundai i30.

Share and Support for Additional Needs. (SS4AN)
A community group of dedicated individuals who come together to share challenges, ideas, experiences, information and resources. This group is open to parents and carers of the whole community facing challenges in providing support for children requiring additional learning interventions. It’s a ‘one-stop’ informal environment to provide encouragement and support. We were excited to hold a successful and informative first meeting last Friday and very much look forward to watching the group strengthen.
If you are interested to find out more information please contact Liz Blanchard- lizblanchards@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au

ADHD Support Group –Windermere
ADHD can be challenging for the guardians and parents of children with this diagnosis. It can be comforting to share your experiences and knowledge of ADHD in an informal and non-judgemental environment. A support group is run through the Windermere organisation. Location: Cranbourne Community House. For more information please contact Flora or Ann at Cranbourne Information Support Services on 03 5996 3333

JSC
Congratulations and well done to the Junior School Council members for organising the JSC STEM Games Day! Thank you to Ms Tan and Mrs Weber for supporting this event. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of imaginative games on offer. This special day was organised to raise funds to support the RSPCA.

2018 Prep Transition
On Tuesday morning, Mr Kelly had the privilege of welcoming some of our 2018 prep children and families to Berwick Lodge. The children were engaged in some fun activities helping to program the Beebots! Next Tuesday, the children will be invited into the community garden with Mrs McCrum were they will have the opportunity to do some planting. We are really enjoying getting to know our future BLPS students and families!

Monday 6th November
A reminder to families that Monday the 6th November is a normal school day and children are expected to be at school.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
As mentioned in our previous School Newsletter, after consultation with our school community, School Council has approved the introduction of a $30.00 Fundraising Contribution per family for 2017.

This is a new direction for our school and will significantly reduce the number of fundraising activities throughout the year. It is a voluntary contribution per family and parents are not required to pay it, however, for the concept to work – that is, reduce the burden of organising and operating a large number of fundraising activities throughout the year, we do need everyone’s support. This approach, if it works will also mean that less of the money currently spent on our fundraising activities will go to paying overheads and external providers. In effect, parents will be paying significantly less to raise the same amount of money. It is anticipated that this year’s fundraising contribution will raise $14,000.

The funds raised from this contribution will be put towards:

- Replacing & Updating our P-6 Readers: $4,000
- Installing seats and tables in P-2 play areas: $5,000
- Installing an Interactive whiteboard in library: $3,000
- Installing goal posts/soccer posts in P-2 grassed play area: $2,000

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, Direct Credit, Centrepay (Centrelink), or BPay. Please make cheques payable to Berwick Lodge Primary School.

We thank families for supporting our school.
Welcome back to Term 4

Casey Council’s Art Competition!
We had such an exciting start to Visual Arts this term, with Stephanie, in Year 6, winning fifth prize in the Casey Council’s Art Competition, for the launch of Mental Health Week 2017 at the Lynbrook Community Centre!
Stephanie completed a stunning picture of ‘What Brings Joy to Your Life’. Her colourful beach picture, reflected a visual image that related perfectly to feelings of happiness for many people, including those attending the presentation.
Mrs McLeod was in attendance with Stephanie, as was, her mum and grandparents. Certainly a very proud moment for all, seeing her receive a well-deserved award. Congratulations again Stephanie!

There are also 2 current Exhibitions/Competitions, students are highly encouraged to enter! Please see details below for both.

Sweeney Drive Murals
This is such an exciting project that we are very proud to be a part of. On Monday Mr Grossek sent home a letter to all families regarding this competition.
Students are invited to submit a design for the Sweeny Drive Mural, which will be painted on the new underpass.
The designs should include the themes of sustainability and community as well as featuring the Helmeted Honeyeater somewhere on the design.
Entries must be A4 or A3 and be at the school office no later than Monday 20th November.
It would be wonderful to see as many students enter their designs. Looking forward to seeing what everyone creates!

Donations!
Thank you to those who continually drop items to the Art Room, it is greatly appreciated and has been a great assistance, however we are now overflowing with donated items. So till next year, hold onto anything you may want to donate. Thanks again!

Julie McLeod/Jo Zammit
Visual Arts Teachers
Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater
150th Anniversary
Schools Art Exhibition

GET CREATIVE FOR THE HELMETED HONEYEATER!
On the 1st of December 2017, FoHH will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of John Gould's official naming of the Bird.

To celebrate we are inviting the students from selected schools to participate in an art exhibition to coincide with a “street art event” in the reserve and the launch of a book on first 50 years of the reserve.

All works submitted will be displayed and can be in any media and size. Works are to be submitted by the 28th November.

Works that focus on the anniversary or on any aspect of the bird and its habitat are encouraged and multiple entries will be supported.

For further details please contact:
Cecilia Imre - Environmental Coordinator 0419 023 622
or Marita Hanigan - Secretary 0487 048 225
The Helmeted Honeyeater Ambassadors

On Thursday 19th October the Helmeted Honeyeater ambassadors went on an amazing excursion to Yellingbo. We planted 300 plants with the weather going from sunny to rainy to rainy and to sunny once again but it was a lot of fun, but we did get very muddy. We saw Cecilia who was helping us plant. She was talking to us about the birds and animals in Yellingbo and we even asked her some questions. We had a fantastic time and luckily, for us we did not see any snakes, which was a relief. We are very excited to go on our next excursion to Healesville sanctuary and we hope we will see the Helmeted honeyeaters this time because we didn’t get to see them on our last excursion. Chelsi 5K, Max 5K, Lachlan 4M, Malaika 4W. LOOK AT WHAT WE PLANTED!
Congratulations to all of the 58 students who participated in the 2017 Australian Maths Competition at Berwick Lodge last term!

You were one of thousands of students who entered the competition and you have achieved excellent results!

In particular, the outstanding student awards were:

**Best in School award:** Zhen Year 5

**High Distinction:** Zhen Year 5 & Jake Year 4

**Certificate of Distinction Awards:** Rachel Year 3, Milan Year 3, Jeb Year 3, Ethan Year 3, Navish Year 4, Emelia Year 5, Ashwin Year 5 & Ravine Year 6

Congratulations to all!
Second Hand Uniform Shop - Opening Days/Roster

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**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK IN PLACE NOW**

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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