IT’S GREAT TO BE BACK
I arrived back from leave on ANZAC Day, just in time to watch the Pies lose to the Bombers, on television. In hindsight, it may have been better for me to arrive back one day later! Nonetheless, it is great to be back. I understand that the ANZAC Day service conducted at our school was quite outstanding, and has received excellent coverage in the local press. Thank you to Sandra McCrum for taking on the role of Acting Principal during my absence.

Term 2 is promising to be chock full of activities – our annual cross country event now scheduled for next Monday, given the bad weather of this week. Then there is our Step Into Prep evening next week, NAPLAN tests the following week, Education week in another fortnight, followed by Year 5 and 6 camps to Sovereign Hill and the City respectively the week after and Buddy day on the 15th June, rounding out the term. Oh, and then there is the important matter of mid-year reports which will be prepared by teachers for all students and distributed in time for the holidays.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (FLL) ROBOTICS WORLD FESTIVAL EVENT
While on my short break for Long Service Leave, I had the pleasure of attending the FLL Robotics World Festival held in Houston, Texas. The USA is the home of FLL Robotics and the World Festival is, in many ways the pinnacle event, with several hundred teams participating in the various categories, based on the age of the children.
I took the opportunity to make contact with an elementary (primary) school from California that were participating in the festival with a view to having our students collaborating on a variety of educational topics, most particularly robotics. Houston is also the home of NASA, and it was truly inspiring to be there. I also took advantage of an offer by NASA to assist schools worldwide with their science programs by way of curriculum resources.

Q. Can I bring my child to the Step into Prep night next Wednesday?
A. Preferably not – this presentation is for parents and we do not have the resources to provide childcare during the program, which runs for one hour from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Later in May, on our Open Night, during Education Week on Wednesday 24 May, children are most welcome to attend. In fact, I am sure that it is an evening that will appeal to adults and children of all ages.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
I’ve departed for this week from my normal practice of writing the quotable quotes to provide 3 especially inspiring quotes that caught my eye whilst I was exploring the contents of a replica full size model of the famous NASA Houston Space Shuttle, which was the face of NASA to the world for over 30 years.

‘Somewhere something incredible is waiting to be known’ – Carl Sagan, astrophysicist

‘Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail’ – Ralph Waldo Emerson, poet

‘Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought’ – Albert von Szent-Gyorgy, recipient of 1937 Nobel Prize in Physiology
DIARY DATES

Friday 28th April  
Grades 3 & 4 Hands on Science incursion

Monday 1st May  
District Cross Country (replaced 26th April)

Wednesday 3rd May  
Grade 4 & 5 Helmeted Honeyeater form  
Step into Prep information evening

Thursday 4th May  
Grade 5/6 St Margaret's Netball competition

Friday 5th May - Friday 12th May  
Life Education visit

Monday 8th May - Friday 11th May  
Grade 1/2 Lego Education Centre Excursion

Tuesday 9th May - Thursday 11th May  
NAPLAN - grades 3 & 5

Thursday 11th May  
Mothers Day Stall

Wednesday 24th May  
Canteen open - Special Burger Day lunch

Wednesday 31st May - Friday 2nd June  
Grade 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill

Wednesday 31st May - Friday 2nd June  
Grade 6 Camp - CYC Camp

NOTICES DUE BACK

Monday 1st May  
Grade 1/2 Lego Education Centre excursion

Monday 1st May  
Grade 5/6 St Margaret's Netball competition

Tuesday 2nd May  
Grade 4/5 Helmeted Honeyeater form

Wednesday 3rd May  
Life Education visit

Wednesday 10th May  
Canteen Burger day lunch

Friday 12th May  
Grade 3/4 Phillip Island Camp - parent helper  
expression of interest  
Book Club orders due online

Wednesday 17th May  
Grade 5/6 Camp forms

Friday 26th May  
Premiers Reading Challenge forms due

Friday 23rd June  
CSEF forms due back
STEP INTO PREP – WEDNESDAY 3rd May 7pm
Next Wednesday we will be holding our Step into Prep information evening for prospective 2018 Prep families. This will be held in our school library. If you have a Prep child or know of a family who have a Prep next year, please let them know about this evening. A BIG THANKYOU to Andrew Drake, a dad at our school, for making our new signs to advertise the evening.

NAPLAN FOR YEARS 3 AND 5
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 for Years 3 and 5 students is on Tuesday 9th May, Wednesday 10th May and Thursday 11th May 2017. All families of students in Years 3 and 5 should have received a brochure about NAPLAN this week. Further details about the testing program can be accessed by visiting the website www.nap.edu.au. If you have any questions or concerns about your child completing NAPLAN, please speak to your child’s teacher or Sandra McCrum.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
Thank you to all those who attended the Anzac Day assembly on Monday this week. It was wonderful to see the art works grades made and pause to remember those who have served our country or are currently serving. A special thank you must go to the school captains Emma, Stefan, Nadia and Ravine for doing such a great job of presenting the assembly on the day and Chris McKenna the secretary from the Berwick RSL who read a piece to the students. Emma and Stefan attended the Berwick Service on Anzac Day to lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

ANZAC MESSENGER DOG SHOW
What a wonderful event this was for our whole school to have the opportunity to see the show and learn about the important role messenger dogs played during the war. Over 80,000 dogs served in World War 1. The dogs carried messages, small supplies, bandages, food, and water to the front line and were a great reminder of home for the soldiers.

ANZAC Messenger Dogs Puppet show Student recounts:
In World War One I served in the battlefields. I carried messages to and from base. Sometimes I had to jump, dodge, and crawl. I even had to wear a mask when there were gas attacks. Until one day... BOOM! I got hit. I could not run. Luckily someone came and found me. I hope I heal soon. From your loyal friend, Mel the messenger dog
Recount by Madeline 4C

Anzac Messenger Dogs Puppet Show by 1LS
On Friday the 21st of April, the Anzac Messenger Dogs Puppet Show came to Berwick Lodge Primary School. It told us the story of three messenger dogs that were in the army during World War 1. Their names were Bullet, Nell and Trick. They were fast and very smart. They delivered messages when it was very dangerous. There were even bombs exploding around them. The barbed wire injured one dog. They were all heroes.
OPEN NIGHT - EDUCATION WEEK  
Save the Date! Our school Open Night is on Wednesday 24th May from 6pm-8pm. Our whole school will be open for families to come and see our programs and celebrate our achievements. Each area of the school has a different focus including playing literacy and numeracy activities, robotics, art activities, games, Chinese activities, radio and filming. We look forward to seeing many families on this evening.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN  
The Preps to Grade 4 students will enjoy the Life Education program, which will commence on Friday 5th May until 12th May 2017. The trained educators, joined by Life Education’s loveable mascot Healthy Harold bring to life age appropriate lessons that empower children to make safer and healthier choices, now and in the future. Parents can attend a free parent and carer information session at the school on Monday the 8th of May at 9.30-10.15am. This is a great forum to increase knowledge, share views with other parents, and develop strategies to help raise happy, healthy children. Please come along. There is also an online hub for parents filled with useful strategies, tools and tips to help parents raise healthy, happy kids. http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery

Grade 5/6 Corner

Year 7 2018 Transition News

Last 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
SENSORY GARDEN
This week the students have enjoyed having time to explore and learn what is in the new Sensory Garden. We have opened the garden space to grade levels on different days initially so all children can experience the new space. Over time, more items will be added to the space and areas completed. If you have not had the opportunity to see the new garden space, please come and have a wander through.

What to Plant in May

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HELMETED HONEY EATER INCURSION
Next Wednesday 3rd May our grade 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to attend a presentation about the Helmeted Honey Eater and learn about this critically endangered species. After the presentation, interested students will have the opportunity to apply to become an ambassador for our school. Students selected will then participate in 4 workshops during the year. They will visit Yellingbo Nature Reserve and learn about the habitat and feeding program, visit the nursery and learn about seeds, plants and propagation, develop a media release and visit Healesville Sanctuary to see behind the scenes where public are not allowed to visit to learn about the breeding program and see the bird in captivity. Students will present reports at school assemblies and share their learning with their peers and school community. This is an exciting new program for our school and one, which we hope, will be on going for our students in the future.

Happy Gardening,
Mrs. McCrum.
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 legal advice to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 49 123 134 124.
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.
Welcome back to Term 2!

This term looks busy in the Art Room with painting, collage, construction and more!

We are after donations of any old lego or duplo blocks. They will be used in paint so if you are happy for them to be used well, without being returned, then please bring them in!!

Thanks to those who continue to drop other materials for the Art room, it’s been greatly appreciated.

Please remember all students require an art smock for class, named is an added bonus!

Thank you
Jo Zammit/Julie McLeod
Visual Arts
Book Club

Book Club brochures were sent home to all families today. Please place all orders online by Friday 12th May 2017.

Please note, the office cannot accept cash for your orders, it must be done online.

Second hand Uniform Shop open hours

(Meeting Room 1 - Entry via main school building from outside door Collins Cres side near the Art Room)

Payments are by CASH or EFT – via the office- (Min $15 EFT)

8:45am - 9:20am
April 24th
May 8th
June 19th
July 17th
August 14th
September 11th
October 9th
November 13th

3:00pm - 3:45pm
May 1st
May 22nd
June 26th
July 24th
August 28th
September 18th
October 23rd
December 4th
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.

The Government Schools Guide booklet is now available in the front office showing a list of all Secondary schools in the East, South East, Bayside, Outer East, Melbourne, West, North, North East, North West & Girls Colleges.
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

SELECTION PROCEDES
Applications are accepted in the High Achievers Program from the Autumn Term of Year 10 on or before Thursday 25th August.

HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

THE HIGH ACHIEVER PROGRAM AT FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE OFFERS 30 STUDENTS FROM EACH YEAR 10 AND 11 AN Opportunity TO ENGAGE IN A CHALLENGING AND EXTENSIVE CURRICULUM FOR THE YEAR 12 ACADEMIC YEAR.

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

ENDAVER HONESTY RESPONSIBILITY

FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Applications to the program are open to students who demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to their studies. The program is designed to challenge and motivate students to reach their full potential.

NCAT TEST: All students are required to sit the NYS Test in the Year 10 exam. The test is used to assess students' knowledge and skills in English, Mathematics, and Science. Students who achieve a high level of performance in these subjects are eligible for entry into the High Achievers Program.

ENRICHED CURRICULUM: Students in the program are provided with opportunities to participate in enrolling courses in a variety of subjects, including advanced mathematics, science, and language courses. These courses are designed to challenge students and help them develop a deeper understanding of their subject areas.

PARTNERSHIPS: The program partners with local universities and professional organizations to provide students with opportunities to gain practical experience and exposure to real-world situations. These partnerships include internships, mentorship programs, and opportunities to participate in research projects.

NIGHT CLASSES: The program offers night classes for students who are unable to attend classes during the day. These classes are designed to accommodate students' schedules and help them achieve their academic goals.

FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE

PROGRAM GOALS

The key aim of the High Achievers Program at Fountain Gate Secondary College is to challenge and motivate students to reach their full potential. The program is designed to help students develop a deeper understanding of their subject areas and achieve academic excellence.

Support and Future Pathways

The program offers students support and guidance in their academic pursuits. Students are encouraged to explore their interests and develop their skills in a supportive and challenging environment. The program also provides opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities, such as sports, music, and drama, which can help students develop a range of skills and enhance their overall well-being.

Past Results

Past participants in the program have achieved excellent results in their academic pursuits. Many students have gone on to attend prestigious universities and achieve great success in their careers. The program is designed to help students achieve their goals and reach their full potential.
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

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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ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?
How to get kids to listen, without having to yell

DEALING WITH ANGER
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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A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
HOME COMPOSTING

Have you ever wanted to learn to compost at home? This free event will teach you how to turn your food scraps and garden waste into a useable product, and you will also learn how to set up and maintain a compost bin and/or worm farm.

Composting is easy and more importantly, it makes a valuable contribution to our environment by reducing greenhouse emissions.

Approximately 50% of the rubbish Australians put in the everyday mixed-waste garbage bin could be put to better use in the garden as compost. Composting provides organic matter and nutrients to your garden which will improve plant growth and better yields.

Event Details:
Thursday 18th May
11:00AM – 1:00PM
Call 5990 9600 to book

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03/65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd,
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