PFA NEWS
Kim A’vard, our PFA president has resigned from the PFA for personal reasons, as has Vikki Banks, the treasurer. Both Kim and Vikki have made a great contribution to our school, through their tireless efforts for many years now. In thanking them both on behalf of our entire school community, I wish them the very best (and some peace and quiet) as they take a well-earned break.
Kim’s final PFA report is attached to this newsletter. I am liaising with Jade Thomas, the PFA School Council Representative in moving forward with our PFA and a special meeting will be held early in term 3, to which all parents are invited. We will be electing a new PFA executive team as soon as possible and I urge you all to consider this opportunity to become actively involved in the work of our school.

VALE MICK MORLAND
Mick’s tragic death last weekend shocked and saddened us all. He was a wonderful community-minded local citizen and a great friend of our school from our beginning in 1990. He will be very sadly missed and our sincere condolences are extended to his family.

THANKS TO ALL
Here at school we have had a wonderful first semester and my thanks are extended to our students, parents and staff. Do have as enjoyable and relaxing break as possible in your circumstances and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. Are children required to be attending Berwick Lodge P.S. in order to enrol in the holiday care program that camp Australia operate here during school holidays?
A. No, they do not. Priority is given to our students for the holiday care program, but it is open to the wider community. To attend our before and after school care program during the school year children must be attending our school, but not, as I said, for the holiday program.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Couple insensitivity with ignorance and very little will follow’
STUDENT REPORTS
All families will be able to access their child’s midyear report on the parent portal from 3.30pm on Friday 30th June. We hope you enjoy reading these reports with your child and celebrating the progress they have made. We have included some common terminology that you may read on your child’s report or discuss during parent teacher interviews.

**Differentiated Curriculum:** Adapting a program that caters for individual students’ learning styles and needs.

**Genre:** Categories of different writing and reading styles. For example: Narrative, Persuasive, and Information Report.

**Inferential Comprehension:** Something that is not directly stated; suggested. For example; comparing and contrasting, making predictions, word meaning in context.

**Evaluative Comprehension:** Abilities include: distinguishing between fact and opinion, identifying author’s purpose, interpreting figurative language and distinguishing real from make believe.

**Figurative Language:** Words or expressions that create effect. For example: exaggeration, similes, alliteration, and metaphors.

**Uplevel:** Raise standards

**Scaffolding:** Instructional techniques used to move students progressively toward stronger understanding.

**VCOP:** Writing program based around the components of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation.

**Seven Steps:** A writing program focusing on: Planning, Sizzling Starts, Tension (what do you see, hear, touch, taste, smell — and feel?), Dialogue, Show Don’t Tell (show the scene), Ban the Boring (edit and improve), Endings.

**Index notation:** A number is multiplied by itself a certain number of times. For example \(10_3 = 10 \times 10 \times 10\)

**Order of Operations/BODMAS:** A mathematical process to solve equations in a particular order. (\(\text{Brackets, Orders, Division, Multiplication, Addition, Subtraction}\))

**Number bonds:** A number bond is the pairs of numbers that make up a given number. For example: Number Bonds to 10; 1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6, 5+5

**Chunking:** To break words into their sound parts ch/u/n/k/i/ng.

**Boundary punctuation:** Punctuation presenting at both ends of the sentence.

**Wow words:** Ambitious vocabulary

**Guided Reading:** Teacher directed reading looking at strategies, decoding and comprehension skills.

**Blends:** 2-3 letters put together to make one blended sound (sm, fl, gr, scr)

**Phonological Awareness:** An awareness of sounds.

**ICT:** Information and Communications Technology

**EAL:** English as an Additional Language

**PMP:** Perceptual Motor Program – Development of fine and gross motor skills, eye/hand coordination and balance.

**ILIP:** Individual Learning Improvement Plan.

**OT:** Occupational Therapy.

**STEM:** Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

**Magic Words/ M100W words:** The 100, 200 and 300 most used/common words.

**SCRATCH:** Coding program

**SMART Goals:** Learning Goals, which are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely.

STUDENT PROGRESS DISCUSSION EVENINGS
Parents are reminded that these meetings are scheduled for the first week of Term 3, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th July. These meetings provide families with a valuable opportunity to discuss their child’s midyear report and future learning needs. In addition to class teachers, specialist staff are also available for appointments with parents. All families should be aware of the online booking process for making appointments to meet with their child’s teacher. Parent Teacher interview times can be booked through the parent portal. Families without internet access can contact our school office to arrange their appointments with teachers.
HEAD LICE CHECKS
During the two week holiday break, we would appreciate the support of every family in the school in the
detection and total eradication of any live lice and/or eggs that are found in children’s hair. While we realize
that families are busy, we feel that it would be a most worthwhile exercise in eradicating lice from the school. To
be successful, every family should commit some time to:
Checking their children’s hair at least twice over the holidays. (E.g. Week 1 and Week 2) Treating immediately any
live lice found. (Complete follow-up checks and treatment.) Applying lots of conditioner, and patiently removing
all eggs found. If every family is diligent in this exercise, we will be able to break the head lice cycle in the school.
We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and look forward to a ‘Lice-free Term 3 at B.L.P.S.’

LOST PROPERTY
We have a large amount of lost property, which has been laid out, in our main school corridor. Please come, have
a look, and collect items that belong to your child. At the end of term, any items remaining will be sent to the
local Opportunity Shop. Uniform items will be washed and placed into the PFA second hand uniform shop. Please
name all items that come to school because we can then return them to their owners.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY
We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many wonderful parents and grandparents who assist with
and support our school programs. There are many ways our parent community help including on excursions and
camps, reading program, PMP, making and painting props, assisting within classrooms and around our school. We
really appreciate all assistance we receive and encourage parents to become involved with their child’s learning in
any way they can. We look forward to an exciting term 3 ahead with many opportunities for our students
including swimming for our Prep to 2, Grade 3-4 camp, Robo cup, sports activities, film festival, Wakakirri, Planet
Ark day and the State School Spectacular performance. It certainly is going to be another busy and productive
term at Berwick Lodge!

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE
The Leukemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave began back in 1998 and is now one of Australia’s biggest fundraising events.
Congratulations to two of our students who participated in fund raising for this worthy cause. They raised over $300 and donated
their hair!

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
Due to amendments to the Working with Children Act 2005, from 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: http://

END OF TERM 2
Parents are reminded that Term 2 ends tomorrow (Friday 30th June). In line with our usual practice for the end of
term, the students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:30pm. Term 3 will commence for
students and teachers on Monday 17th July.

We wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
DIARY DATES

Friday 30th June  
ACE Foundation - Free Vision assessment Grade 1-2

Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st July  
Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Program

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th July  
Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Program

Tuesday 25th July  
Robocup Regional Competition

Thursday 27th July  
Grade 3-6 Australian Mathematics competition

Monday 31st July  
Grade 3/4 Hooptime Basketball competition

Tuesday 1st August  
Grade 3-6 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - English comp

Wednesday 16th August - Friday 18th August  
Grade 3 and 4 Camp to Phillip Island

Thursday 24th August  
Wakakirri Story Dance - Frankston Art Centre

Saturday 16th September  
State Schools Spectacular

NOTICES DUE BACK

Wednesday 26th July  
Grade 3 & 4 Camp forms due

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.
Donations!
We are in need of lots and lots of plastic bottle top lids, all colours, all sizes! Please make sure they are washed and dry, thank you!

School Holidays!
Looking for something to do on the school holidays? There is lots happening in the City of Casey, with their annual Winter Arts Festival. There is a variety of classes, sessions and times to choose from locally.
Head to their website for more information

And of course the famous Van Gogh and the Seasons Collection is currently on at the National Gallery of Victoria. It is a not to be missed exhibition. It runs till the 9th of July.

Thank you
Jo Zammit/Julie McLeod
Visual Arts
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES/IDEAS:
The school holidays are a great time to enjoy the outdoors with your children. Looking for some ideas?

- Visit Wilson Botanical Park - Berwick – free entry. You can enjoy the park, playgrounds, watch the birds and you may even see a tortoise in the water!
- Visit Cranbourne Botanical Gardens – free entry. Explore the Australian garden and look for different fauna.
- Visit the Dandenong Ranges – most walks and parks are free to explore.
- A lovely day out is to the Olinda falls, especially at this time of year after rain. Olinda Falls Reserve Mt Dandenong, VIC – Free entry
- Challenge yourself by visiting the 1000 steps Kokoda walking track: Burwood Hwy & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd Upper Ferntree Gully, VIC – Free entry.
- Sherbrooke Falls is another lovely place to visit in the Dandenong Ranges. Ridge Track Sherbrooke – Free entry

Activities to enjoy at home:

- Create art work using leaves, bark, stones and make a picture or landscape.
- Grow some seeds on wet cotton wool, place on a tray inside on a window sill and watch them sprout. Bean sprouts are great for this activity. You can also place carrot tops on cotton wool and watch them grow.
- Dig for worms in the garden. Who has the longest worm? How many have you found? Remember to return them to the soil to help your garden!
- Have a treasure hunt – find a feather, different coloured stones, seed pods, different coloured leaves.
- Plant seeds/seedlings into a pot and watch them shoot and grow.
- Paint a pot or decorate with material/items and when dry, plant out with seedlings/flowers.
- Find some snails and have a snail race.
- Dig over a veggie garden and add compost, leaves and plant winter seeds/seedlings.
- Have a minibeast hunt, how many different creatures can you find? Look with eyes or a magnifying glass and don’t touch things you are not sure about, especially spiders/bees/wasps.
- Draw a new garden design and plan which plants you would plant in the garden. You may design a fairy garden, pirate garden, tea party garden, mindcraft garden, magic forest.
- After rain, put some gumboots on and enjoy splashing in the puddles.

Enjoy nature and the outdoors and most of all, have a great holiday!

Happy Gardening,
Mrs. McCrum.
First of all, I would like to start off letting everyone now that Vikki Banks who is our Treasurer and runs the Uniform Shop will be moving on from the PFA. As many of you know Vikki has been an important member of our PFA team and was an instrumental contributor on a number of high profile projects over her 5 years. Her strong work ethic, attention to detail and persistence will be sorely missed. Vikki, thanks for all the time and work you gave during your 5 years of being on the PFA. Now that you have stepped down, the PFA team want to express our appreciation for all you have done on our behalf. We wish you all the best of luck in all your future endeavours.

Secondly, the PFA is searching for any volunteers that could help run the Secondhand Uniform shop, as this position is now vacant due to Vikki's absence. It is usually open 2 days a month for about 30 minutes at a time. Several people could run a roster to do this position. If you are interested please let the office staff know so they can assist you. The PFA Secondhand Uniform shop will be operated by school staff while this matter is sorted out and there will more information on the new Secondhand Uniform Shop times when they are available in a future newsletter.

Last of all, I am leaving the PFA as from the end of this term. I have been a member for 6 years and the President for the last 5 years. This was not an easy decision to make as I have truly enjoyed working with the PFA team and staff at BLPS for the last 6 years and have made many life long friends. I want to thank you all, especially Carly Baker who has been by my side throughout my time in the PFA, I will miss the laughs. I have learned a great deal from you all and will miss your company. It has been a pleasure volunteering with you and I truly wish you all the best.

Signing off for the last time!

Kim A’Vard
PFA President
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July 2017 school holiday dates:

Week 1: Monday 3rd Tuesday 4th Wednesday 5th Thursday 6th Friday 7th
Week 2: Monday 10th Tuesday 11th Wednesday 12th Thursday 13th Friday 14th
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.

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Trivia Night

When: Saturday 1st July 2017—7PM start
Where: Beaconsfield Primary School
(Cnr of Princes Highway & Lyle Avenue, Beaconsfield)
Why: To have fun of course!! Also to raise funds for Preventing Suicide in Youth
Cost: $25 per person

BYO Food and Drink.
Silent Auction and many games to be played and prizes to be won so don’t forget to bring your gold coins along.

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