PARENT PAYMENT PLAN FORMS
These forms were distributed to all families earlier this week. It is your choice when you return them – might I suggest that you strongly consider returning them before the end of the school year on Friday 22 December. Why I suggest this is that by returning them before the end of the school year, our office staff will be able to set up your payment plan of choice this year, thereby enabling you to avoid the long queues that exist on the book collection days just prior to school starting in 2018. We will have an express queue available specifically for those parents who have had their payment plans processed this year.

EARLY ARRIVERS TO SCHOOL
This issue crops up from time to time. That is parents dropping their children off at school well before 8.45am, yet not sending them to our Before School Care program. I do understand the bind in which parents can find themselves with meeting the costs of childcare and meeting employers work expectations. It can be quite a challenge. Nonetheless, the safety of children comes first and that is why it is unacceptable to have children wandering around the playgrounds from as early as 8.00am. We have staff on yard duty from 8.45am and our Before School care program opens at 6.30am on school days.

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**A MESSAGE FROM MAURICE SENDAK**
Maurice Sendak, passed away in 2012, leaving a legacy of outstanding children’s literature for generations to come to enjoy. His most famous book was, *Where the Wild Things Are*, an award-winning book that was both highly acclaimed and, criticised in some quarters as being “too scary”.

I was reading a piece in the weekend papers on Maurice Sendak, in which it was revealed that a hitherto undiscovered manuscript of his had been found and would be published soon under the title of, *Presto and Zesto in Limboland*. What really caught my attention and is the primary reason for writing this piece on Maurice Sendak, was the comment he made in his 1964 Caldecott Medal acceptance speech, where he criticised children’s books set in: “a gilded world unshadowed by the least suggestion of conflict or pain, a world manufactured by those who cannot – or don’t care to – remember the truth of their own childhood”.

Apart from being a brilliant use of language, Sendak’s message has, it could be argued, relevance today. For those familiar with the developments in the field of Emotional Intelligence, would be familiar with the view that all emotions are valid – it is how we deal with and manage them, especially strong emotions. From that perspective, we should not avoid some emotions simply because they may cause us stress and pain, but rather build our capacity to manage them as positively as possible. Sooner or later all emotions present themselves in everyone’s lives, and by having done all we can to have insulated our children from them in the first place, is likely to be counter-productive in the long term. Sendak’s message revolves around the issue of how best to develop resilience and that is no mean task.

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

**Q. Why has Casey Radio re-broadcast the same student hour for the past three weeks?**

**A.** The problem stems from programming errors – we pre-package the one-hour show and forward a digital version to the station for uploading to their computer log. For reasons that remain unclear, unfortunately the same student hour program was replayed twice. We have spoken with station management and we have been assured that the problem has been rectified and they will endeavour to air the two editions of the student hour at alternative times. We will be notified of those times prior to them being aired and will tell the children involved.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**

‘A race against the clock is not a race for every day’

*Henry Grosske*

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PREP TRANSITION
This week our 2018 Prep children had the opportunity to experience working with our specialist teachers. They visited two specialist areas – Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Digital Technologies or Physical Education. Next week the children will attend the other two specialist classes. The children joined in happily and we look forward to our next visit. Thank you to the PFA for providing a lovely morning tea for our parents. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk to new families and also share some information in preparation for school.

PARENT HELPERS’ MORNING TEA – TUESDAY 19th DEC.
This annual event provides us with the opportunity to thank family members who have helped at our school over the year. This will be held on Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 11:15am in the gym. Invitations will be sent home with the students next week. We look forward to catching up with these valued members of our school community.

BICYCLES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS: SAFETY
We have noticed that some children that ride their bikes or scooter to and from school are not wearing a helmet. Please reinforce the important safety messages and outline the dangers of not wearing head protection to your children. Helmets are compulsory for riding bikes and recommended for riding skateboards and scooters. Wearing a helmet will help protect your child against serious head injuries. For more information about safety and bicycles, scooters and skateboards please follow the link:
http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/bicycles,_scooters,_skateboards_and_other_wheeled.html#helmets

CARE AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS
If you are a parent of a child with additional needs, come along and join our group. A morning tea will be held on the 4th December at 9.30-11am at Berwick Lodge in the Out of School Care building. Brain gym will be the topic for discussion. Anyone who is interested in joining in on the conversation, or simply seeking advice and support, please reply by email to: lizblanchard@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
Healesville Sanctuary Ambassador Visit:

Yesterday the Helmeted Honeyeater ambassadors enjoyed a day at Healesville sanctuary. They were privileged to go behind the scenes where public are not allowed and observed the Helmeted Honeyeater breeding program including closed circuit TV footage of a mother bird feeding two chicks. The ambassadors learnt about the breeding program their ‘Fighting Extinction’ focus.

Yellingbo Nature Reserve visit.
Tomorrow a group of students have been invited to attend a special presentation at Yellingbo nature reserve. This is in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the naming of the Helmeted Honeyeater by John Gould. Our students will be displaying art works and viewing a new art mural which is being unveiled on the morning.

Golf balls wanted:
Grade 1P need golf balls to assist with their garden pot. If you have golf balls you can donate, please bring them to the office or pass them onto Miss Perfect, room 11.

Happy Gardening, Mrs McCrum.
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.
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

Theme: What can I see in my garden?

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

The Annual

Berwick Lodge

ART SHOW

Twilight Picnic - Friday 15th December 4pm - 6.30pm

Prep - 6

Theme: What can I see in my garden?
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)
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

**Morning Tea Session**
for parents of children with additional learning support.

The Brain Workout: “Brain Gym & Lazy 8”

**Date:** 4 December 2017  **Day:** Monday  **Time:** 09:30am to 11:00am

**Venue:** Berwick Lodge Primary School (After School Care room)

Interested? Please RSVP by email to Liz - lizblanchards@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au

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**Attention School Principals & Families.**
The **Yarra Valley Railway** will be running extra services during the school holidays providing a great day out. Our heritage Walker RM22 departs Healesville Railway Station on the hour between 10am and 4pm for the trip to Tunnel Hill and return on the following days:

- December 2017: 3, 10, 17, 24, 25, 27, 31
- January 2018: 1, 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 25, 28

After your trip, treat the kids to a visit to the **Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery**, nearby **Healesville Sanctuary** or visit the train themed playground beside the Healesville Station car park.

Email reservations@yvr.com.au to make your booking.
Beleza Hallam

20% off VIP Sale

14 Dec - 16 Dec '17

Beleza Hallam
Shop 7, 151-159 Princes Hwy
P: (03) 9702 3181
Summer School Holiday Fun at Berwick Lodge Primary School

- **Gravity Zone**: Come on a ride with us to Gravity zone!
- **Build up**: Build up to eight different construction vehicles
- **Learn some circus skills**: Learn some circus skills and take home your very own set of juggling balls
- **Make your own tie dye bag and pencil case**: Make your own tie dye bag and pencil case
- **Jump, climb, Slide**: Jump, climb, Slide your way through a wild excursion to Super Zu Playcenter
- **Join us as on a yummy cooking adventure**: Join us as on a yummy cooking adventure
- **PADDINGTON 2**: We are going to the movies to see Paddington 2
- **If sport is your thing then we have a spectacular sports day just for you!**: If sport is your thing then we have a spectacular sports day just for you!

For more information and to book into the holiday program at Berwick Lodge please visit:
http://www.campaustralia.com.au/HolidayClubs/Program/BerwickLodgePrimarySchool/24339

To find locations near you and to book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun
REGISTER FOR 2018 SEASON NOW!

WHY CHOOSE SOUTH BELGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB (SBJFC)?

• SBJFC is affiliated with Eastern Football League (EFL) & Eastern Region Girls Football League (ERGFL). In 2018 SBJFC will field U8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 & 17s (EFL) & U10, 12, 14 & 16s (ERGFL). SBJFC feeds SBFC senior club list.

• SBJFC play at Narre Warren East Reserve (Cnr. Wellington & Berwick Rd’s), only 5-10 minutes drive to Harkaway, Narre Warren North, Berwick or Emerald OR 10-15 mins to Fountain Gate, Endeavour Hills or Beaconsfield.

• EFL play a 14 round season (R1: 15/04/18), plus a 4 round/ top 5 finals series for U11s to 17s. U8-10 play a 14 rounds, modified rules, no finals.

• The EFL regrade strong/weak teams after round 4 & have 4 graded divisions in all age groups so teams play in more even competitions.

• FREE uniform for new players & membership fees Payment Plan available.

• SBJFC is committed to teaching football and giving all kids a fair-go, e.g. game-time, position rotations, etc. and is a Dynamic Footy Skills and Coach Support partner club. *For more info, contact Rick 0410 187 948*

www.sbjfc.teamapp.com

Early bird rates to 31 Dec 2017
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 30 th November

Enquiries please contact
JASON STONEHOUSE
0419 872 875 or jamhotmusic@hotmail.com