SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Our annual School Council elections are upon us and this year we have a total of (4) parent category vacancies and (1) staff category vacancy to fill. I have included the details of eligibility requirements, the process and timeline for our elections and the obligations of school councillors and the vacancies below. All parents are most welcome to nominate for the parent category vacancies and staff are eligible to nominate for the DET representative category vacancy. Retiring members of school council can renominate for a further term of office provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

Retiring Parent Representatives (4): (all of whom are eligible to re-nominate for a further two-year term): Brian Gardiner (President), Mel Dobric, Jim Tsekouras, & Alicia Ladson
Retiring DET Representatives (1): (eligible to re-nominate for a further two-year term): Sue Naismith

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS PROCESS 2018
As the Returning Officer for School Council, I am now inviting nominations from parents for the (4) two-year vacancies we have for the Parent Category and from staff for the (1) two-year vacancy we have for the DET Category.
Council currently meets 8 times per year on Monday evenings, with meetings being conducted between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. It is expected that school councillors will join one of our three subcommittees, which also meet 8 times per year at a time suitable to subcommittee members. Importantly, subcommittee membership is also open to parents and staff who are not on school council, so you can become involved with the work of school council via subcommittee membership if you don’t have the time to commit to school council participation at the moment.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION TIMELINE 2018

Friday 23 February 2018 at 9.00am – Nominations Open
Friday 2 March 2018 at 4.00pm – Nominations Close
Friday 16 March 2018 at 4.00pm – Ballot Closes (if required)

In the event that we do not receive sufficient nominations in both categories by the close of nominations on Friday 2 March 2018 at 4.00pm, then I will extend the timeline for receiving further nominations by one week.

Should we receive more nominations than vacancies in either or both categories, then a formal election ballot will be conducted with all parents having the opportunity to vote for the Parent Category nominations and/or staff will have the opportunity to vote for the Staff Category nominations.

In the event that I receive exactly the number of nominations in either or both categories, then I will declare those nominated persons duly elected on 2 March 2018.

Please note that you can self-nominate or have other members of the category of which you are a member, nominate you. Nomination forms are available on request from our office.

Retiring members of school council are eligible to be re-elected provided they are still eligible – that is, have a child still in attendance at our school if you are a parent, or work for a minimum of 8 hours per week for Department of Education & Training (DET) members.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)

Q. Can parents open a Facebook page to answer parent questions out of school hours or can the school reopen the old PFA Facebook page?

This question persists in the face of wide endorsement of our new school Facebook page and the shortest of answers to it is no to both parts of the question. More expansively, firstly, we do not think it is appropriate for parents to open a Q&A Facebook facility on behalf of the school. We would be accountable for whatever advice was given on our behalf and that would include cases in which the advice was incorrect. Parents are most welcome to contact their friends and share their opinions and advice on school matters privately – they have every right to do so. However when it comes to doing so in public on Facebook, we retain the right to be the official voice of the school via our variety of communication channels. Insofar as the second part of the question is concerned, for reasons already well explained, the PFA Facebook page has been replaced by the school Facebook page and it will not be reopened. School council again discussed this issue at Monday evening’s meeting and all members were of the unanimous view that our school now has an excellent communication system in place and there is no need to either reopen the old PFA Facebook page or have parents open a voluntary Facebook page on behalf of the school to answer individual parents’ concerns after school hours.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

‘If you don’t mind disappointment then put people on a pedestal’

Henry Grossek
YOU CAN DO IT ‘CONFIDENCE’
As part of our You Can Do It Program our students will be focusing on the ‘Confidence Key’. Confidence means believing that you will be successful at many things you attempt. It means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. Examples of confident behaviour in children include: raising their hand in class to answer a question, attempting difficult work without asking for help, sharing a new idea with a teacher or the class, or saying hello to someone new. In building confidence in children it is important to encourage Self-Acceptance (not thinking badly of yourself when making a mistake), Risk Taking (trying something new even though you might not be able to do it first go), and Independence (thinking it is important to try new activities).

END OF CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS
On Friday 2nd March we will be holding a celebration to mark the end of the Chinese New Year. There will be a colourful whole school parade in the morning, with Chinese songs and music. We are encouraging children to dress up in traditional costumes or to wear red.

STUDENTS WHO RIDE BIKES/SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL
Students who ride to school need to store their bike/scooter in the bike shed for the duration of the day. The bike shed is locked just after 9am and opened just prior to 3.30pm. Please remind your child if they ride to school and arrive after the bell they need to come to the office and we will organise for the bike monitors to unlock the bike shed.

CHICKENPOX
Chickenpox is a highly contagious viral disease. The main symptom is a blistering, itchy skin rash. Outbreaks are more common in winter and early spring. Children with chickenpox should not go to school, until the last blister has dried. Please inform the school if your child has chickenpox.

The symptoms of chickenpox include:
- low-grade fever
- general discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing (malaise)
- Intensely itchy skin rash, appears as small blisters surrounded by irregularly-shaped patches of inflamed skin.
  - They usually burst and develop crusts after about five days
- ulcers may develop in certain areas.

More information can be found: https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/chickenpox

CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 9th March – No School for students on this day.
Friday 9th March is a curriculum day for our staff and no students are required at school on this day.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
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.

PREP PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM (PMP)

Parent Helper

Students Name: ____________________________ Grade: __________

I am able to help with the Perceptual Motor Program from 9am – 9.45am on the following days each week.

□ Tuesday  □ Thursday

(Please tick days you are available)

□ I have a valid working with children’s card (WWCC)
(your card will need to be sighted at the office and must be present on you at all times)

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________

Contact Number: ____________________________

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 27th February  Grade 4 “Healthy Mind, Body & Soul” incursion
Wednesday 28th February  Edwin Flack District Swimming
Thursday 1st March  Grade 6 excursion “Imax Theatre Melbourne”
Friday 2nd March  Grade 3 “Marvellous Me” incursion
Friday 9th March  Curriculum day - no school on this day
Wednesday 14th March  Edwin Flack District Tennis Tournament
Wednesday 21st March  House Athletics

NOTICES DUE BACK

Monday 26th February  Grade 3 Marvellous Me
Monday 26th February  Edwin Flack District Swimming
Friday 2nd March  Grade 6 Final TShirt & Windcheater order
Wednesday 7th March  Edwin Flack District Tennis Tournament
Community Garden Working Bee

Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd} February

Please join us from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. We will be weeding and tidying our garden and getting ready for the grades to plant.

DONATIONS WANTED

Our Community Garden is in need of small plastic toys such as McDonalds cars etc. If you have any toys at home you no longer need, our community garden would appreciate them.
Parent helpers needed

**HOUSE ATHLETICS**

Our annual House Athletics Competition is being held on **Wednesday 21st March 2018**. Our back up day will be the Tuesday 1st May 2018 or Wednesday 2nd May 2018. Staff from grades 3-6 and specialist areas will be helping on the day; however, we still require some assistance from parent helpers.

Parent helper jobs will consist of helping out with the Relay Race, Hurdles and Sprints and Long Jump. The day will run from 9.20am- 3.00pm. **You will also need to have a current Working with Children’s Check.**

On the day, students will participate in all the events with their age group. They are encouraged to wear house colours. Please ensure your child has a hat, sun smart clothing and sunblock for the day.

If you are interested in helping on the day, please place your details on the form below and return to the school office by **9.00am on Tuesday 13th March 2018**.

Thank you,
Tanya Craig
PE Coordinator

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**HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY**

**Parent Helper**

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Grade: ____________

Parent/ Guardian Name: ___________________________

Contact No: _______________________

Please circle the time(s) you are able to assist at the House Athletics Day on **Wednesday 21st March 2018** and I have a current Working with Children’s Check (please bring into office for photocopying if not already done so)

- [ ] 9am-11.15am
- [ ] 11.45am- 1.15pm
- [ ] 2pm- 3pm
Are you heading to the Berwick Show this weekend? If you are, please take the time to check out the schools art displays, especially our Berwick Lodge display!

The students always work hard to create beautiful art work and it’s a great opportunity for our community to see just what we do here at Berwick Lodge.

Art Club has begun for the year, with Grade 5/6 students starting in Term One. Art Club runs at lunchtime Mondays 1.15-2.00pm so come along if you’d like to make and create!

There is a colouring competition currently running for the upcoming Casey Kids Carnival. If you would like an entry please come and see Mrs Zammit or Mrs Muccignat in the Art Room to choose your picture to colour.

Have a great week ahead
Mrs Zammit and Mrs Muccignat
Visual Arts Teachers
Thank you for supporting our Book Fair.

A huge thank you to all the BLPS families who came along and supported our book fair last week. Over the two nights we managed to raise $6,245.50

This means we get to choose books to the value of $2,185.92 for our wonderful library. Thank you to Mrs Collinson for setting up the book fair and making sales. Thank you also to Mrs Musco, Mrs Weber and Mrs McCrum and all the other staff who helped.
Next Meeting Date
Monday 26th February 2018
At 9.30am after assembly in the staffroom
Office Bearers elections to be conducted at this meeting.

Second Hand Uniform Shop - Opening Days/Roster

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Student banking is every **Tuesday**. Once you collect 10 silver tokens you are eligible for a reward. This year you can choose from the following rewards;

Term 1 - Twister Power Handball or Secret Scratch Pad
Term 2 - Sparkle Glitter Pens or Glow Light
Term 3 - Might Boom Handball or Heat Reactor Pencils
Term 4 - Slushie Maker Cup or Zoom Flying Disc

Our Commonwealth Bank representative will be at our assembly on Monday 5th March 2018. She will also have “Pat the Dog” with her to answer any questions you may have about Student Banking.
Every $10 spent at Coles during the program, will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. The more vouchers you collect the more gear our school could receive.

The program is open from the 7th February until 3rd April 2018.

Vouchers can be placed in the box located inside the office.

How does it work?

**Step 1**
For every $10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.

**Step 2**
Your school’s families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.

**Step 3**
Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.
If your child has medication at school, new Medication Authority forms need to be completed if you haven't already done this.

Any outstanding Asthma or Allergic Reaction plans need to be completed by a G.P and returned to school immediately with your child's medication.

Should you have any concerns please contact the office or Mrs Tsekouras in the sick bay.
NEW CANTEEN DAYS

Canteen is now open on;

Monday

Wednesday

Friday
JAM HOT MUSIC PROGRAMS

Building Confidence through Music Performance
OFFERING MUSIC LESSONS IN
SINGING/DANCING
DRUM KIT
GUITAR
PIANO/KEYBOARDS
TEACHING ALL STYLES OF MUSIC
BRUNO MARS / AC DC / ED SHEERAN / PINK
KATIE PERRY / DRAKE
& MUSIC THEORY
GRAB A ENROLMENT FORM AT THE OFFICE
PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENROLMENT FORM
TO THE OFFICE ASAP
& ENROL ONLINE
AT JAMHOTMUSIC.COM.AU
LESSONS ARE TIMETABBED DURING THE DAY
Enquiries please contact
JASON STONEHOUSE
0419 872 875 or jamhotmusic@hotmail.com
RIVER CHINESE BAND
2018 春節 CASEY 市音樂聯歡會 （免費）

2018 Chinese Dog Year Concert (Free)

Venue: Narre Community Learning Centre - City of Casey
Address: 1 Malcolm Ct, Narre Warren 3805 (400 m from Narre Warren Station)
Date/Time: 24/02/2018 Saturday 星期六 下午 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: 0433 966 251 Richard Ng  0421 174 505 (Tim Cao)
Website: http://riverchineseband.org.au
School Crossing Safety

There are over 60 Primary Schools in the City of Casey, serviced by over 240 school crossing supervisors. Over 35,000 students attend these schools each day, travelling by foot, private vehicles and public transport.

The City of Casey encourages drivers, parents and others responsible for children, to carefully read the information below to minimise the risk of accident or injury at and around school crossings.

Why are school crossings important?
Young children do not have a well developed sense of danger. They also do not have well developed peripheral (side) vision or spatial sense. This makes it difficult for them to properly judge the safe time to cross a road. Supervised school crossings were formally introduced in the 1970s to protect children from this risk.

Why do we need parking and traffic controls around school crossings?
Crossing supervisors need to have a clear field of vision in all directions around their crossing, so that they can spot approaching children and vehicles as soon as possible.

Because children are often very small, cars parked or stopped too close to crossings can completely obscure them from the view of supervisors and drivers. Coupled with children’s limited ability to identify danger, this can create a very hazardous situation.

Parents and other people who are dropping off/picking up children also need reasonable access to parking for that purpose.

What sorts of controls can I expect to find around schools?
A range of restrictions may apply according to the needs of the particular area. The following restrictions may apply at and around your school:

No stopping

What does no stopping mean?
No stopping means you cannot stop your vehicle for any purposes, no matter how short the time.

Bus Zone

What does bus zone mean?
Bus zone means that this area is for buses only. You cannot stop there at all.

Disabled Parking

What does disabled parking mean?
Disabled parking means that only vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Person’s parking permit may park in these spaces.

As a driver what am I required to do around school crossings?
When approaching school crossings, slow down to 40km/h or less, watch for children and remember not to stop too close to the crossing. You MUST stop before the STOP LINE marked on the road once the stop sign is displayed to you.

The crossing must be completely vacated of all pedestrians before proceeding, including the supervisor.

Also watch for, and obey, the instructions of the School Crossing Supervisor.

Look for parking restriction signs and make sure to obey them or you may be fined.

For further details call 9705 5200, log onto www.casey.vic.gov.au or visit one of our customer service centres at Bunjil Place Narre Warren, or Centro Cranbourne.
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

PAY LESS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Are You Maximising Your Government Rebates for Outside of School Hours’ Care?

If not, you could be paying more than you should. With Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) you could save 50% off the price of after school care.

How do I find out if I am eligible?
For more information on Government rebates, how to locate your family Customer Reference Numbers (CRN) and how to claim, please call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

You can link your CRN’s to your Camp Australia account via the Parent Portal, alternatively you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343.

For information about our program and to book visit www.campaustralia.com.au or stop by and visit us in the program and see for yourself how we make kids smile.

From the Team at Camp Australia

* Out of pocket expenses to be used as a guide only as rebates are based on individual circumstances and are subject to change. For a full listing of program details and fees for the service, please visit our website.

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Net Set GO! at Sweeney Reserve, Narre Warren

The program, run by Narre Warren Netball Club, is for boys and girls from 5 to 10 years and teaches them basic netball skills.

The Net Set GO! Program incorporates skill activities, minor games, music and dance in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants.

When: Every Tuesday
Time: 4.15pm – 5.15pm
Location: Sweeney Reserve, Golf Links Rd
Cost: $95 (includes the Net Set GO! pack)

For more information or to register, please contact Lynette on 0409 984 412 or email enquiries@NarreWarrenNetballClub.com.au