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NEWSLETTER NO 5
1ST MARCH 2018

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. What time can children come to school in the morning?
A. Not before 8.45am if they are not attending the Before School Care program. I say this because we have noticed an increasing number of children coming to school as early as 8.00am but not attending the Before School Care program. We do not supervise the school grounds before 8.45am and it concerns me that some parents are sending their children to school before such supervision is provided, yet not sending their children to the supervised care program that we offer. We would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Procrastination is the dark twin of choice’

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES

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 14th March      Kids Roar - Information evening for Prep students
Friday 16th March         Prep in school visit - Amy’s Amazing Adventure
Wednesday 21st March     House Athletics
Thursday 22nd March       Grade 1 Grandparents & Special person’s day

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
Tuesday 13th March        Kids Roar information evening
Tuesday 13th March        Grade 4 “Inside Out Movie”
Tuesday 13th March        House Athletics parent helper forms
Tuesday 13th March        Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Camp -
                          parent helper expression of interest.
Tuesday 13th March        Grade 6 CYC Camp -
                          parent helper expression of interest
Friday 16th March         Amy’s Amazing Adventure

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.
**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. **CAMP AUSTRALIA will be operating on this day and bookings are essential.**

On the day, our staff will be involved in a presentation titled “Making Space for Learning – Trauma informed practice in schools” delivered by the Australian Childhood Foundation. The day will cover topics including understanding and defining trauma, how trauma affects children’s brain, body, memory, emotions, relationships, behaviour and learning. This will include learning a variety of strategies to put to immediate use in the classroom to benefit all children.

**BERWICK SHOW ART AWARD CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to both Mrs Zammit and Mrs Muccignat for teaching a fantastic art program and entering our school into the Berwick show. We were thrilled to receive the award for the best overall art display, which is a wonderful achievement and acknowledgement for our school. If you have not walked down our main corridor recently, please find time to come and see the beautiful new art displays. Well done to all our budding artists and for making our school such an inspiring, colourful space to learn.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DAY**

Tomorrow, our school will celebrate the conclusion of Chinese New Year. A whole school parade will be held at 9.15am on the basketball courts and all families are invited to watch. We encourage the students to wear a Chinese costume or something red. On the day, the students will enjoy participating in a range of activities, which may include Plum Blossom Art, Paper Cutting, and Lantern Festival stories. Thank you to Ms Mao for organising the day.

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

Schools Clean-up Day is a fun and engaging way to teach children about the responsible disposal of rubbish, and the repercussions of rubbish dumped irresponsibly in the local environment. Friday 2nd March is Clean up Australia Day. The Junior School council have taken this on board and they are planning a big clean up on Friday!

Parents can get more involved on a community level with Clean-up Australia Day by cleaning up your local area with your friends and family. This website allows you to register a Clean-up site as a Site Supervisor or join an existing site as a volunteer. To do so, follow the link: [https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/get-involved/](https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/get-involved/)

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. While most students will have a good reason to be away, there are others who will not. We understand that there will be times for family and health reasons that children will be absent from the classroom, in these instances please keep the school informed. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

_Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery_
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

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
Congratulations

Berwick Show Award
Congratulations is in order to Berwick Lodge Primary School for our art display at the Berwick Show last weekend. We were fortunate to be recognised, winning, “Best Overall School Display” for 2018. The work the students create is always a credit to the skills and techniques they are constantly learning and developing. If you walk down our school main corridor, you will see just some of the beautiful art the students create, as well as our winning sash! Well done to all!

ART ROOM DONATIONS

The Art Room is in need of some newspapers, and some old magazines if you have any that need a new home.

Thank you
Jo Zammit/Kylee Muccignat
Visual Arts Teacher
BERWICK COLLEGE has officially opened applications for their 2019 High Achievers Program. The program is designed to enable students to ‘expand their minds in creative and innovative ways ensuring students’ engagement and academic acceleration’. Application forms are available from the office or the Berwick College website. The cost of sitting the entrance exam is $60 and closing date for applications is MONDAY 30th April at 4pm.

*Sitting for the High Achievers Program does not automatically ensure enrolment at Berwick College. Application for Year 7 enrolment must be submitted to Berwick Lodge during the course of the year.

SCHOOL TOURS

The aim of this tour is to provide parents and students with an overview of the College.

The tour will cover the major facilities of the school including Leisure Centre, Stadium, PAC, Technology areas, Arts, Senior School, library and other curriculum classroom areas. There is also the opportunity to ask questions or to clarify information about other aspects of life at Berwick College.

The College offers a wide and varied program of study including HAP (the High Achievers Program 7-9), FLP (Flexible Learning) VCAL and VCE.

A range of Instrumental Music opportunities are available. Private or group lessons are offered in guitar, drums, clarinet, trumpet, oboe, flute and piano. A senior, intermediate and junior concert band operate and rehearse regularly.

TOUR DATES FOR 2018

Bookings are essential. Please call (03) 8768 1000 to make a booking.

- Wednesday 28th February 9.30am
- Wednesday 21st March 9:30am
- Wednesday 18th April 9:30am

Year 7 2019 Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 24th April, 6:30pm in the Stadium

(High Achievers Program, Basketball Academy and Dance Academy Presentations at 7:30pm)

- Wednesday 16th May 9:30am

High Achievers Program Testing and School tour – Saturday 19th May 9:00am – Administration

- Wednesday 20th June 9:30am
- Wednesday 1st August 9:30am
- Wednesday 29th August 9:30am
- Wednesday 17th October 9:30am
- Wednesday 14th November 9:30am
2019 OPEN NIGHT
TUESDAY 27TH MARCH 2018

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

2019 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, alongside others with similar abilities and interests. Applications for current Year 6 (Year 7 in 2019) will be open on Thursday 1st of March and close on Tuesday 24th of April 2018. Selection examination will be held on Saturday the 28th of April 2018.

For further details and application forms contact Ms. Nicole Titter on 8762 6839

WWW.FOUNTAINGATESC.VIC.EDU.AU
Year 7 2019 Transition Information Evenings

20th March 2018
6:45pm – 8.30pm

18th April 2018
6:45pm – 8.30pm

Please note that these two events are exactly the same and you only need to attend once

All parents and students are invited to attend to find out about what Kambrya College has to offer including our Specialised Year 7 Programs:

- SEAL Program (Select Entry Accelerated Learning)
- ADP (Athlete Development Program)
- MDP (Musician Development Program)

School Tour dates for Term 1 and Term 2 2018 for transition purposes:

Parents, guardians and students who have not yet been on a school tour are invited to attend on one of the following dates:

Dates:  Friday March 9th,  Friday March 23rd,  Friday April 20th,
        Friday April 27th or  Friday May 4th

Time:  11.30am – 12.30pm - please arrive by 11.20am to sign in on our premises
No need to book

Address: 68 Bemersyde Drive Berwick
Phone: 03 9707 7600
Congratulations to the following parents who were elected office bearers for 2018.

President – Christine Micah
Vice President – Nicki Webb
Secretary – Narelle Ray
Assistant Secretary – Mel Dobric
PFA Representative to School Council – Jade Thomas
Emergency Representative – Colleen Moffatt

Second Hand Uniform Shop - Opening Days/Roster

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SCHOOL BANKING

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
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Hampton Park Uniting Church
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Narre Warren:
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Narre Warren Mechanics Institute
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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.

- **No parking**
  
  **What does no parking mean?**
  
  No parking means that the area is a pick up/drop off zone and that you cannot leave your vehicle un-attended and you cannot be parked for more than 2 minutes.

- **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.
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

*S 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.

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