EXEMPTION FROM NAPLAN TESTS
With NAPLAN tests coming up in a couple of weeks, children in grades 3 and 5 are expected to participate. However, parents can request, in writing that their child be exempted from sitting the tests in exceptional circumstances. Students with a significant intellectual disability or who have recently arrived in Australia and are from a non-English speaking background may be granted an exemption. Please contact a principal class member at our school if you have any queries regarding this provision.

ANZAC DAY SCHOOL SERVICE
Our service, which was held on Tuesday 24th April was attended by Mr Terry Hornbuckle, representing the Berwick RSL. He is a Vietnam War veteran and he presented a moving account of action at Gallipoli all those year ago on 25th April, 1915. Our thanks are extended to Mr Hornbuckle for finding the time to visit our school and officiate at our annual ANZAC Day ceremony. Congratulations are in order for our school captains and vice captains for the outstanding manner in which they hosted the ceremony. Thank you to the many parents who found a way in their busy schedules to attend the ceremony in the late afternoon.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. How will I know if my child is being bullied at school?
A. Generally speaking you will note either subtle or obvious changes in your child’s behaviour, none of which are positive. Sometimes children are reluctant to divulge details of being bullied, but may be unwilling to come to school or become withdrawn at home. In both situations my best advice is to make early contact with your child’s class teacher. That way, we can either deal more quickly ascertain whether your child is in fact being bullied and of course deal with it.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
“Doubt has more in common with the four mathematical processes than you might think. Of itself it is divisive. Left unchecked it multiplies insidiously. Depending on how you deal with it can either add to, or subtract from the issue.

Henry Grossek

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**Assistant Principals’ Report**

**NAPLAN FOR YEARS 3 AND 5**
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 for Years 3 and 5 students is on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May 2017. 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 a member of the principal class.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**
Thank you to all those who attended the Anzac Day assembly on Tuesday 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 Daisy, Joshua, Ashwin and Kyra for doing such a great job of presenting the assembly on the day and Terry Hornbuckle from the Berwick RSL who read a piece to the students.

**ANZAC MESSENGER DOG SHOW**
What a wonderful event this was for our prep children 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.

**JOURNEY OF REMEMBRANCE SHOW**
On Friday our grade 5 and 6 students enjoyed watching the show and learning about the history from World War 1 over the last 100 years including conscription. The show used a range of lights, puppets and actors to share the story of a soldier and his memories of going to war, being injured and missing his family. Communication was very difficult with soldiers relying on letters, which often took months to arrive.

**CROSS COUNTRY**
Today our whole school participated in our school cross-country. Congratulations to Miss Craig for organising another very successful sport event. It was wonderful to see so many parents helping with the event and cheering for the students. Thank you to everyone involved.

**THE JONESES’ TINY HOUSE**
Next week our grade 3 students, STEM extension groups and the Helmeted Honey eater ambassadors will be participating in an excursion to Bunjil Place, Narre Warren to see the Joneses’ Tiny house. The Tiny house utilises innovative, sustainable and recycling technology including solar battery storage. The house is only at Bunjil Place for a week and is free to visit during the week. If you would like to see the house, please visit the website for further information: https://www.bunjilplace.com.au/new-joneses

_Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery_
The PFA’s next meeting will be held on
Monday 30th April 2018 at 9.30am (after Assembly)

We will be discussing the Mother’s Day Stall.
All parents are most welcome to attend.

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
The Art Room and Community garden is in need of lots of newspapers and some old magazines so if you have any that need a new home, please drop them into the office.

Thank you
Mrs McCrum, Mrs Zammit & Mrs Muccignat
BERWICK COLLEGE HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM 2019

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

- Wednesday 16th May 9:30am
- 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 Transition News for Year 7

Earlier this 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 11th May 2018. 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 2019 on Wednesday 8th August 2018.

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.
FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE
JOSEPHINE AVENUE, NARRE WARREN

SCHOLARSHIPS

Fountain Gate Secondary College is committed to providing a high quality education to all students. The College recognises that students possess a range of skills, talents and aptitudes which need to be nurtured and developed.

It is with great enthusiasm that the College will be offering a range of scholarships to all current and prospective students. Please carefully read the following information about the different scholarships being offered.

EXCELLENCE

- Academic
- The arts
- Sports

SPECIALITY

- Rugby (Years 9, 10, 11 & 12)
- Business (Years 11 & 12)
- Science (Years 10, 11 & 12)
- Music performance (Years 7-12)
- Design & technology (Years 10, 11, & 12)
- Languages (Years 9 & 10)

TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 NOW. CLOSING DATE IS NOVEMBER 1ST 2018

Go to the website and select Enrolments then Scholarships to download the Scholarships Package.

WWW.FOUNTAINGATESC.VIC.EDU.AU
Interested in joining a Pony Club?
At Officer Pony Club we provide a great day out for you and your pony/horse. Come and experience the fun and exciting things to do with your pony/horse which includes: instruction, games, cross-country, and much more. Come and see our club on the first Sunday of every month (excluding January), you are more than welcome to “come try & ride” to see if you like it. Memberships are now available.

Riders of any age & ability welcome
Address: Brown Road Officer.
Inquiries Diane Podger, 0414 311 128
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Tuesday 8 May 12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 9 May 1.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday 10 May 12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Friday 11 May 8.00 am – 3.30 pm

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BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Share & Support Additional needs

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

Spacing Technique to assist Spelling

Date: 4th May 2018  Day: Friday  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