PRIVACY ONLINE
This week families received a notice updating and informing parents about student privacy on line. The online programs we utilise during school time provide valuable learning opportunities for our students. At all times, we promote safety when accessing online programs and encourage parents to be fully aware of what their child is accessing both at school and at home. Having all students safely using online programs and protecting their privacy is important across our school. We encourage all families to read the document, sign and return to school before the due date.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019
Do you have a kinder child and are planning to enrol at Berwick Lodge next year? If so, we encourage you to contact the office and record your details. This will assist with our planning and enable us to provide relevant information about our prep evenings and transition program. If you have any questions about a prep enrolment, please speak to Sandra McCrum.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
We wish all our mothers a wonderful, happy and restful Mother’s day. Enjoy spending time together and remember often the little things such as a smile and a kind word can make days special.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:
Q: Why are we updating our online privacy procedures?
A: As mentioned above, this is to strengthen the privacy of all students accessing online programs at school.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:
“Once children learn how to learn nothing is going to narrow their mind. The essence of teaching is to make learning contagious, to have one idea spark another”.

-Marva Collins.

Sandra McCrum.

DIARY DATES

Friday 11th May
JSC Nursing Home Visit - Mothers Day

Tuesday 15th May
Prep’s School Based Life Education visit

Monday 21st May -
Wednesday 23rd May
Grade 5 Camp - Sovereign Hill

Wednesday 23rd May
BLPS Open Night 6 - 8pm

Wednesday 30th May -
Friday 1st June
Grade 6 Camp - CYC City Camp

Wednesday 6th June
Step into Prep information evening 7pm

Thursday 21st June
State School Spectacular rehearsal

Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th July
Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Program

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th July
Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Program

Thursday 16th August
State School Spectacular rehearsal

NOTICES DUE BACK

Friday 11th May
Grade 6 Transition Forms

Friday 11th May
Prep’s School Based Life Education visit

Friday 18th May
Prep - Grade 2 Swimming program
WINTER CLOTHING
With the onset of the cooler weather, we thought it timely to remind all families of the need for students to wear appropriate clothing to school. Although the children may be warm in the comforts of their home, car and classroom they need to be rugged up when going outside to play. A warm, cosy jumper or jacket and named, weatherproof coat are strongly recommended at this time of the year. There is currently an overabundance of lost property and this raises two concerns. Firstly, as most of the clothing items are not clearly named, they cannot be returned promptly to their rightful owners. We understand clothing is expensive and it is difficult to distinguish individual ownership of similar items and so we are asking you to please ensure all clothing is clearly named. Secondly, we are concerned with the large number of lost items that are not being collected and ask for your assistance in checking whether your children are missing items of clothing. Lost property is located inside the corridor leading from the courtyard into the main building and is accessible during school hours.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing will commence next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, for all students in grades 3 and 5. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns. For information regarding NAPLAN and how you can help prepare your child, please click on the following link: https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-2018-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=2

MOTHER’S DAY
Thank you to our wonderful PFA for all the efforts made in organising the Mother’s Day stall today. We hope all families enjoy a lovely weekend and find some time to spend with mum.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN
The Life Education van will be visiting our Prep students on Tuesday 15th May. The Life Education program partners with schools to deliver vital health and safety messages to children and provide useful and informative resources for teachers. Life Education also continues the support in the home, offering parents, carers and guardian’s tools, tips and activities to ensure all Australian children are empowered to make safer and healthier choices. For more information, follow the link: https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/about-us/

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
(Friday 18th May 2018) Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. WSTSD promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. The event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine. Children need a minimum of 60 minutes exercise per day. Encouraging less driving and more walking aims to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars. Lastly, it is just a nice way to be part of your community. The Junior School Council have been busy planning some activities to promote this message. On Friday the 18th May we are asking students to come to school in sensible Active Wear, for example runners and tracksuit, or sports top and shorts etc. The Junior School Council would also like to ask for a gold coin donation to raise vital funds for our sponsor child Amira, in Indonesia. If you feel like getting more active with your children, there are some great suggestions on the following website: http://www.victoriawalks.org.au/Walking_with_children/ http://www.victoriawalks.org.au/smartsteps/families/activitysheets/

OPEN NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 23rd May 6pm – 8pm
We welcome all families to attend Open Night on the 23rd May. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy looking in classrooms, talking to teachers and sharing activities with your child. There will be art activities, Zance, robots in action, radio show, mindfulness activities, Chinese calligraphy writing and many more things to enjoy. Our grade 6 leaders will be available to take families on tours. We invite everyone to come and see our wonderful school.

Angela Maskery
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Berwick Lodge PS is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the P-2 or 3-6 forms distributed this week and return it to school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Mark Carthew
BLPS Literacy Coordinator
As our students are using more digital technology at home and at school, it is important to be very careful about what information they are seeing and making sure that the students don’t give out personal information.

Personal information that should not be given out include:
- Full names of themselves and family members
- Home Address
- Phone numbers
- Date of birth
- Passwords

Students are also reminded to not go onto websites or programs that they are not familiar with. If they do come across these programs while online they are advised to ask any parents or teachers for help.
Walk to School day

Walk to school Day

On the 18th of May, it is National Walk to School Day. We would like all students to bring a gold coin donation to support our Sponsor Child, Amira and wear your sport clothes. Make sure it’s sun smart though! Students will play games with their buddy grades throughout the day.

Where:
When: 18th May 2018
Who: All grades P-6
Why: To raise funds for Amira
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 2019

- Wednesday 16th May 9:30am
- Thursday 29th August 9:30am
- Wednesday 17th October 9:30am
- Wednesday 14th November 9:30am

2019 Transition News for Year 7

Last 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.
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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

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

OSHC and what it means to Camp Australia

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) can be a vitally important program for children and families who need affordable care. OSHC makes it possible for parents to work or attend to other commitments, secure in the knowledge that their children are being cared for by qualified educators in a safe and supportive environment.

All OSHC services must meet the stringent requirements set out in the Education and Care Services National Act and Regulations, as well as the National Quality Standard. This ensures that the OSHC curriculum enhances learning and development outcomes for each child, specifically in relation to their identity, connection with community, wellbeing, confidence as learners and effectiveness as communicators.

But that doesn’t mean that every activity or program should be scheduled. Having already spent the day in a classroom, kids need some space to explore their own interests – sports, craft or cooking – rather than being taught more information (unless there’s homework your child needs help with!).

At Camp Australia, we know that the time spent at OSHC is a time for possibilities. Every session is guided by the children’s interests and reflects their dreams and imagination.

It’s a time to form friendships outside their immediate classmates, to grow and learn, or to try something new. All the programs at Camp Australia are offered onsite, so your kids can leave the classroom and be playing soccer, eating a healthy snack or learning how to play a board game within minutes of the bell ringing.

Our program also promotes cooperation, support and respect. The stakes may not feel as high as they do in school. As a result, they may be more willing to try new things or start a conversation.

Program details

We’re here to make Outside School Hours Care the best experience possible for your child.

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

From the Team at Camp Australia

visit www.campaustralia.com.au we make kids smile
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Silver Fern is now offering Ready Set Trot – a fun and exciting program for young people who want to give equestrian sports a try.

This is a great activity for young people to try a new sport. The course is conducted over a period of 7 weeks for a 1 1/2 (one and a half) hour session per week.

Our centre provides all the necessary equipment as well as a Nationally Accredited Equestrian Coach who will facilitate the lessons so participants are assured of learning correct techniques in a safe environment.

Our training program is aimed at all 9 to 12 year olds.

For more details, please don’t hesitate to phone or email Jai on
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