THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS
What a wonderful evening our Education Week Open Night was yesterday. Thank you to all parents and families for your support. Open Night is one of our highlight events for the year and it is an absolute delight to see the joy and excitement in the children’s faces as they share their work and achievements with their parents. Congratulations to our great team of dedicated staff, both teaching and non-teaching. We really do have a great school and the efforts and contributions of our extensive team of staff deserve acknowledgement.

STAFFING APPOINTMENT
I am pleased to inform you that we have now completed the selection process for the vacancy caused by Sophie Forte’s imminent departure on family Leave. We have appointed Belinda Gray, a graduate teacher who has recently spent time at our school as a CRT, to the position. Belinda will be familiarising herself with her new grade on Friday and Monday of next week, prior to taking up the position on Thursday 31 May.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. Why is it important that parents inform the school that they have siblings of children currently enrolled here who will be enrolled at Berwick Lodge next year so early this year?
A. It is important to us insofar as determining how many out of our local neighbourhood area Prep children we can enrol next year.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Open Nights at school are a great way to remind us of the importance of childhood – that exhilarating sense of curiosity is a welcome stranger to so many of us.’

Henry Grossck
**DIARY DATES**

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

**Wednesday 6th June**
Step into Prep information evening 7pm

**Wednesday 6th June**
RoboCup Junior Australia Ballarat Regional comp

**Tuesday 12th June**
Prep Casey Safety Village PC & PT

**Thursday 14th June**
Prep Casey Safety Village PF & PQ

**Thursday 21st June**
State School Spectacular rehearsal

**Tuesday 31st July**
2018 International Competitions & Assessments For schools (ICAS) - English. Grades 3 - 6

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

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

**Thursday 9th August**
2018 Australian Mathematics competition grades 3 - 6

**Thursday 16th August**
State School Spectacular rehearsal

**NOTICES DUE BACK**

**Friday 18th May**
Prep - Grade 2 Swimming program

**Tuesday 22nd May**
Grade 6 Open Night School Tour Guide

**Friday 1st June**
Predicted enrolments for PREP students

**Monday 4th June**
Prep Casey Safety Village excursion

**Monday 4th June**
RoboCup Junior Australia Ballarat Regional comp

**Wednesday 6th June**
Grade 6 Swimming program

**Wednesday 13th June**
2018 ICAS competition (grades 3 - 6)

**Wednesday 13th June**
2018 Maths competition (grades 3 - 6)

**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
OPEN NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 23rd MAY
Thank you to all families who attended our Open Night last night. It was great to see the familiar faces of our current and past families and very rewarding to see the number of prospective families who took the opportunity to visit our school and see the wonderful programs we have on offer. The positive feedback received from families indicated that everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit classrooms and specialist areas and view the results of our students’ efforts. Thanks must go to our hard working staff for the preparation of displays and activities and their attendance throughout the evening. Our student leaders did a magnificent job in showing new families around the school and supporting the specialist teachers in their programs.

GRADE FIVE and SIX CAMP
Next week the children in grade 6 will be heading off to camp to attend the CYC City Camp in Melbourne. The students, teachers and parent helpers will be leaving on Wednesday morning and returning Friday afternoon. We wish them a great time and look forward to hearing their stories on their return.
The grade 5 students returned from Sovereign Hill, Ballarat yesterday, where they spent 3 days learning about Australian History. From all accounts, they had a wonderful camp and enjoyed learning about the gold rush era.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 18th MAY
It was terrific to see the number of students who wore active wear and used active travel on Friday. We encourage families to support their children in continuing to walk, ride, skate or scoot to school on a regular basis. Establishing these habits at primary school age will have benefits in the years ahead. Thank you to our Junior School Council for organising this fun activity.

REPORT WRITING DAY – FRIDAY 8th JUNE – NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL
Friday 8th June is Report Writing Day for our school. No students are required at school on this day. Camp Australia may be open on this day, depending on sufficient numbers and bookings are required as soon as possible.

LONG WEEKEND – MONDAY 11th JUNE – NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL
Our report writing day leads into the Queen’s birthday long weekend and the school will be closed on Monday 11th June.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
CommBank’s School Banking program is available at your school.

Ensure your child starts two great journeys at once.

For more than 85 years, the School Banking program has been providing a fun, interactive way for Australian children to learn about the value of money and smart saving. As your child’s school participates in School Banking, CommBank also provides your school with fundraising support.

To be involved, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. They can then make regular deposits at school on School Banking day and be rewarded along the way with our exciting Rewards Program. They can also keep track of their savings and more with the CommBank Youth app, available to download from the App Store.*

Get ready for your child to meet the Dollarmites and start saving with School Banking when they start school.

To find out more about the program, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Three ways to open a Youthsaver account for your child.

1. Apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

2. Log on to the CommBank app (if you bank with CommBank)
   Head to the menu on the top left corner, select ‘Products and offers’, then ‘Bank accounts’ and ‘Student and youth accounts’, scroll down to ‘Kids’ and tap ‘Open account’.

3. Visit any CommBank branch

What you’ll need

We will need to see personal identification for you and your child. You can use a birth certificate, passport, driver licence or citizenship certificate. **If applying in branch, please bring along your child’s birth certificate and/or any applicable Court Order to help us identify you as the parent or legal guardian.

Your child will receive a Dollarnites deposit wallet when you open a Youthsaver account in branch, or in the mail if opened online or via the CommBank app. They will use this wallet to make their School Banking deposits.

Things you should know: *The CommBank Youth app is available to download on any iOS device 9.0+ from the App Store. Your child will need a NetBank client number and password to log on to the app. You can set this up when applying for a new account. Existing customers simply visit a CommBank branch with identification for you and your child’s birth certificate, or if you can see your child’s account in your NetBank or CommBank app, visit commbank.com.au/youthsav and follow the steps.

**The Bank will accept one of the following documents as acceptable identification on its own. Please note citizenship certificate can only be used as identification in branch.
Birth certificate or the birth extract issued by an Australian state or territory, Birth certificate issued by a foreign government, the United Nations (UN) or an agency of the UN, Citizenship certificate issued by the Commonwealth. Citizenship certificate issued by a foreign government. Note: if written in a language not understood by the person carrying out the verification, the document must be accompanied by an English translation from either a translator at the level of Professional Translator (or above) currently accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd (NAATI) or another accredited translator who currently holds or equivalent accreditation. NAATI is the Australian government owned National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters. Where a parent/legal guardian is a signatory to the child’s account, they are required to be identified to the acceptable identification standard.

As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for the Youthsaver account are available at commbank.com.au and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank’s dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 2221. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.

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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
Our grade 5 students have just returned from their wonderful camp at Sovereign Hill yesterday. To our surprise we have lots & lots of lost property from their camp including a whole suitcase, pillows and sleeping bags!

If your child is missing any items, please come and speak with the friendly office staff.

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### PFA NEWS

*Second Hand Uniform Shop - Opening Days/Roster*

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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
Thinking of selling?  
Don’t know where to start?  
Home looking cluttered and outdated?

**Styling Avenue** are a property styling/staging business located in Berwick and happy to service neighbouring suburbs.

We have the expertise and resources to transform your home to create a wonderful 1st impression and present it at its best. We can help you prepare your home for sale to achieve the best possible price in the shortest possible time. Research shows that the majority of buyers shortlist the properties to visit via the internet. Therefore it is important that your home presents well in photographs to attract as many potential buyers as possible. Both Cluttered and empty homes make rooms appear smaller. The right furniture choices and placement can make all the difference when it comes to attracting potential buyers. At Styling Avenue we are not about showcasing our furniture or styling skills but we use both of these elements to showcase YOUR property.

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