PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

VISIT BY STUDENT FROM HANGZHU ZHAOHUI EXPERIMENTAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHINA
Next week we will be hosting a team of 12 students in Years 3-6 from Hangzhui Zhaohui Experimental Primary School, China. This follows a 6-month planning period with Michael Xiang, Executive Director, Business Development, Australia Yutong Culture Centre. The students will be accompanied by the Deputy Principal of their school, in addition to a class teacher. The students will be attending our school during the day for the week, with private arrangements for their accommodation having been made by the Australia Yutong Culture Centre.

NEW SCHOOL CLEANING ARRANGEMENTS
These are now in place with our new DET appointed contractors, Menzies. School council discussed the success of the transition to our new cleaning contractors at length at Monday’s school council meeting, expressing concern over the daily hours allocated for the cleaning by Menzies. On behalf of council I have been in communication with Menzies and the DET over this concern, with limited, but inadequate success. In addition I have brought our concerns to the attention of the Australian Principals federation (APF), of which I am a Board member and also the Victorian Principals Association (VPA). School council endorsed a motion to inform the Minister for Education, Mr James Merlino, in writing, of our concerns and seeking prompt redress. I will continue to raise our concerns with Menzies and our professional organisations. I can add that many schools are similarly dissatisfied with the outcomes of the cleaning changes to date. I will prepare a comprehensive report for distribution to our school community next week, illustrating the changes made to metropolitan schools cleaning arrangements, and in particular our experience.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)**

**Q.** What can be done to address our concerns over the cleaning arrangements?

**A.** Hopefully the Minister for Education will intervene, via the DET, to address the widespread concerns that are increasingly appearing across metropolitan government schools in Melbourne, swiftly.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**

‘Darkness cloaks many things, some of which are best not seen in the light of day.’

*Henry Grossek*

**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.
PLANET ARK NATIONAL TREE DAY – FRIDAY 27TH JULY
This Friday is Planet Ark National Tree Day and our school will be participating in a variety of planting activities throughout the day. These may include planting in a recycled paper pot, class hot houses, Community and Sensory Garden spaces. A very BIG THANKYOU to Berwick Toyota for supporting the day and providing 100 seedlings, some promotional tops, gloves and to Jordan for assisting with planting. A BIG THANKYOU to Bunnings Fountain Gate for supplying seeds, potting mix, seedlings and to Kassandra for assisting with planting activities. If you are interested in assisting, please speak to your child’s teacher to find out what they have planned.

KIDS ROAR – PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS PROGRAM FOR GRADE ONE
Next week our grade one students will have a session with the kids ROAR team. KidsROAR is an Australian protective behaviours educational organisation that delivers programs in childcare centres, schools and community groups that focus on “Personal Safety for Kids”. We believe that from an early age, children need to learn that their body is their body and no-one has the right to touch it inappropriately. In the Kids ROAR Protective Behaviours Program, we will be discussing body safety with the children and the fact that they have the right to feel safe at all times. The sessions have been very kindly funded by Shinner’s plumbing, so a very BIG THANKYOU to them for their generosity. A parent information evening for grade one parents will be held on Monday 30th July at 6.15pm. A notice was sent home yesterday to all grade one families.

PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS
A free interactive program to share experiences and ideas and learn strategies to support your child.
- Dealing with Anger-helping parents and kids deal with anger and frustration
- Responding to behaviour-better understand why children behave the way they do.
DATES Tuesday evening for 6 weeks 7th August to 11th September
TIME: 6.30-8.45pm
LOCATION: Turing Point Church Meeting Room. 1785 South Gippsland Hwy. Cranbourne East
Bookings and Enquiries: Sandra Phillips at ParentZone: 03 5945 200 or Call/text 0447 500 355
Sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS WHOLE SCHOOL BUDDY DAY
On Monday 6th August, all students will take part in a Respectful Relationships Buddy Day. The Respectful Relationships program supports schools and early childhood settings to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. As this is a new initiative from the State Government, our school thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to introduce some of the topics within this program and introduce it to the school community. Students will be paired with their buddy grade and rotate around to different classrooms throughout the day where they will undertake some fun, hands on activities. They will cover such topics as Emotional Literacy (feelings, friendships and emotions), Personal Strengths (recognising our own personal strengths), Positive Coping (resilience, self-calming and productive coping strategies) and Help Seeking (communication to seek help for positive outcomes, enhancing peer support and conflict resolution). We will be seeking parent assistance for this day but you must have a valid WWCC. We thank you in advance for your support. If you are available to assist on this day, please complete the form that was sent home with your child yesterday.

CPR UPDATE
On Monday, staff will be completing their annual CPR update training after school. We now have a defibrillator located in the sick bay area and staff will receive training on how to operate a defibrillator as part of their training. Learning CPR is a valuable skill and you never know when you may be required to use this knowledge to assist saving a life.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
Well done to all of the prep, one and two students who have participated in the swimming program this week and last week. There has been lots of positive feedback from all involved.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
Berwick Lodge Primary School
‘Books & Nooks!’
2018 Literature Festival

To be held during weeks 5, 6 & 7 of term 3
Monday 13th August - Friday 31st August 2018

Hazel Edwards        Ben Wood        Marc McBride

As part of our 2018 Children’s Book Week and Literacy / Numeracy Week celebrations, Berwick Lodge Primary School will have a number of Australia’s exciting authors and illustrators visit our school for a three week - ‘Books & Nooks’ Literature Festival. **Mitch Vane and Hazel Edwards** will talk to the Prep-2 students and **Ben Wood and Marc McBride** will conduct workshops with the Grade 3-6 students. BLPS Literacy Coordinator and children’s author **Mark Carthew**, will also present grade level sessions for all students P-6. The Literature Festival will occur during Weeks 5, 6 and 7 of this Term.

All students in Prep-Grade 6 will have three author/illustrator experiences over the three weeks.

A separate permission form and notice has been distributed to all students regarding the dates for these sessions. Please return the permission form to the school as possible.

The 2018 Festival overlaps with Children's Book Week and will be an exciting celebration of reading, writing, books, illustration and design. These author illustrator talks and workshops are sure to inspire students to explore their imaginations and world of ‘Books and Nooks!’

**Literacy and Library Teams – Prep to Grade 6**
WAR ON WASTE: ABC series on Tuesday’s at 8.30pm

If you missed the start of the second series “War on Waste” where they were talking about the planet and how we can recycle then the next episode is on Tuesday 31st July at 8.30pm on the ABC. They are targeting waste and how it has a massive effect on the planet and what we can do to assist with recycling and changing our own habits. It certainly creates conversation about waste and what we are doing as a human race. If you are interested, there are some great links on the ABC web page: http://www.abc.net.au/ourfocus/waronwaste/

PLANET ARK NATIONAL TREE DAY - Friday 27th July

Tomorrow is Planet Ark’s National Tree Day and some of the garden club students will be planting a range of indigenous plants into a new area in the Sensory garden. Toyota are the major sponsors of this day and they have very generously donated plants, tops and gloves. The Sensory garden area is almost complete with signage and other items to be installed throughout the year. This last stage of the sensory garden will include a dinosaur discovery area, giant birds nest and signage with information about the different plants within the garden. Bunnings have very kindly offered seeds, seedlings and potting mix and Kassandra, their activities coordinator will be coming to plant with some of our grades in the morning. Each grade can make a newspaper recycled pot and plant seeds during the day for students to take home. Each year Planet Ark publish a research paper linking to the environment. This year they are focusing on technology and nature and it provides interesting reading about how we are utilising both. I have included part of this report below. If you would like to read the whole article, please follow the links: https://treeday.planetark.org/research/?utm_campaign=Tree%20Day%202018&utm_term=Check%20out%20the%20research%20report&utm_medium=email&utm_source=directmailmac

Planet Ark’s Research Paper for 2018: Connect In Nature

Technology and nature are already friends, solar power!

Every year Planet Ark undertakes research for National Tree Day, with the key objective of inspiring people to spend time in nature. This year’s research looks at Australians attitudes towards technology and the role it can play in enhancing time spent in nature.

From the research, we found Australians spend just three per cent of their week in nature, yet almost three hours a day on their phones, primarily on social media. In an age where people are spending more time indoors immersed in technology, we explored the possibilities of bringing nature and technology together.

One third of Australians believe technology can have a positive effect on people’s time spent in nature and one in four Australians already use apps that encourage time spent in nature.

This year’s theme Connect in Nature is not only about connecting with trees. It’s also about connecting with other plants and animals, and 'connecting' in the tech sense - in order to understand if technology can help us do this.

Report Findings

- People believe we aren’t spending enough time in nature (75%), and 62% say they want to spend more time in nature.

- The more time you spend in nature and the more connected you feel to your community, the happier you are.

- About 1/3 of Australians believe technology can enhance people’s time spent in nature.

- … through making it more easy to appreciate its beauty, learn information, navigate and exercise.

- Those who think technology has a role to play in nature spend more time in nature and feel more connected to it.

For about 1/3 of Australians, technology and nature aren’t mutually exclusive.

From Planet Ark’s research paper 2018.

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COMMUNITY PLANET ARK PLANTING DAY – SUNDAY 29TH JULY

This Sunday the 29th July, the City of Casey are holding a community Planet Ark tree planting day at the north end of Hessel road. If you are interested in volunteering to assist, please see details below or the included flyer and RSVP via the link below.

Plant Your Roots’ Community Planting Event – National Tree Day
Details:
Activity: Plant Your Roots – National Tree Day
City of Casey Community Planting Event
Date: Sunday 29 July 2018
Time: 10am to 12pm (followed by a free celebratory lunch)
Location: 299 Hessell Road, Harkaway
Entry via Ernst Wanke Road, Berwick
*Parking is limited – we are encouraging participants to carpool if possible
Mel Ref: 109A12
RSVP: COB Wednesday 25 July 2018
(Please RSVP via https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10018133)

DONATIONS WANTED:
• Small (palm size) pebbles/rocks
• Dinosaur plastic toys (these can’t be returned)

If you are able to assist, please speak to Mrs. McCrum or bring donations to the office.

Happy Gardening. Mrs. McCrum.

Book Club orders

Scholastic brochures were given out to students today. All orders must be placed online by 4pm Monday 6th August 2018.
DONATIONS REQUIRED

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

Are you collecting the Coles Mini Collectables?

For every $30.00 you spend in Coles, you are given the Mini Collectables for free. Our Junior grades would love these if you would like to donate them to our school.

Thank you  
Mrs McCrum
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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

CCS is here! Changes have been made to your Government Subsidy.

Did you know that on Monday the 2nd of July the Government’s old fee assistance, CCR and CCB, were replaced with a single Child Care Subsidy (CCS). Great news is this new subsidy is available at all Camp Australia services!

CCS affects the amount of fee assistance each family receives. A few things that will determine a family’s level of Child Care Subsidy are:

- Annual income will determine the percentage of subsidy a family is eligible for,
- An activity test will determine how many hours of subsidised care families can access, and
- The type of child care service will determine the hourly rate cap

You must confirm your enrolment as soon as possible on the MyGov website: https://my.gov.au/ and confirm your personal details. This is what determines how much assistance you will receive.

Due to CCS being brand new, your details will not automatically roll over from previous years, so to prevent any complications please confirm your enrolment otherwise you may not receive any subsidy until you do so.

You can find more information at: https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon,

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Wednesday 15 August 1.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday 16 August 12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Friday 17 August 8.00 am – 3.30 pm

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July 19

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(See Movie)

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Information correct at time of printing. All dates and films are subject to change.