NEW SCHOOL CLEANING ARRANGEMENTS
I am pleased to inform you that our fourth school cleaner commenced work this week and with our daily hours increased to 12.0 per day, our school is being properly cleaned throughout and our cleaners are able to complete their work without any undue stress.

I did meet with senior representatives of Menzies, our cleaning contractors earlier this week and also spoke at length with Chris Keating, CEO, Victorian Building Authority this week. Both discussions were productive. I presented my research findings into why the vast majority of metropolitan schools had their daily cleaning hours cut to both the Menzies representatives and to Chris Keating. In my opinion the reason lay within what would term a discrepancy between the 2013 guidelines for cleaning hours allocated for some specific areas and those for the new guidelines. For example, under the 2013 guidelines, classroom carpets were recommended to be vacuumed daily. Under the new guidelines classroom carpets needed to be vacuumed only twice a week and spot cleaned daily as required. Tendering under the new guidelines most certainly could have led cleaning contractors to quote less hours for daily cleaning. Similarly, the new guidelines recommended the detergent/wiping of student tables P-6 three times per week, whereas the 2013 guidelines varied in that they recommended that P-2 student tables be detergent/wiped daily. I can endorse Menzies as having taken our concerns very seriously and have successfully addressed our concerns. Chris Keating was very professional in his discussions with me and whilst we differed in our opinions as to why we have the systemic cleaning problems that we do, he assured me that the DET was committed to ensuring the adequate cleaning of all schools and that the cleaners in all schools would be employed in line with their correct work place agreements and pay agreements.

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### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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

**Q. What do I do if I have concerns regarding the transition process for my child from BLPS to a secondary school next year?**

**A.** Please contact our administration staff – they will be only too happy to provide you with the correct advice promptly.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**

‘Alarm bells should ring when you have more answers than questions’

*Henry Grossek*

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LATE ARRIVALS
At Berwick Lodge we value punctuality. Students are expected to be lined up outside when the bell rings at 9.00am. We understand that students can be occasionally late due to unforeseen circumstances, but students should not be regularly late. Arriving late to class is disruptive and means the child arriving late misses important instructions or lessons. Students arriving after 9.15am need to be signed in at the office. We ask you kindly to ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

100 DAYS OF PREP
Last Friday the prep children celebrated their 100 days of Prep. The students have been marking off the days all year and finally the 100th day arrived! The students dressed up as if they were 100 years old and enjoyed parading in front of their family and grade 6 buddy. The parents had the opportunity to view their amazing ‘100 things’ project and these had many interesting items including feathers, beads, Lego, pegs, butterflies all of which added up to 100. It is amazing how much you can learn in 100 days and we are very proud of the children’s achievements, so far.

PARENTLINE
Parenting is not always easy. From time to time, all families can benefit from extra support. Parentline is a Department service. Parentline is a confidential and anonymous phone counselling service for parents and carers of children and teenagers in Victoria. We offer counselling, information and support around a range of parenting issues. A qualified and professional counsellor will be available to:

- discuss any issues that impact on parenting and parent/carer-child relationships
- assist with developing strategies for positive parenting and personal coping
- promote and contribute to the resilience and wellbeing of families
- support the linking of families with their local community resources and services.

BOOKS AND NOOKS – LITERATURE FESTIVAL
Monday 13th August sees the start of our wonderful whole school literature festival. We are very lucky to have some wonderful authors and illustrators running workshops over the next three weeks for our students. Ben Wood, Mitch Vane, Hazel Edwards, Marc McBride and our very own Mr. Carthew will be sharing their wonderful stories and illustrations with our students. A very BIG THANKYOU to Mr. Carthew who has organised the outstanding line up of guests for our students. We look forward to reading many books, drawing many pictures and sharing ideas across the school.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP – MONDAY 20th AUGUST
As a part of our Literature Festival, we are inviting all students to dress up as their favourite book character and celebrate book week. At our Monday morning assembly, parents will be able to see some of these fabulous costumes and we look forward to reading some wonderful stories!

GRADE 4 EXCURSION TO THE MUSEUM
Yesterday our grade 4 students enjoyed a wonderful excursion to the museum. They viewed the indigenous gallery, which contains many art works, implements, tools and items that aboriginal people have or may still use. They learnt about the culture and history of aboriginal people. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all. Thank you to our parent helpers who assisted on the day.
**RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS DAY**

On Monday, our whole school enjoyed participating in a Respectful Relationships day with their buddy grade. The teachers had planned a range of activities, which included mindfulness, games, feelings and emotions activities and painting messages and pictures on rocks. The students participated in four activities throughout the day and the teachers enjoyed working with a range of different grades.

Thank you to the teachers for planning wonderful activities for our students, to the parents who came to assist on the day and to Bunnings – Fountain Gate for supplying the rocks for painting.

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**SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Over the past few weeks, some grades have watched parts of the ‘War on Waste’ series on the ABC. Recycling is the focus of the program and it shows how we can all make a difference. This has provoked many wonderful conversations and written pieces of which we would like to share what Rune B from 6C wrote.

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**A Wasteful World**

Okay, imagine you’re a banana and no-one wants you because you’re too curvy so they throw you out. How do you feel? Now here are my reasons why throwing away food is BAD! My first reason is there are starving people and animals in our world and people throw 40% of their produce away before it even gets to the shops because their apple simply has a bruise. And then when you buy your groceries, you throw 1 in 5 bags away too! Which brings me to my second reason.

Those of you who know me probably know I love nature. But when you chuck food away it rots and produces methane gas, which is worse than the gas that comes out of cars, which means it can kill things. And the bags it comes in... people litter that as well. And don’t get me started on what that does to the ocean!

Now let’s talk about the farmers; it breaks their hearts to see their food go to waste. The banana pickers don’t get holidays, they work 9 hours a day carrying heavy bananas and people don’t eat them BECAUSE they’re too big.

Well I am done. They’re my reasons why people shouldn’t throw out food. Now think - how can you help stop this crisis today!

By Rune 6C

What a wonderful story and we look forward to reading many other fantastic works and together, we can all make a difference!

*Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery.*
The 2018 Berwick Lodge Film Festival will be held on
Monday 17th September 2018
At The Drum Theatre, Dandenong

Please come along and “walk the red carpet” before watching new, exciting films produced by our Grade 5/6 students.

Tickets on sale
Monday 20th August 2018 from 7.00am
Cost is $18.00 per adult & $12.00 for children under 15 years
(tickets sell out very quickly so save the date)

For tickets contact
www.drumtheatre.com.au
or Drum Theatre on
8571 1666
J.S.C. DAFFODIL DAY
Friday 24th of August 2018!!!

For Daffodil Day, the JSCS will be coming around to your classroom and will be selling Daffodil items like keychains, badges, pens and other cool things!!

Items will range between $2 - $10

By Ella and Jacob

For the Cancer Council
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**
What to plant in August?

Asparagus, beetroot, cabbage, capsicum, peppers, eggplant, leeks, onion, parsnip, peas, potato, radish, lettuce, mint, thyme are just a few options of things to plant in August.

With the weather warming up over the coming weeks, seeds are an economical way to begin planting a vegetable garden. If you have a compost, now is a great time to dig that through the garden beds before planting. When the seeds sprout, remember to protect the seedlings from snails and frost. Enjoy harvesting later in Spring and Summer.

Can you assist with planting at Yellingbo?

Friends of Leadbeater’s Possum and Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater would like to invite you to a revegetation event at Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve.

Planting day at Yellingbo
Help the Lowland Leadbeater’s Possum and Helmeted Honeyeater to survive by extending their future habitat. Enjoy good company and food while you plant trees, shrubs and lower storey plants to improve the Lowland Leadbeater’s Possum and Helmeted Honeyeater habitat.

Please join us on

Saturday 11th August at 10am
Sheep Station Creek Reserve, Yellingbo
Healesville-Kooverup Rd (near Sheeppstation Creek Rd)
(Melways map 305 06)

Please bring wet weather gear, gum boots, gardening gloves, sun hats and water.

RSVP by Thursday 9th August to Sue possum56@gmail.com

0427 055 071

Happy Gardening. Mrs. McCrum. 😊
To celebrate the start of Book Week, please come dressed as a character from your favourite book. Prizes will be awarded to one (1) person from each grade for “Best Dressed”

There is no need for a gold coin donation. This dress up day is just for fun.
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
WE’RE IN TOWN
Roll up your sleeves and give blood

Narre Warren North
Mobile Donor Centre
Community Hall - 1-11 A’Beckett Road, Narre Warren North 3805

Appointments available:
Monday 13 August 12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 14 August 12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
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

Make an appointment today
Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

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