NAPLAN RESULTS

Today all schools across Australia will be receiving their NAPLAN results. There has been considerable discussion in the media already on this year’s results. On the one hand, the Minister for Education, Mr James Merlino, has applauded the fact that overall Victoria’s NAPLAN results have shown an improvement over previous year’s results. On the other hand, international experts in the area of standardized school test regimes have cautioned us in placing much weight to the validity of 2018 NAPLAN results. Their concern centres on the fact that this year’s results involve two forms of testing – one being pen and paper style and the other being adaptive and online. Some children undertook the tests in pen and paper style while others did the tests online and in adaptive form. By being adaptive, questions change to being easier or more difficult depending on how the student answered the previous question - that is, the next question would be easier if the previous answer was wrong or harder if it was correct. From what we have been told to date, students who undertook the adaptive, online tests performed up to 15 per cent better than did those students who undertook the tests with pen and paper. Our students undertook the tests this year with pen and paper as we were not selected as part of the trial cohort for online tests. In 2019 more school will transfer to the online, adaptive tests with the plan being for all schools to be undertaking NAPLAN tests online in 2020.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. In view of this controversy about the validity of the 2018 NAPLAN results, what can we conclude?

A. That’s a good question. The Minister for Education and the DET would say that the results can be relied upon to provide a positive picture of improvement in the learning by students in the areas of numeracy and literacy, and there’s certainly some truth in that. The degree to which it provides a water tight case that is indeed the case does remain questionable. More problematic, however, is the degree to which NAPLAN per se is a strong indicator of school performance. It is in that space that controversy rages the most.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Precedents are not for those for whom the path least travelled is to be avoided.’

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd September  Grade 1/2 Hoop Time Basketball competition
Wednesday 5th - 6th September  Grade 2 Hands on Science
Wednesday 5th September - Grade 3 camp - CYC Phillip Island
Friday 7th September
Monday 17th September  Grade 5/6 Film Festival - Drum Theatre Dandenong
Tuesday 23rd - 31st October  Grade 5/6 Somers School camp
Monday 29th - 31st October  Grade 4 camp - CYC Forest Edge

NOTICES DUE BACK

Friday 31st August  Student Details Update
Friday 31st August  Grade 2 Hands on Science
Wednesday 10th October  Grade 4 Forest Edge camp forms

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.
LOST PROPERTY:
Please continue to check lost property for items of missing clothing regularly. During the last week of term, the lost property will be laid out in the corridor and anything remaining at the end of the term will be donated to the local Op shop. The end of term is fast approaching!

SUNSMART
We would like to remind children and their parents that the school’s SunSmart Policy and our Student Code of Conduct requires the wearing of hats during outdoor activities, including recess and lunch breaks, from the beginning of September until the end of April. Please ensure that your child is provided with a sunsmart hat as from Monday. A sunsmart hat is one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Peak caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Hats are often an item that get misplaced and/or lost, please label the hat with your child’s name.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL PREMISES.
It has been brought to our attention that some students are being dropped off at school in the morning and then leaving the school grounds to go to the milk bar. Please remind your children that they need to stay within the school boundaries when they arrive at school.

ESMART WEEK 2-8th September
National eSmart week is an initiative developed by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. All students are regularly reminded about safe and appropriate internet use. There will be a particular emphasis on these important messages during eSmart week. The grade 5-6 students will participate in an eSafety virtual classroom program. This session supports national Child Protection Week by helping students understand the art they play in creating a safer online community for everyone. The students will follow the story of a group of students as they navigate trust in online friendships and learn to respect the values and rights of others online.

LITERATURE FESTIVAL
What a wonderful few weeks we have had at our school enjoying the amazing and creative authors and illustrators visiting and working with our students. This week our junior students enjoyed stories by Hazel Edwards who wrote “There’s a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake” and the senior students saw the very talented Mark McBride draw dragons. Mark illustrates the ‘Deltora Quest’ series which Emily Rodda writes. A big THANKYOU to Mr. Carthew, a very talented author himself for creating this wonderful event. We look forward to reading and viewing some amazing stories and illustrations our talented students create.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
A BIG THANKYOU to our hard working PFA for running a very successful Father’s Day stall today. We thank them for all their preparation and are sure everyone will enjoy their gifts. We wish every dad a very happy and relaxing Father’s Day on Sunday!

CASEY DISTRICT MATHS DAY
Next Tuesday, eight BLPS students will be participating in a Maths games day competition at Maramba Primary School. The students will work in a team of four to solve problems and complete tasks. Thank you to Mrs. Chandler for organising the group and we look forward to hearing about their day.

GRADE 3 CAMP
On Wednesday 5th September, our grade 3 students and teachers head off for their first school camp to Phillip Island. We are sure they will have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing about their experiences upon their return to school.

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
Our recent JSC Daffodil Day fundraiser for the Cancer Council raised $1,142.50. A huge thank you to our school community for supporting this wonderful cause.
We have had a reported case of shingles in Grade 4.
Shingles is a skin rash characterized by pain and blistering which usually appears on one side of the face or body. Tender, painful skin, tiredness, headache and photophobia may occur 2 to 3 days before the skin turns red and breaks out in tiny fluid-filled blisters. Shingles can affect any part of the body, including the face. Classically, the rash caused by shingles often takes the shape of a belt from the midline on one side of the body. The rash usually lasts about 10 to 15 days. If you or your child have been unwell and you are concerned about shingles please seek advice from your doctor.

Birthday Treats

Parents may bring in food treats to celebrate their child's birthday. However this treat must be individually commercially packaged with ingredients (ie: fun-size chocolate) and distributed to students at the end of the day. Please no peanuts or tree nuts.
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150 Year Anniversary of the Shire of Berwick

FREE community celebration

Come along for some old-fashioned fun!

Date: Saturday 1 September 2018
Time: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
Venue: Pioneers Park, Lyall Road, Berwick

Commemorate the 150-year anniversary of the Shire of Berwick, with historic displays, wood chopping, live performances and free activities.


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Come and Try Day
Friday 28th Sept 2018 (Grand Final Eve)
Edwin Flack Reserve, Manuka Road, Berwick
Free event including coffee and show bags
10am to 12noon
berwicklac.com.au
#berwicklittleaths #cometry

SOFTBALL FUN FOR ALL AGES
Berwick Braves Softball Club – Registration / Training/ Come & Try Day
Saturday the 1st of September 2018 from 10.30am – 12.30pm
Sweeney Reserve – Cnr Melzac Drive & Dempster Way Berwick
Berwick Braves Softball club caters for players aged from 6 to 96 both Male and Female in a fun, friendly, family oriented environment
No Experience Necessary – EVERYONE WELCOME to come down and try.
Contact: Tania Hoare 0412 544 580 / tania@tankweld.com.au
or find us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Berwick.Braves
Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Spring 2018 school holiday dates:
- Week 1: Mon 24th Tue 25th Wed 26th Thu 27th September
- Week 2: Mon 1st Tue 2nd Wed 3rd Thu 4th Fri 5th October
- 10am–4pm

Cost: $80.00 per day, or $220 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

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Recruitment Registration Drive
Robert Booth Athletic Track
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Saturday 22nd September
&
Saturday 29th September 2018
10:00am to 12:00 Noon
Welcome New & Returning Members
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Ph: 0417 744 992 (Peter)

Try Summer Sports
Season Starts 6th October 2018
Track & Field Events Every Saturday Morning
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