PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION: 2018

Congratulations to our 80 students from grades 3-6 who competed in the 2018 Australian Mathematics Competition. All our students performed admirably. The competition covers all areas of mathematics in the Australian Curriculum and is a fun way to test your knowledge in mathematics.

In the test, 1. **Number** has been divided into two categories, Basic and Fractions. Basic includes the four basic operations, decimal representation and place value. Fractions includes routine questions involving either fractions or ratios. 2. **Algebra** includes questions involving pre-algebra concepts. 3. **Geometry** has been divided into 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional questions. Some geometry questions involve measurement, but are classified as geometry where the main focus of the question is geometrical understanding. 4. **Measurement** includes measurement of time and space, where understanding and working with units is the main focus. 5. **Statistics and Probability** have been grouped together as the number of questions in this category is fairly small. 6. **Problem-Solving** has been divided into three categories, Routine, Non-routine and Enumeration. Routine problems may require some mathematical formulation, but usually only require one or two steps. Non-routine problems either require higher-order thinking or involve more than one category of mathematics. Enumeration problems involve counting the number of possibilities in a variety of circumstances.

Two students received **Higher Distinctions**: Jake C and Thiseni S, with Jake being awarded the ‘Best in School Award’ for BLPS.


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STAFF CAR PARK
Recently a number of unauthorised cars are being parked in our staff car park at pick up time after school. This is not acceptable. Please park your cars elsewhere unless you have authorisation to do so.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. When will we know who will be replacing Ms Perfect in 1P for term 4?
A. We will be completing the selection process for Ms Perfect’s replacement teacher by the end of next week.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Common sense is chameleon-like in that it means different things to different people, and therein lies a conundrum’

Henry Grossek

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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
Lost Property will be on display in the corridor of the main building during the last two weeks of term. Students will be encouraged to visit the collection in order to identify items of clothing that may belong to them. There are many pieces of clothing that have not been claimed. Parents are encouraged to come in after school and have a look through the collection. Lost items left at the end of next week will be passed on to the local Opportunity Shop.

PLANNING WEEK
Planning Week provides the teachers with time to plan the exciting learning programs for term 4. Each team of teachers has a day to plan and our specialist teachers take the grades in that area for the day. Planning Week days are as follows: Friday 14th September – Grade 3/4, Monday 17th September – Grade Prep, Tuesday 18th September – Grade 5/6, Wednesday 19th September – Grade 1-2, Thursday 20th September – Specialist.

PRIMARY DEAF SPORTS DAY
A primary deaf sports day will be held on Thursday 1st November at Doncaster athletics Track, George Street, Doncaster. Melways Map 33J11. Children with hearing impairments age prep to grade 6 can participate. There will be running events, tabloid sports and athletic field events. All participants should bring their lunch, drinks and snacks. Children should wear appropriate clothing, tracksuit pants, shorts, t-shirt, sunhat and sunscreen. For more information please contact Angela Maskery.

ESAFETY WEEK
Keeping children safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.
1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for children about cybersafety.
2. Set a technology curfew.
3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. They could contain inappropriate material and/or a computer virus.
9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

NAPLAN:
This week all students in grade 3 and 5 who completed NAPLAN have received their report. NAPLAN gives a snapshot of your child's performance on the days of the assessments and the results should be interpreted with care. There are many reasons why students’ results may vary. Some students may perform much better than expected when compared against their regular classroom assessment results, while other students may not perform as well as expected.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s NAPLAN results, please discuss these with your child’s teacher, who will have the best insight into your child's educational progress. A parent information pamphlet is available which explains the report via the following link:


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CASEY DISTRICT MATHS COMPETITION DAY:

On Tuesday we had eight students from grade 6 participate in the Casey District Maths competition day hosted by Maramba Primary School. It was a great day of problem solving and maths games. We had two teams of four, working together to score points during the day. Our teams enjoyed challenging other schools and two teams were very successful placing 2nd & 4th from twenty four teams. Congratulations to Kyra, Ashwin, Peter, Puneet, Joshua, Elise, Ben and Briani for an outstanding day and being great mathematicians for BLPS! It was great to see the camaraderie and students congratulating each other on their success. Thank you to Mrs. Chandler for organising the excursion.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery

Canteen News

Bellbrook Catering would like to wish all students, staff and families a safe and happy holiday break and notify you that your last canteen day for term 3 is Friday 21st September (inclusive) and your first canteen day for term 4 is Wednesday 10th October.

Kind regards

Bellbrook Catering
On Tuesday, eight grade six students travelled to Maramba Primary School to compete in a math games day. The day consisted of various tasks including problem solving, shape tangrams, equation making, strategy games and ‘what number am I?’ questions. There were 24 teams in all, representing 13 different schools across the Casey district. Our students did extremely well and worked collaboratively together as strong, united teams who showed great manners and sportsmanship towards their opponents. We came out of the day with both second and fourth placings—a great achievement and so well deserved! Congratulations to all involved; you did us proud!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Parent Opinion Survey due date has been extended to 9th September 2018.

Thank you to the families who have already completed the Parent Opinion Survey. Your feedback is most appreciated as we take all comments and suggestions seriously. The results of the Survey assist the School in making future decisions to make positive changes. This is your chance to have your say and influence important school/student based decisions.

There are still several families who have not submitted their survey, therefore I kindly ask you to please ensure you complete the short survey by September 9th.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Henry Grossek
Principal
Helmeted Honeyeater Ambassadors Report:

On Friday 24th of August the Helmeted Honeyeater ambassadors went to Yellingbo nursery with Mrs. McCrum. We worked with Cecilia the education officer and Michele who runs the nursery to learn about seeds and plants.

We planted 350 seedlings which would grow into a shrub with purple berries and the Helmeted Honeyeater and Lead beater possums eat. Chum Creek Primary School were there with us and they planted 350 plants as well which totalled 700 plants all together.

We looked inside the igloos which are giant hot houses where they keep the plants whilst they begin to grow. A watering system comes on and off with sensors detecting when the plants are drying out. There are hundreds of plants growing in the hot house and nursery. Many volunteers assist at the nursery. The plants are started in the nursery and then they are planted within the reserve to create viable habitat for the Helmeted Honeyeater. Some plants are sold to the public.

We went for a walk in the bush to look at habitat and we saw a big bull ants nest, tadpoles and there were some really loud frogs in the swamp. We saw lots of trees, a farm and we were looking for hollows in trees because birds and possums nest in them. A hollow is a hole in a tree where there once was a branch growing which has fallen off. The hollows are found in old trees.

When we came back from the walk, Cecilia showed us lots of little magnifying containers that had seeds, feathers and kangaroo grass seeds within. Some seeds were very small. Some looked like a parachute which would float to the ground in the wind. Gum trees are big plants but inside the seed pods, there are tiny little seeds. Two teaspoons of gum tree seeds could be a couple of hundred plants. Some plants need fire, smoke, hot water or sunlight to have the seeds come out of the pod.

We had an amazing time at Yellingbo and are excited to be your ambassadors. We look forward to our next excursion when we will be planting some of the seedlings into the Helmeted Honeyeater habitat areas.

Nathan H 5W, Leyla M 5K, Ruby W 4M and Tyler R 4R.
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
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Berwick College Uniform

BELEZA HALLAM

2018 TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS
16TH SEPTEMBER 2018 to 13TH OCTOBER 2018

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NORMAL TRADING HOURS
MONDAY to FRIDAY – 9:00am to 5:00pm
SATURDAY – 9:00am to 1:00pm
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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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

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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 12:00noon
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Under 6 to Under16

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