Today we had a visit by Mark Pelley, snake catcher from Diamond Creek. I first met Mark at the birthday party of a young relative several months ago. Whilst Mark’s primary area of employment is catching snakes on the loose in the suburbs of Melbourne, he also provides an entertaining educational service for schools and private parties. Snakes have fascinated humans since time immemorial. You either like them or you don’t. Symbolic to us for many different reasons, we nonetheless fall prey to many myths about snakes, the world over. For example;

- **If you make a lot of noise you will scare snakes away.** This is false – snakes are not good of hearing at all. They rely far more on sight, smell and sensing heat.
- **A bowl of milk will attract snakes.** Not at all.
- **Blue-tongued lizards will discourage snakes from entering your backyard.** Quite the contrary. Snakes eat blue-tongued lizards.
- **Snakes are out to get you.** This is also a myth. Snakes are actually quite shy creatures and prefer to be left alone.
- **Snakes are poisonous.** Technically snakes are venomous, not poisonous. But not all of them are venomous by any means. Australia has the highest proportion of venomous native snakes of any country in the world (100 out of the 140 species of land snakes), although only a handful can give a fatal bite to humans. By the way, poisons must be ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the skin, whilst venom must be injected into the bloodstream.

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

With the weather warming up as we enter springtime, snakes are increasingly on the move and they are plentiful in our suburbs. If you come across a snake in your backyard, the best thing to do is to call your local snake catcher and do not try to catch it or kill it (snakes are a protected species). Last year over 150 people in Australia were bitten by a snake, with most bitten whilst attempting to either catch the snake or kill it.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. Why do volunteer parents who may only be coming into direct contact with their own children to hear them reading in class, for example, have to have a Working with Children Check?
A. The bottom line is that it is a legal requirement and we must enforce it at schools. This requirement is not limited to only the school environment as the intention is to maximise child safety.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘You can measure the love you have for others by their capacity to hurt you’

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.
TERM 3 EARLY FINISHING TIME
Term 3 finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 21st September. Term 4 resumes on Monday 8th October at 9am.

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 – Prep Tuesday 18th September – Grade 5/6, Wednesday 19th September – Grade 1/2, Thursday 20th September – Specialist.

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 donated to the local Opportunity Shop.

FILM FESTIVAL
On Monday 17th September, our grade 5/6 students will premier their films to family and friends at the Drum theatre in Dandenong. We look forward to a wonderful evening and viewing the amazing movies our students and teachers have worked very hard to produce. Good luck to everyone involved.

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR
We have some very excited students accompanied by Miss Thomas who are participating in State School Spectacular on Saturday at Hisense Arena. We wish them all the best for their two performances and look forward to hearing all about their experience next week. If you are unable to attend, the show will be broadcast on Chanel 7 later in the year.

CHESS PROGRAM – MONDAY LUNCHTIME
From Monday 8th October, we have an external company coming into school to run an hour long chess club for any interested students from Prep to grade 6 each Monday lunch time for 10 weeks. The program costs $120 per student and if you would like your child to attend, please see the flyer attached. Please log onto the Kids Unlimited link and sign your child up. The club will be run by professional chess players who will coach small groups of students to develop their thinking strategies and chess playing ability in a fun and positive learning environment.

Chess
Our chess program develops concentration, visualisation, resilience and problem-solving skills. In each lesson children learn a new strategy, tactic, moves or about a famous player or event before playing games. Playing the game of chess provides a challenge in a positive environment that fosters good sportsmanship and self-confidence.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
What a wonderful three weeks we have had celebrating 2018’s Children’s Book Week along with our fantastic range of visiting authors and illustrators.

Prep to Grade 2 students were captivated by the amazing Hazel Edwards OAM, author of the iconic picture book, There’s a Hippo on Our Roof Eating Cake; and they also were inspired to do their own drawings by the delightful Mitch Vane, illustrator of the best selling Little Lunch and Danny Best series.

Our 3-6 senior students were similarly inspired to do cartooning with illustrator Ben Woods and entranced by the airbrush art of Marc McBride, the internationally renowned illustrator of the book covers & dragons in Emily Rodda’s Deltora Quest series. All students P-6 enjoyed interactive storytelling sessions with our very own Mark Carthew and they were privileged to see a special sneak preview of Mark’s and UK illustrator Simon Prescott’s forthcoming picture book Marvin & Marigold: A Stormy Night (Oct 2018) - we even saw a special video message direct from London just for BLPS students!

*Our BLPS Literature Festival received international coverage in a special article written by Rob Kelly https://debatereport.com/world/theres-an-author-and-illustrator-on-our-roof -eating-cake/7358.
Berwick Lodge PS Lights up with Literature!
Benefits of Chess Classes

- Problem solving
- Tactical and strategic planning
- Logical and logical thinking
- Reasoning making
- Self-confidence
- Endurance
- In-control
- Visualization
- Memory

Learn New Thinking Skills

Our teaching methodology follows these steps during each lesson. First, we illustrate a new theoretical concept, strategy, idea, or skill. These skills are then reinforced in a staged environment, and finally, students have the opportunity to explore their own creativity and apply what they have learned, with individualised coach feedback.

Classes Starting Soon in Your School!

Do you want to take part?

Go online to http://ku.zone and find out more about dates and times and costs. Programs are run in the school, but the location may vary depending on room availability. Please contact the school office.

HOW TO ENROL

1. Go to our mobile friendly Kids Unlimited Parent Zone at http://ku.zone
2. Search for your school name
3. View details about times, dates, costs etc. for all programs on offer at your school
4. Continue to enrol your child online

Stay in touch through the ku.zone portal - view invoices, update contact details, track your children’s attendance, see lesson discussion points and topics taught each week and even print certificates at the end of each term!

Students must attend prior to the program starting. Classes are not refunded prior to the first class unless a minimum of 5 students failed to attend.

We require a minimum of 5 students to run a class and maintain an average class size 8, per term.

Please ensure you select your preferred days and times of the week and your child’s availability.

Please note, no refunds are available for bookings made online.

Kids Unlimited
1300 424 377 | www.kidsunlimited.com.au

Join the Chess Club!

Build friendships as you build mental muscle

“I love chess club because it’s not just playing chess. We learn different ways of playing chess and find out what chess masters do. We also get bragging rights for being the best chess player in the family!”

Thomas, grade 3/4

Enrol now: www.ku.zone
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

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**PFA NEWS**

**We did it! 👏**

With your support, we were able to hold another successful Father’s Day stall and raise $1000 for the school.

A big thank you to all the parents who came along to help out on the day – we can’t do this without you all. It was lovely to see the kids really enjoying the event and we hope that lots of Dad’s enjoyed receiving their special gifts.

A special thanks to the awesome PFA team for their work planning the event, preparing the gifts and running around on the day. An extra big thanks to the fabulous office staff who sent out forms, received payments and juggled schedules to make the event run smoothly.

By the way, we’re on the hunt for more PFA team members – if you enjoy catching up with other parents and can spare a few hours each term to help us plan activities and events, please get in touch.

It’s easy to join the PFA – just fill out a membership form that is available at the office and we will contact you directly. All parents are welcome!

Thanks again!
Christine

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**Canteen News**

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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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Offering Family Day Care for preschool children
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## 2018 TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

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## NORMAL TRADING HOURS

**MONDAY to FRIDAY – 9:00am to 5:00pm**

**SATURDAY – 9:00am to 1:00pm**

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**Lunar Drive In**

115 SOUTH GIPPSLAND HWY, DANDEMONG, 9706 9988

[Image of Lunar Drive In poster]
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.

Moonlit Sanctuary
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Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
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EST. 1863

Berwick Cricket Club
Junior Registrations Now Open
Season 2018/19

Visit club website berwickcc.com.au for details on how to register online.

Established in 1863, Berwick Cricket Club has been built on a strong culture of community and family. We strive to provide a family friendly and safe environment for all players to learn the game of cricket and enjoy the benefits of playing a team sport.

The Berwick Cricket Club participates in the Dandenong District Cricket Association (DDCA) competition and will be fielding junior teams in under 11's, 13's, 15's and 17's for the upcoming season.

The club also runs a WOOLWORTHS Cricket Blast Program previously known as (MILO in2CRICKET) that is designed to develop skills and enthusiasm for the game of cricket for boys and girls aged from 5-10 years old.

Enquiries: Contact
Satheesh Pachiappan
Junior Club Coordinator
M: 0412 415 618
E: berwickjuniors@hotmail.com
W: http://www.berwickcc.com.au

Junior Blasters
Ages 5-7

Master Blasters
Ages 7-10

Junior Cricket
Ages 9-17

All Girls Cricket
Ages 9-17

DDCA
GOOD SPORTS
BERWICK
BASEBALL
COME-N-TRY
SAT 8TH & 15TH Sept
from 10am to 12pm.
Boys/Girls - Ages 5 - 18 yo
Womens Baseball - 13yo - adult

Cyril Molyneux Res. Mansfield St. Berwick
Next to Berwick Lodge P.S.
www.berwickcitycougars.com.au
Mob: 0412 338 402

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
#berwicklittleleaths #cometry

Recruitment Registration Drive
Robert Booth Athletic Track
Clow Street, Dandenong
Saturday 22nd September
&
Saturday 29th September 2018
10:00am to 12:00Noon
Welcome New & Returning Members
Under 6 to Under16

Registrations on line
Ph: 0417 744 992 (Peter)
Try Summer Sports
Season Starts 6th October 2018
Track & Field Events Every Saturday Morning
Robert Booth Reserve Dandenong
Starting at 8:30am until Noon