LAST DAY FOR TERM 4 - FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2018 AT 2.30PM
LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN THIS YEAR IS MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2018
STUDENTS FIRST DAY BACK - THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2019

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

GRADUATION CELEBRATION
What a great night it was. This year marked the 29th class of graduates from our school, and what a fine group of young people they are. I heartily congratulate them on the achievement of this significant milestone in their educational journey toward adulthood. As I acknowledged on graduation evening, the students can justifiably be proud of their growth and development as can the many dedicated and talented teachers with whom they have been involved in their primary school years. Most importantly, though, parents deserve special acknowledgement, for it is parents who are the most significant people, in the lives of children. Thank you for your support both at home with your children, and at school with us. In conclusion, may I take the liberty of presenting a poem here, one which I read to the audience on graduation night.

THANK YOU
Firstly, a special thank you and best wishes to those staff members who are leaving us – Hayley Rumble, Belinda Gray, Helen Wells and Emma Riseley. Hayley’s four years at our school have passed so quickly, yet her contribution and impact will be always be with us. Belinda, Helen and Emma – it is never easy stepping into a grade during the year, yet you have all done so with aplomb. Thank you all and the very best of good wishes in the future. To everyone else, thank you for another wonderful year at our school. I do hope that Christmas brings you good cheer and happiness, not to mention some time to relax, enjoy time with those dear to you and to recharge your batteries.
Merry Christmas.

Continued...
Be the best of whatever you are

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley — but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.
If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,
And some highway happier make;
If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass —
But the liveliest bass in the lake!
We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here,
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,
And the task you must do is the near.
If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail —
Be the best of whatever you are!

Douglas Malloch

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)
Q. How long is a piece of string?
A. That's a good question. I hope you find some personal space at the end of your string over the festive season.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘If you are not feeling ‘too bad’ then how far are you from feeling ‘very good’? Might be worth the trip!

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.
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Friday 21st December 2.30pm finish.
Parents are reminded that our last school day is Friday 21st December and school finishes at 2.30pm. Out of Hours School Care will operate from 2.30pm and students attending need to be booked in.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
What a fantastic morning we had enjoying the performances as part of our Monday assembly. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the songs. Congratulations to Miss Thomas and the students for all their hard work.

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA
Thank you to those parents who attended our annual Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see the familiar faces and acknowledge their contributions to our school. We look forward to working closely with our parent community again in 2019.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION
We enjoyed a wonderful evening at Cardinia Cultural Centre celebrating the grade 6 achievements and time at Berwick Lodge Primary School. We wish all of our graduating grade six students every success at secondary school.

BOOK PACK COLLECTION
Book packs will be ready for collection from the school on Friday 25th January and Wednesday 30th January between 9am and 3pm. The office will be open to receive payments on these two days. A discount of $20 will be applied to the Essential Education Item component for all payments that are received in full by 28th February 2019 or to those families who commit to a payment plan by this date. Payments can also be made in a variety of ways. Information regarding this option is provided on the Student Requisite notice.

FIRST SCHOOL DAY 2019 – THURSDAY 31st JANUARY
School resumes for all students on Thursday 31st January 2019. Grade 1 to 6 student’s start at 9am and our Prep students start at 9.15am.

We wish all families a very happy, safe and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing our students back on Thursday 31st January 2019.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
What a wonderful year it has been for our school gardens. Winning the Kevin Heinze Perpetual Garden top award, regional award and state award at the Victorian Schools Garden Awards was a fantastic highlight! It was a thrill and acknowledgement for all the amazing garden spaces we have at school. We received grants this year from the City of Casey, Junior Landcare and the Victorian Schools Garden Awards. These funds greatly assist in building and planting our gardens. Thank you to Toyota who sponsored our Planet Ark National Tree Day and supplied plants to plant. Thank you to Bunnings Fountain Gate who have generously assisted with donations of plants, potting mix, seeds, watering cans and other items for the gardens. Thank you to Kassandra from Bunnings who came during the year to plant with our students. Our new “Outdoor Common Room” garden, near the grade 5 building has been planted with plants generously provided by Warner’s nursery. This garden was designed by our grade 5 students and they thoroughly enjoyed planting the new area. The garden will be completed early in 2019. Thank you to Andy Coupar from Eskape landscapes for all of his assistance and building our new garden spaces. Thank you to all the students who have enjoyed the garden spaces, are a part of the garden club or just enjoy learning and ‘being’ in the garden spaces. I wish to personally thank the parents, students and members of the community who have assisted at working bees, donating materials and time and being so wonderful and positive about our school garden projects. We really do have wonderful outdoor spaces for our whole community to enjoy! If you have time over the holidays, please enjoy our garden spaces with your family.

Happy Gardening!

Mrs. McCrum.
School reports will be uploaded to the Parent Portal from 3.30pm on Friday 14th December 2018.

All families have been given their unique access codes to set up the Parent Portal. If you have never set this up and lost your unique access code, then please contact the office to have this re-issued.

If you haven’t accessed the Parent Portal for a while, here is an instruction guide on how to login;

Login address: [https://sentral.berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au/portal2](https://sentral.berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au/portal2)

You will see this box come up. Your username is your email address. If you have forgotten your password, then click on “forgot password” to have this reset.

If you have previously set up your account and saved it into your favourites under portal version 1, please remember to click onto the “portal version 2” icon in the top right hand corner.
The following screen will display;

MESSAGES, this will allow you to “start a conversation” with the classroom teacher

ABSENCES, this will allow you to report your child’s absence

NEWSLETTERS, uploaded every Thursday

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS, this will allow you to book the interviews when scheduled

SCHOOL RESOURCES, if you have misplaced a permission form, you will find more here

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Mansfield Street BERWICK VIC 3806
0403 650 165 (06:30 -16:30)

Monday, 31 December
No Program

Tuesday, 01 January
No Program

Wednesday, 02 January
Art-tastic
Express yourself! It’s an art-tastic exploration day today and we’ll add materials plus imagination to create all manner of artistic creations.

Full Fee: $64.60

Thursday, 03 January
Strike! at Oz Ten Pin
Get ready for an excursion that will be right up your alley. We’ll leave nothing to SPARE when we go ten pin bowling!

Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.
Full Fee: $91.60

Friday, 04 January
Puppetry, parody, performance!
Design and build your very own puppet theatre so you can create stories for friends and family.

Full Fee: $77.60

Monday, 07 January
Explorers n’ Makers
Learn and explore! Get your explorer boots and join us for outdoor discovery, nature themed activity and play.

Full Fee: $64.60

Tuesday, 08 January
Seas The Summer Day
Get ready for an absolutely beachy day when we craft our own seaside jars. Once we’re done we’ll head outside for beach games!

Full Fee: $77.60

Wednesday, 09 January
reCREATE
Today, we’ll reduce, reuse and re-CREATE using our imaginations to create sustainable projects!

Full Fee: $64.60

Thursday, 10 January
Testing Gravity at Gravity Zone Seash ...
Are you up for heaps of bouncy fun? We’ll be putting gravity to the test as we trampoline to new heights.

Note: Please arrive by 8:45am. Remember to bring socks!
Full Fee: $101.10

Friday, 11 January
Mod-Rocks!
Sculpt your very own 3D character! Mod Rock is an art compound for sculpting - just add imagination!

Full Fee: $81.60

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0403 050 165 (06:30 -18:30)

Monday, 14 January
Smart Kids First Aid
Learn valuable first aid skills through fun interactive activities.
Full Fee: $82.60

Monday, 21 January
Super Structure Challenge
We'll put our engineering skills to the test when we attempt to build the sturdiest structures possible.
Full Fee: $64.60

Tuesday, 15 January
Marvellous Museum in 3D at IMAX…
Witness a 3D movie on the MASSIVE IMAX screen. Afterwards, we'll explore the wonders of Melbourne Museum.
Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.
Full Fee: $97.60

Tuesday, 22 January
At The Movies at Village Cinemas
We're off to the movies to see the new smash hit movie, Ralph Breaks The Internet.
Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.
Full Fee: $92.10

Wednesday, 16 January
Silly Science
Mixing, measuring and testing, we'll make slippery slime and creative cartesian divers.
Full Fee: $82.10

Wednesday, 23 January
Design Thinking Challenge
Are you up for the challenge? Blueprint and build engineering masterpieces using all kinds of materials.
Full Fee: $82.10

Thursday, 17 January
Sensational Sensations
Today we'll investigate the science behind our five senses.
Full Fee: $64.60

Thursday, 24 January
Time Flies at Australian National Av...
Witness 50 different aircraft and thousands of pieces of aviation memorabilia.
Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.
Full Fee: $90.60

Friday, 18 January
Solar Racers
Hit the solar powered garage to make our very own solar powered vehicles for unique distance challenges.
Full Fee: $77.10

Friday, 25 January
Hip Hop You Don't Stop
We're taking silent disco to the next level with awesome hip hop dance moves.
Full Fee: $82.60

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- Week 1: Mon 7th Tue 8th Wed 9th Thu 10th January
- Week 2: Mon 14th Tue 15th Wed 16th Thu 17th January
- Week 3: Mon 21st Tue 22nd Wed 23rd Thu 24th January
- 10am–4pm

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

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