WELCOME TO 2019
Welcome to the 2019 school year. It is a great time – we are refreshed, our Preps are starting school for the first time and enthusiasm is high. Our holiday maintenance program has again run very smoothly and everything is in place for a great start to this year. Thank you to all our parents – your support is very much appreciated – for example, the collection of student booklists and payments has operated very efficiently once again. I must say, I am highly impressed with how well our Preps have started on their first day at school – congratulations are in order for you, their parents and of course our wonderful team of Prep teachers.

PARKING CARS IN COLLINS CRESCENT
I noticed a number of cars were left parked in Collins Crescent, adjacent to our school this morning. Please note that this area is a drop-off/pickup zone, not a parking zone and that City of Casey Bylaws Officers do patrol our precinct.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. Now being summer, what is the school’s hot day arrangements?
A. We have a hot weather policy, which in effect means that on days of 36°C plus, the children remain indoors, in our fully air conditioned buildings. We also take general weather conditions into account too – for example, hot northerly winds play a factor in our decision-making, irrespective of whether the temperature has risen to 36°C.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Of all the things we can or try to camouflage for any length of time, incompetence is one of the most difficult.’

Henry Grossek
**DIARY DATES**

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**NOTICES DUE BACK**

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.
WELCOME TO 2019
Welcome back to all our families! We hope that you enjoyed a relaxing holiday break. We also welcome our Prep 2019 students and new students starting at Berwick Lodge in Years 1 to 6. The children have all been excited about returning to school and appear to be settling in very well. If you see any new faces around the school please welcome them to our school community.

ENGLISH ON LINE ASSESSMENT FOR ALL PREP STUDENTS
Tomorrow our Prep teachers commence the DET (Department of Education) mandated assessment of all our Prep students in the area of English. During the next few weeks, the specialist teachers will be taking some Prep classes throughout the day, allowing the Prep teachers to work with the children individually. This is a great opportunity for our new Prep students to work with other staff. The assessment will assist in planning for individual children’s English needs for the year. The Prep teachers have planned the curriculum program, which the replacement teacher will be following.

SUN SMART POLICY
As Berwick Lodge Primary School is a SunSmart school we require our students to dress in an appropriate manner and wear a SunSmart hat while in the school yard from September through to April. The SunSmart hat may be a legionnaire style, bucket hat or broad brim hat. Children without a SunSmart hat will be requested to play in shaded areas of the playground. We also remind our students that SunSmart clothing must cover their shoulders and midriff.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT
Meet the teacher nights are on Tuesday 12th February 4.00pm-8.00pm and Wednesday 13th February 4.00pm-6.00pm. This is a great opportunity to share with the teacher valuable information regarding your child. Bookings can be made online through the parent portal from 10am on Monday 4th February. Prep students and new students to our school will receive a letter with their personal access details on Monday. The portal allows you to select a time that suits you best. Some parents may have already requested meetings and spoken to their child’s teacher; therefore please don’t feel obligated to make an appointment. Families without internet access can contact our school office to arrange their appointments with teachers.

CHESS CLUB
Chess Club starts up again on Monday 4th February. Students who are interested need to sign up ONLINE. See attached flyer for further information.

FOOD ALLERGIES
Across our school we have many children who have allergies to food in particular NUTS. We appreciate parents support by not sending food containing nuts in particular peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches and keep these at home as a treat. We appreciate parents reminding their children not to share food at school. Parents may bring in food treats to celebrate their child’s birthday, however the treat MUST BE individually commercially packaged with ingredients listed (ie: fun-size chocolate) and given to the teacher to distribute to the students at the end of the school day.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
The school canteen is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. During the month of February we do not encourage lunch orders for Prep students due to the short days and shortened lunch recess. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
**Chess Club at Your School**

**Building Mental Muscles**

**Benefits of Chess Classes**
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Tactical and strategic thinking
- Self-confidence
- Lateral and logical thinking
- Resilience
- Locus of control
- Visualisation
- Memory

**Learn New Thinking Skills**
Our teaching pedagogy follows three phases 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](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 enquire at the school office.

**How to Enrol**
1. Go to our mobile friendly kids Unlimited Parent Zone at [http://ku.zone](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

**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](http://www.ku.zone)

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the library from Tuesday 12th February to Thursday 14th February. More details in next week's newsletter.
Net Set GO

Narre North
Foxes Netball
Club

PROGRAM DATES: Monday afternoons
18th February – 17th June

LENGTH of PROGRAM: Term 1 and 2, 2019

TIME: 4.15pm Mondays

AGE GROUP: 5-10 years old, suitable for both girls and boys

COST: Netball Victoria Registration $66
Program Cost $100, participants receive a Netball
Victoria Participant pack & Narre Foxes Drink Bottle

WHERE: Kalora Park, Fox Road Narre Warren North 3804

Net
For ages 5-6 and teaches fundamental motor skills through dance, music and game

Set
For ages 7-8 and focuses on refining fundamental motor skills and introducing modified netball matches

GO
For ages 9-10 and focuses on developing netball specific skills through modified netball matches

Net Set GO is a fun, safe, social and active program for girls and boys aged 5 to 10, providing kids with a positive introduction to netball and teaching them the basic skills

For any questions or more information, please email Narre Foxes Net Set Go Coordinator Mel Allen on foxesnetball.netsetgo@gmail.com or call 0425862495
If you would like a **FREE ONE-ON-ONE JOB PREP** for one hour please text Liz Blanchard on 0411 020 220 to book in.

A great opportunity to find out if a Teacher Aide job is right for you.

The course will start early February 2019 & will be once a week from 9.30am - 2pm.

The course will run for 23 weeks and does not operate during school holidays.