CANTEEN IS OPEN ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PARKING CARS IN COLLINS CRESCENT
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. I did mention this in our first newsletter of the year, however, it has been brought to my attention that some parents are ignoring the fact that they are at risk of receiving a traffic infringement notice by parking their car in the drop off/pick up zone and worse still leaving their cars in this zone to collect their children from the school. Having cars parked in the drop off/pick up zone results in a lot of congestion in Collins Crescent with long lines of cars banked back, waiting in the roadway. I realise that the drop off/pick up zone does not cater for many cars at all at any one time, so I suggest the alternative approach – parking your car further back in Collins Crescent is preferable. A walk of a few hundred metres does have its benefits for everyone, compared with the current situation – a congested road, long delays, illegal parking and frustration for everyone.

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL AFTER 3.45PM
We do require parents to collect their children from the reception area in our main administration area if they are collecting them from 3.45pm onwards. The reasons for this are, firstly, that we do call all children, not attending our After School Care Program, and who are still waiting for their Parents to collect them to come to our main admin reception area for safety and security reasons. Secondly, once the children are in our supervisory care in our reception area, parents must collect their children from this area and alert our office staff to that fact, when they come in. This is to ensure that we are confident that the children are being collected by their parents and not just deciding to leave of their own accord.

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EMERGENCY CONTACT PEOPLE AUTHORISED TO COLLECT CHILDREN
Please note that parents must have registered their emergency contact persons with our admin staff in order for those emergency contact people to be able to collect their children. Again, this is a security and safety protocol on behalf of the children. This raises another issue; that being our difficulty at times, in being able to contact parents and emergency contact persons. With mobile phones very much being a popular means by which we can contact people nowadays, there are times when parents and emergency contact people have their mobile phones switched off and cannot be contacted. This becomes a problem when the phone remains switched off for any length of time. Please keep this mind, as you must be readily contactable simply because we may have to call at short notice.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. What’s the difference between detention and suspension?
A. In short, if a child is suspended they cannot attend school for the duration of the suspension, whereas a detention is served at school under the supervision of a teacher. Parents are always notified of circumstances in which their child is to be suspended or receive an at school detention. Hopefully there will be very few detentions and suspensions issued this year.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘The saddest loneliness is when even you are not your friend’

Henry Grossk

DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 20th February
2H, 2AL & 2S Wilson Botanic Park excursion

Thursday 21st February
2K & 2M Wilson Botanic Park excursion

Tuesday 26th February
Grade 4 Healthy Mind Body & Soul incursion

Friday 8th March
Curriculum free day

Monday 11th March
Labour Day public holiday

Thursday 14th March
School Photographs

PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:

Monday 18th February
Grade 2 Wilson Botanic Park excursion

Friday 22nd February
Grade 4 Healthy Mind Body & Soul incursion

Friday 22nd February
Grade 5 Little Lunch T.V series

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.
Thank you for your outstanding support in attending our first Meet the Teacher Night for this year. Attendance levels were very high and teachers welcomed the opportunity to chat with you regarding your child’s education and wellbeing this year. We also wish to acknowledge the time that our teachers contributed towards making the two evenings a success.

BOOK FAIR
Thank you to all the families who have supported our Book Fair. This is a great fundraiser for our school, which enables us to acquire much-needed resources to benefit our children’s education and encourage a love of reading. A BIG THANKYOU to Mrs. Collinson for setting up and running the book fair and Mrs Weber for her assistance.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EDUCATION FUND 2019
Families holding a current Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card are eligible to apply for the 2019 Camps, Sports and Education Fund (CSEF). CSEF payments of $125 per child can be used to pay for students attending school camps, sporting events or excursions. Application forms for 2019 CSEF payment ONLY need to be completed by those families who are new to Berwick Lodge Primary School, have new enrolments in 2019 (eg: new siblings started in 2019) or there is a change in family circumstance (ie: change of name or concession card number). All other families do NOT need to submit an application if you applied in 2018. The school will submit this application on your behalf. Application forms are available from the school office. For further information, please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT
This year the Student Code of Conduct book and the schools’ Anti-Bullying guidelines can be accessed via the school portal. The teachers will have discussed the contents of the book with their class and added a copy of their class rules. We ask families to discuss with their children the content of the booklet and refer to it if and when necessary.

BIRTHDAY TREATS
A reminder to parents when bringing in birthday treats for the other children in the grade, any food treat must be individually commercially packaged with the ingredients listed (ie: fun-sized chocolate). These will be distributed at the end of the school day.

DISABLED PARKING BAYS AND STAFF CAR PARK
It has been brought to our attention that some parents are parking within the designated disabled parking bays when they are picking up or dropping off their child at school. We have children and parents at our school who require this parking and we request that all families consider others and do not park within the disabled bays unless you display a disabled parking permit. Some parents are also picking up and dropping off students in the staff car park. The staff car park is not a drop off/pick up zone and for everyone’s safety, we appreciate all parents parking in the areas outside of the main school grounds.

LEARNING WEBSITE
Learning Potential Resources – was created by Education Services Australia (ESA) with support from the Federal Government. It includes hundreds of educational ideas, activities, games and videos which give parents access to the resources that teachers are using in the classroom, adapted for the home environment. Learning Potential Website: http://www.learningpotential.edu.au/

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
As of this week, all permission forms will now be online via the Parent Portal. All parents will be notified by email in advance of their child’s excursion, and the email will contain a link which will provide you with direct access to the parent portal on Sentral. Please remember you must access PORTAL VERSION 2 for all permission forms and sick bay notifications.

https://sentral.berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au/portal2

If you are having trouble accessing portal version 2, please click on the tab in the top right hand corner that says “Portal Version 2”

Your username is your email address and if you have forgotten your password, you can reset this by clicking on “Forgot your Password?”

If your email address has changed, please contact the office immediately.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with the Parent Portal, please call into the office.
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
CASEY/CARDINIA
INTERSCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION

Take up the gauntlet and show us your best mental jousting moves!

DATE AND TIME:
Friday, 29th March 2019; 9:15am - 2:00pm
Division: Primary

VENUE:
Berwick Primary School

REGISTER HERE
https://tornelo.com/chess/orgs/ku/events/casey-cardinia

How to register

Already have a Tornelo account linked to your school?
Yes - click on the link above
No - please email us at events@kidsunlimited.com.au

Your students are welcome either as a school excursion or accompanied by parents

$24 per student

Upcoming later in 2019

Want to enter a tournament and test out your skills?

Please click link below to see our full calendar of interschool events

Full Calendar/Entry links

Tournament enquiries please email us at events@kidsunlimited.com.au
call Tim at 0421 164 677

More information on interschool chess
kidsunlimited.com.au/interschoolchess
Welcome to the BLPS Parents & Friends Association

COME & JOIN IN!

The PFA is a friendly and relaxed group. Meetings are held during the school day and young children and babies are always welcome. There’s coffee and sometimes cake too!

Come along if you have fundraising or project ideas or if you just want to meet new people or learn more about the school.

We’re here to help parents connect and share ideas, to fundraise, run fun activities and to help improve the school’s programs and facilities.

TO JOIN, fill out a PFA Membership Form at the school office or just come along to the next meeting - our meetings are always advertised in the school newsletter.

01 WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE
We help to provide resources that our teachers and students need to do their best work

02 WE RESPECT YOUR TIME CONSTRAINTS
There’s no never-ending time commitment here - an hour or two each term really makes a difference

03 WE HAVE FUN
We achieve a lot, and not everything we do is easy. But we don’t take ourselves too seriously, and we enjoy ourselves as we go

04 WE ARE WELCOMING
To us, there are no 'outsiders'. We couldn’t be happier to have you onboard!

05 YOUR CHILD BENEFITS
When parents get connected to the school, children feel more comfortable. We try to make school a little more fun too!
“Application forms for 2019 CSEF payment ONLY need to be completed by those families who are new to Berwick Lodge Primary School, have new enrolments in 2019 (eg: new siblings started in 2018) or there is a change in family circumstance (ie: change of name or concession card number). All other families do NOT need to submit an application if you applied in 2018. The school will submit this application on your behalf. If you are unsure as to whether you need to apply or not, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office on 9707 1766.”
We still have many Asthma Plans and Allergic Reaction Plans outstanding. These forms must be returned immediately to ensure the safe wellbeing of your child. If you have misplaced your form, please call into the office for another one as they must be signed by your doctor and medication must also be handed in.

Canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

There is a new canteen list for 2019 on the Parent Portal and also on the website so please take the time to look at this as some of the prices have increased.

Our second-hand uniform shop will be open on Friday 15th February 2019 from 3.30pm - 3.45pm.

The PFA committee will be meeting to organise the opening dates for the rest of the year and will advertise this in our newsletter soon.
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

NEW COURSE IS DUE TO START ON FRIDAY
22ND MARCH 2019.

CLASSES START TERM 1 - 2019
BERWICK LODGE P.S
ENROL NOW!

Supporting the community who are returning to Work.

Singies, Mums and Dads are you interested in studying:
- Certificate III in Education Support (Teacher Aide) - CHC30213
This is a nationally accredited course with state funding.

All our adult classes are in between school pickup and drop off times.
9.30am-2pm, 1 day per week for 23-25 weeks.

TAmums will support you though your Job prep unit.
This is a community initiative with the help of our Industry expert our Principal at
BiRAC and TAmums, 5 years in the making to create a multi-skilled teacher aide.

Please follow us on facebook for updates and more info on this course.
https://www.facebook.com/MultiLiteralTeacherAides.277151299318635/

‘ This training is delivered under Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.
We encourage people with disabilities to access government subsidised training.”

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – TEACHER AIDE COURSES

We are very proud to announce that our popular Teacher Aide courses are delivering very good job outcomes for students. Our close working partnership with schools has enabled us to tailor courses to the specific needs of schools in this area. Three prominent education recruitment agencies are providing employment opportunities for our graduates. This is great news and is testimony to the quality of our courses which will multi-skill you in three different areas of employment in schools as a teacher aide — working directly with students supporting their learning, office administration and sickbay duties. We are confident that our courses will give you an edge over applicants for teacher aide positions. Furthermore we will provide you with guidance, following completion of your qualification, to maximise your chances of employment — firstly with the three education recruitment agencies with whom we are already working and in general.
Dear Parents/Guardians

We wish to advise of the following:

**School Tour dates for Term 1 and Term 2 2019 for transition purposes:**

Parents, guardians and students who have not yet been on a school tour are invited to attend on *one* of the following dates:

**Dates:** Friday March 8th, Friday March 22nd, Friday May 3rd, Friday May 10th or Friday May 31st

**Time:** 11.30am – 12.30pm - please arrive by **11.15am** to sign in on our premises

**Bookings essential via our webpage:** [http://www.kambryacollege.com/school-tours/](http://www.kambryacollege.com/school-tours/)

- More details to follow regarding our Year 7 2020 Transition Information Nights
get active

Participate in a non-contact Rugby League skills program in a fun & friendly environment.

START 18 February 2019
TIME Mondays 4.00pm
LENGTH 6 weeks
AGE 8 - 12 years
COST $60
WHERE IYU Recreation Reserve
165 Henry Road
Pakenham VIC 3810

Register and receive your NRL pack
PLAYNRL.COM/JUNIORPROGRAM
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

GET THEM HOOKED EARLY

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Meet Our OSHC Team

The Educators managing our Outside School Hours Care programs at schools are passionate and make sure they always provide a wide range of activities that engage all children each and every day.

They thoroughly enjoy what they do and take their roles very seriously. Educators at Camp Australia are experienced and qualified with expertise in working with children in OSHC. As part of their role as an Educator with Camp Australia, they have completed compulsory training in Active Supervision (VSHAPE), Child Protection and Camp Australia policies and procedures to ensure the service is safe and engaging for all children in their care.

Throughout the duration of our OSHC program, Educators can be seen actively engaging with the children who attend OSHC. If you haven’t met the Educators at Berwick Lodge OSHC yet, please feel free to pop in and visit our Outside of School Hours Care program; opposite the basketball court.

Register and Book Now
To register and book your child in our program, visit www.campaustralia.com.au and use the school finder on our homepage to search for Berwick Lodge Primary School. To secure your child’s spot, we always recommend making your bookings in advance.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

Safety • Meaningful • Innovative • Leadership • Education
we make kids smile
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