Canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Friday 8th March - Curriculum Free Day - No students at school

Principal’s Report

School Council Elections
At the close of nominations for school council vacancies, I had received a total of five (5) nominations for the five parent category positions and two (2) nominations for the two DET category positions. The nominees are:

**Parent Category:** Narelle Ray, Jade Thomas, Natasha Pinkstone, Rhonda Wallace and Sharron Pitchford

**DET Category:** Sandra McCrum and Robert Kelly

As the number of nominations for both categories equals the number of vacancies in both categories, as the Returning Officer, I declare all nominees duly elected. Consequently an election ballot will not be required.

We will be conducting our AGM of school council on Monday 18th March in the conference room at 7.00pm. Office bearers for all executive positions on council will be elected at this meeting. Please feel most welcome to attend – just inform our office staff for catering purposes on the night.

Retirement of Bruce Armstrong – DET Deputy Secretary Regional Services Group (RSG)
After more than 30 years of public service in education, Bruce Armstrong, has announced his retirement, effective from Friday 15th March. Prior to his current role, Bruce was the inaugural Director of the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership and formerly an Assistant Regional Director and secondary school principal. Bruce’s signature achievement in his current role has been in the area of teaching and learning practice, with the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO) model being the centrepiece.

Continued...
**Principal’s Report**

Our current Regional Director, Stephen Gniel will take on Bruce Armstrong’s role in an acting capacity until a replacement is appointed.

Bruce’s retirement leaves the Department of Education & Training (DET) with two of the most senior positions in our state education bureaucracy, vacant. Gill Callister, the Secretary of Education was moved to another portfolio following the state election in November and is yet to be permanently replaced.

**Parking in the Staff Car Park**

I have written about this previously. Unless you have an authorisation to park your car in the staff car park, please stop doing it! Earlier this week we had up to 6 non-authorised cars parked in the staff car park, around 3.15pm, ostensibly with parents waiting to pick their children up after school. I don’t enjoy coming around to cars wrongly parked in our car park and having the drivers move their cars out of the car park. I’m sure that the drivers don’t enjoy that too. Besides which, and more importantly, it creates a potential hazard for children and adults.

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s)**

**Q. How can I contribute to school council?**

**A.** Now that our full complement of school councillors for this year have been elected (barring the PFA nominee – to be determined by the PFA prior to our school council AGM), joining one of our three subcommittees is a great way to contribute. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school for more details.

**Quotable Quote**

‘Knowledge without wisdom is akin to driving a car with your eyes shut’

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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.
Thank you for supporting our Book Fair for 2019.

A huge thank you to all the BLPS families who came along and supported our book fair. Over the three nights we managed to raise $7,292.00

This means we get to choose books to the value of $2,552.20 for our wonderful library.

Thank you to Mrs Collinson for setting up the book fair and making sales. Thank you also to Mrs Weber and Mrs McCrum and all the other staff who helped.
Seeking nominations for positions on the PFA committee for 2019

Have you thought about nominating? Being a part of the small PFA committee is a great way to help move the group forward, to be a voice for parents, and to expand your own skills, as well as your social circle.

It’s not time-intensive and you don’t need any prior experience or specific expertise to join the committee – just the enthusiasm to get involved.

We’re looking for nominations for 6 roles including President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and for a PFA representative position on the School Council and their emergency fill-in.

The appointed committee will be supported by the 20 current PFA members to drive activities and events throughout the year. The committee also receives a lot of continued support from school staff around planning, admin and resourcing. It’s a real team effort and we have fun along the way.

The PFA committee for 2019 will be elected at the AGM meeting that will be held in the staff room on Monday 18 March at 9:30am, right after the school morning assembly

Nomination info including role descriptions and forms are available at the office. Grab one today!
BLPS Second Hand Uniform Shop
Opening Days/Roster 2019

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*extra sessions will be scheduled to coincide with November’s Prep Transition program

# Uniform Shop news including sales, any opening changes and session reminders will be promoted through the weekly newsletter and via the school’s Facebook page.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

$1 SALE

MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2019 8:45AM - 9:20AM
FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2019 3:15PM - 3:45PM
Permission forms via the Parent Portal

All permission forms will now be online via the Parent Portal. 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.
“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. 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.”
2020 OPEN NIGHT
TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2019

SEE DISPLAYS OF STUDENT WORK AND MEET STAFF AND STUDENTS
5.30PM - 6.00PM : BBQ, MEET TEACHERS AND STUDENTS
6.00PM - 8.00PM : INTRODUCTION AND PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME
FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM TOURS
FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 8762 6839

2020 HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

The High Achiever Program at Fountain Gate Secondary College is designed to enable high achieving students to maximise and fulfil their academic potential in a stimulating and supportive setting, along side others with similar abilities and interests. Applications for current Year 6 (Year 7 in 2020) will be open on Friday 1st of March and close on Tuesday 23rd of April 2019. Selection examination will be held on Saturday the 27th of April 2019.

For further details and application forms contact Ms. Nicole Titter on 8762 6839
Timbarra P-9 College
Secondary College Open Mornings
We invite all families to join us
for a tour to see our Secondary School at Work
Friday 1st March or Friday 8th March, 2019
From 9.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. -morning tea provided
Please meet in the administration office
Join us for a tour of our facilities and information regarding:
♦ Curriculum
♦ College Programs
♦ Sports, Music and STEM Academies
♦ Facilities
Transition News

2019 College Tour Dates

» Weekend Tours
  10:00am
  Sunday 24 March
  Sunday 19 May
  Sunday 16 June
  Sunday 21 July
  Sunday 13 October
  Sunday 10 November

» Weekday Tours
  9:30am
  Friday 8 March
  Friday 10 May
  Friday 6 September

Visit our website materchristi.edu.au to register for a scheduled tour or personal tour.

Kambrya College

Maximising the potential of each student

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

68 Bemersyde Drive
Berwick VIC 3806
Ph: 9707 7600
Year 7 2020 Transition Information Evenings

20th March 2019 & 30th April 2019

Please note that these two events are exactly the same and you only need to attend once

5.15pm – 7.30pm in the NEW Later Years Building
School Tours from 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Presentation from the Principal from 6:00pm – 6.30pm
Special program (ADP, MDP) presentations from 6:30pm – 7.00pm
SEAL program presentations from 7:00pm – 7.30pm

All parents and students are invited to attend to find out about what Kambrya College has to offer including our Specialised Year 7 Programs:

- SEAL Program (Select Entry Accelerated Learning)
- ADP (Athlete Development Program)
- MDP (Musician Development Program)

Due to the College’s rapid enrolment growth, it is highly unlikely that any students from outside the Designated Neighbourhood Boundary (DNB) will be accepted for enrolment in 2020. This applies to all students, including those wishing to apply for special curriculum programs (SEAL, ADP, MDP). We will be catering for all students within our DNB first, and will most likely to be at full capacity. Students outside the DNB who have older siblings who will continue to be enrolled at the College in 2020 are exempted and will be guaranteed enrolment into mainstream classes. In 2019, 430+ families applied, and 125+ outside the DNB were declined.

Please refer to our webpage: http://www.kambryacollege.com/Transition and Enrolment tab for further information

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Kambrya College Designated Neighbourhood Boundary
A detailed DNB map is available at
http://www.kambryacollege.com/dnb/
Chess Club at your school

Benefits of Chess Classes

- Problem solving
- Tactical and strategic planning
- Lateral and logical thinking
- Decision making
- Self-confidence
- Resilience
- Logic of control
- Visualisation
- Memory

Learn New Thinking Skills

Our teaching philosophy 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 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
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 parent portal - view invoices, update contact details, track your children’s attendance, see lesson discussion posts and topics taught each week and even print certificates at the end of each term!

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

kids unlimited

1300 424 377 | www.kidsunlimited.com.au
CASHEY/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

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
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GRAB A ENROLMENT FORM AT THE OFFICE OR ENROL ONLINE AT JAMHOTMUSIC.COM.AU

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENROLMENT FORM TO THE OFFICE ASAP

Enquiries please contact JASON STONEHOUSE 0419 872 875 or email jamhotmusic@hotmail.com
NEW COURSE IS DUE TO START ON FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2019.
ONLY TWO (2) SPOTS LEFT

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

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 BIRS 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/Multi-skilledTeacherAides.877151299318635/

"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.
Join in the fun at our OSHC program, your first session is FREE!*

We are excited to announce that your child can now come and try their first day of Outside School Hours Care for FREE! This is a great chance for families and children to see what our Camp Australia program is like.

First Day Free is available to all new parents who register an account with us from Monday 25th February until the end of Term 1, 2019. Don’t forget to use your session as First Day Free is only valid in Term 1, 2019.

Note it’s also free to register. Once registered, you can activate your session whenever you like. We encourage you to register now and to always book in advance. You can register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree.

Program Details
For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au. If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you’re welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child’s school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!
From the Team at Camp Australia

*Applies to first booking per child only. Valid for Before or After School Care for parents who register from the 25th of February 2019. Offer ends conclusion of Term 1 2019.
BECOME A HOST FAMILY IN JULY 2019!

REQUEST A FREE INFO PACK / SMS 'HOST' to 0428 246 633

HOSTING AT A GLANCE:
- Hosting is voluntary
- You choose your student
- Students attend high school full time
- 24/7 support provided
- Host families come from all over the state
- Students come from all over the world and stay for a short term (8-10 weeks), a semester or a year.

HEAR FROM A HOST MUM

"Hosting has been one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences for our family. Romane, our student, was definitely one of the most kind and pleasant people we have met and right from the start was a perfect fit for our family. Being able to share this experience has had a positive effect on all of my young children."

Host mum, Candice.

CAMILLA (16) ITALY
Ciao!
The list of activities I like to do in my free time is long, so I am never bored! Singing is my biggest passion and I hope to become a singer one day. I love reading. I also really enjoy photography. When it comes to sport, swimming and basketball are on top of my list! Thank you if you are going to choose me, I promise I'll be a perfect "daughter".

MORE PROFILES: WEP.ORG.AU/HOST

WEP.ORG.AU/HOST / 1300 884 733 / INFO@WEP.ORG.AU