PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME TO TERM 2
What a short week this has been! I do hope that you were able to enjoy some quality family time over the Easter break – life is quite hectic much of the time and we all need some down time with our family and friends. Thank you to Terry Hornbuckle, representing the Berwick RSL and Troy Norton, a member of the RAAF and former student at Berwick Lodge for attending and to all parents who came to our annual ANZAC Day ceremony on Wednesday. It has become a feature event in our annual calendar.

PARENT BEHAVIOUR ISSUES: 60 MINUTES PROGRAM ON CHANNEL 9
This Sunday evening, on 60 Minutes, Channel 9 are presenting a feature segment on the vexing issue of the extent of, and how schools are dealing with that small cohort of parents across all school systems, who for whatever reasons behave badly. Our school, a great school, periodically suffers from such incidents, as do all schools and sadly, despite the fact that only a small percentage of parents behave badly, the negative impact on staff, students and other parents can be very significant. It is a matter of growing concern across the school sector and has been receiving substantial coverage in the media. I was invited to participate in the discussion, and after careful consideration decided to do so. You may be interested in tuning in to the program.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. Are parents required to report to school reception when picking up/dropping of their children, or dropping off lunch items for their children during school hours?
A. YES. I understand that some parents are reporting directly to their children’s classroom in these circumstances. In future please report directly to reception, for both security and administrative purposes.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Harnessing your emotions can be likened to riding a horse – with or without reins?’

Henry Grossek
DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 30th April  
Grade 2 Polly Woodside excursion (2K, 2H & 2S)

Wednesday 1st May 
Grade 2 Polly Woodside excursion (2AL & 2M)

Wednesday 1st May 
Grade 4 Hands on Science incursion

Thursday 9th May 
Mothers Day Stall

Wednesday 29th - 31st May 
Grade 6 City Camp

Wednesday 14th August-
Friday 16th August 
Wakakirri

PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:

Monday 29th April  
Grade 4 Hands on Science

Wednesday 8th May 
Mothers Day Stall

Friday 10th May 
Grade 6 City Camp

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 BACK
Welcome back to all families and I hope that you enjoyed your holidays with your children and ate some chocolate Easter eggs! Term 2 is already shaping up to be an exciting and busy term for our school.

STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY
We want our students to tell us what they think! We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of Berwick Lodge. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s schooling experience.

Students from Year 4 to 6 will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way “testing” your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child’s responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period <<Monday 29th April to Friday 7th June. The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child’s class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child’s teacher or visit: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx

NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEARS 3 AND 5
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests for Years 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 14th May, Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May 2019. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA). The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with special needs may qualify for special provisions which reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. A formal exemption may be granted for a student who has a significant intellectual disability or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background. While participation by all students is expected, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. A formal application for exemption must be received by the principal prior to the testing. Later in the year, you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. Further details about the testing program can be accessed by visiting the VCAA website at: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

If you have any concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN, please speak to your class teacher.
SCHOOL ZONE ONLINE
The Department has released a new website that helps parents identify their local public school online. Findmyschool.vic.gov.au launched on 23rd April and shows every school zone across the state. The new website highlights the choice of public schools available to the Victorian community.

If you child is preparing to enter Year 7 and want to know more about the public secondary school options in our area, or you know someone who is interested in enrolling at our school, try findmyschool.vic.gov.au

If you have a question about the website, contact the Victorian School building Authority Hotline on 1800 896 950 or email vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au

KIDS HELPLINE AND PARENT HELPLINE
Kids Helpline is Australia’s only free, private, and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. Counselling is currently offered by phone 1800 55 1800. There is also a Parent Helpline service. 13 22 89 (cost of a local call)

Open 8am to midnight 7 days a week

• Be listened to by a qualified counsellor outside of the situation
• Tune into your needs right now as a parent (as well as your child’s)
• Work out your strategies for making meaningful change
• Get information and resources about children and parenting
• Access individually paced over-the-phone parenting skills training
• Understand your family dynamics more clearly

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
The PFA will be running 2 big events this term and planning even more!

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on **Thursday 9 May** in the school’s gym building between 9-11am. Notices were sent home on Wednesday this week, so please consider volunteering to help at the stall on the day. It’s a lovely way to meet other parents and help the students select a gift for their special person.

We’ll also be holding a huge fundraising ‘democracy sausage’ bbq at the school for this year’s Federal Election that is set for **Saturday 18 May**. We’ll be setting up the bbq from around 7am and cooking until 2pm, so please let a friendly PFA member know if you can come along to help us for an hour or two on the day.

The PFA has plans for lots more events and activities for the rest of the year, including a student disco and some parent information evenings. We’d love it if you’d like to get involved, so please come along for coffee and donuts to our next meeting on **Monday 6 May** at 9:30am (after morning assembly) in the staff room.

Cheers & happy Term 2

Christine - PFA President.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**SIBLING CANTEEN ORDERS.**

If you give your children a canteen order, can you please ensure each child has their order submitted through their classroom. Please do not combine sibling orders in the one envelope as this can get missed. It’s okay to combine sibling monies into one envelope but each student must have their own order placed through their classroom.
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Berwick Lodge PS is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6th September 2019.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

A further note about the Premiers Reading Challenge has been placed on the Parent Portal.

2019 Whitlam Institute Writing Competition

Inspired by Gough Whitlam's commitment to involving young people in the shaping of Australia's future, the 2019 writing competition is currently open to school students in years 5 to 12 from NSW, VIC, WA, the ACT and Tasmania. Responding to the simple question 'What matters?', entrants are free to express their views on any matter they care about.

This is an exciting online, voluntary opportunity for our senior students.

For more information on how to enter see: https://www.whitlam.org/what-matters

Dr Mark Carthew
BLPS Literacy Coordinator
Art News!

Grade 5/6 Art Club runs each Thursday at 1.15pm. In Term 2, we will be focusing on Wakakirri props, in preparation for the Term 3 performance of Wakakirri. If there are any parents that would like to assist in some “bigger projects”, such as backdrop design/painting, please come and see Mrs Zammit in the art room. Thank you so much!

Another project we are working on, is making “Mug Hugs” with the grade 6 students, to hopefully send to a local community that has been impacted by the recent bushfires. The art room is after approximately 90 mugs (coffee/tea mugs). If you have any at home that are no longer needed or require a new home, this donation would be so appreciated.

Thank you
Jo Zammit
Visual Arts Teacher

Sick Bay News

HEADLICE!

We are getting lots of reports of headlice in many grades. Please check your child’s hair and if you find eggs or live lice, please treat your child’s hair and do a follow-up treatment 7 days later. Please also let the office know so we can do a check in your child’s grade.

If you have a child in Prep we strongly encourage you to leave a spare set of clothes in their school bag as accidents can happen. If your child has borrowed clothes from sick bay, can you please kindly wash and return these so we have spares for all our students. Our sick bay has donated supplies of brand new underwear. Due to hygiene regulations, you cannot return these, but we do ask that if your child does come home with new underwear that you please purchase some more to replace the one you have taken.
“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.”
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](http://materchristi.edu.au) to register for a scheduled tour or personal tour.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We wish to advise of the following:

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

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- **Time:**
  11:30am – 12:30pm - please arrive by 11.15am to sign in on our premises

- **Booking 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

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68 Bemertsey 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](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

Address: 68 Bemersyde Drive Berwick
Phone: 03 9707 7600
CHESS CLUB at your school
Building mental muscles

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

Learn New Thinking Skills
Our teaching pedagogy follows three stages during each lesson. First we illustrate a new theoretical concept, strategy, rule or skill. Those 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 decision points and topics taught each week and even print certificates at the end of each term!

Enrol now: www.ku.zone

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
Our class is now full at Berwick a Lodge Primary which starts this month. We are now taking enrolments for Term 2. Hoping to start class on Thursdays from the 6th June. If you are interested in enrolling please call or email Daisy for a booking day and time.

Daisy
Eastern college
9790 9200
dhardy@eastern.edu.au
5 Burwood Hwy
Wantirna Vic

For further information on this course, please click on the below link;

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

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.
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APRIL 4 PG
SHAZAM!

APRIL 24 PG
AVENGERS ENDGAME

MAY 16 PG

MAY 23 PG
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ALL CARLOADS
MON-WED $25*
THUR-SUN $30*

SECTIONS AT WWW.LUNARDRIVEIN.COM.AU

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

BRACE

Courses to help you start your career in Mental Health or Education Support

Call us now to find out more
Ph: 03 9781 3388

*BRACE Education & Training offers $0 tuition fees for eligible students. Please see our website for further details on fees and eligibility criteria.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding. Eligibility criteria apply or training is delivered on a fee for service basis. People with disabilities and from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

RTO Code: 2621
WE’RE IN TOWN

Roll up your sleeves and give blood

Narre Warren North
Mobile Donor Centre
Community Hall - 1-11 A'Beckett Road, Narre Warren North 3805

Appointments available:
Monday 20 May 12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 21 May 12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 22 May 12.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday 23 May 1.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Friday 24 May 8.00 am – 3.00 pm

Make an appointment today
Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

Australian Red Cross BLOOD SERVICE
Daytime Dads

» Spend quality time
» Meet other fathers and children
» Enjoy a fun, safe and exciting play space
» Enjoy story time

The Daytime Dads Playgroup provides an opportunity for fathers and their children to play and connect socially with other families in the community and is great for those who spend time at home during the day.

When: Every Wednesday during the school term
Where: Hampton Park Library
26 Stuart Avenue Hampton Park
Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
Cost: FREE

Registration is essential
For all enquiries and bookings, please contact the City of Casey on 9705 5200 or email dadsmatter@casey.vic.gov.au

Contact City of Casey
03 9705 5200
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)
TIS: 131 450 (Translating and Interpreting Service)
caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au

casey.vic.gov.au
facebook.com/CityOfCasey
@CityOfCasey
PO Box 1600
Narre Warren VIC 3805

Customer Service Centres
Narre Warren
Bunjil Place,
Patrick Northeast Drive
Cranbourne
Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre
Dads Matter
Family Campfire Night

Calling all Dads, Grandfathers and father figures! Bring your children and family along to the Dads Matter campfire for a night of fun and entertainment.

There will be games, entertainment, drumming, marshmallow toasting, a free sausage sizzle (halal) and veggie burgers.

Thursday 9 May 2019
6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Casey Youth Hub
52 Webb Street, Narre Warren

RSVP www.trybooking.com/BB1SD

Contact City of Casey
03 9706 6200
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caseyrc@casey.vic.gov.au
casey.vic.gov.au
toolbock.com/cityofcasey
@CityOfCasey
PO Box 1000
Narre Warren VIC 3805
Dear Parent/Guardian,

ACE Foundation is an established non-profit education foundation which operates from Thompson Road Clinic 2 Woodbine Road Cranbourne North.

We are holding free study session to any Year 6 - 12 students Wednesday night 4.30 - 6.30 pm. There are NO classes held during school holidays or public holidays. Students are not required to stay the whole evening. These sessions will be supervised by volunteer university teaching students. These students must have a working with children’s check before considered to be suitable to supervise.

Students will have a secure place to study and access to computers, internet, photocopier and office supplies in a quiet environment. In addition they will have access to the tea room and bathroom facilities.

Students cannot gain any access to medical equipment or rooms.

Students or parents will be expected to sign the Permission Slip and Acceptable Use Agreement, prior to attending the clinic.

The ACE Foundation will support and encourage students learning.

Kind Regards

Dr Leon Shapero
Chair
Phone: 0459 520 010  Fax: 5991-7093
Email: leonshapero@gmail.com or acefoundation@trcgp.com.au
2 Woodbine Road Cranbourne  Vic  3977
Permission Slip (If under 18 years)

(Please complete and return to ACE Foundation)

I give permission for my child ________________________________ to attend the free study sessions at Thompson Road Clinic 2 Woodbine Road Cranbourne North, Mon – Wed 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. I understand that students will need to make their own way to and from the clinic. When waiting for their parents to arrive students are required to wait inside the clinic and not outside on the footpath in the dark.

Name__________________________

Subjects Studying____________________________

School_____________________________________

Student email address or mobile number ______________________________

Signed_________________________________ Date________________

Acceptable Use Agreement

(Please complete and return to ACE Foundation)

When I use digital technology I agree to:

❖ Be a safe, responsible and ethical user whenever and wherever I use it
❖ Use the internet for educational purposes and use the equipment properly
❖ Use social networking sites for educational purposes only
❖ Abide by copyright procedures when using content on websites
❖ Not to download unauthorised programs, including games

Name_____________________________________

Signed__________________________________ Date______________

Emergency Contact Details

Name_____________________________________

Relationship to child_______________________

Contact Number___________________________