PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL ENROLMENT ZONES
The DET have now completed their review of all school enrolment zones and have provided schools with electronic copies of their newly defined school zones. Interestingly, ours has been slightly reduced, this despite the fact that our previous enrolment zone provided us with little over a quarter of our annual enrolments. As I’m sure you would know, all children living within a particular public school zone are entitled to attend that public school. That’s the uncomplicated part.

In saying this, in certain circumstances, schools can enrol students living outside their defined school zone. In the past, and until 12 months ago, principals could accept enrolments of non-local neighbourhood (zones) students, provided they were of the view that their school was not at capacity. What constituted ‘capacity’ was a controversial issue. Generally speaking it related to the size of the school grounds and the available facilities. Some schools, in consultation with their regional director, were able to implement a strict ‘local enrolment zone’ only policy – meaning that out of local enrolment zone students were unable to enrol at that particular school. This was because their enrolments were already extremely high for their level of grounds and facilities. Twelve months ago, the DET implemented a 50/50 enrolment policy so as to better manage school enrolments systemically. In effect, this policy meant that schools with 50 per cent or more of non-local zone students would not receive additional portable classrooms in the event that their enrolments rose further because they were accepting out of zone students. This of course applied to our school, with over 70 per cent of our student enrolments coming from out of our zone areas.

The DET has determined that the 50/50 enrolment policy will continue, with the proviso being that schools existing enrolment number (and by extension, the number of classrooms the school has) is the base line for decision-making on whether schools will receive additional portable classrooms in the event that their enrolments rise.

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Currently we have 619 students with 25 classrooms. Given that the DET formula for providing primary schools with classrooms is 1 classroom per 25 students, this translates as follows: $25 \times 25 = 625$.

The DET will not provide us with any more portable classrooms until we have more than 25 students above 625, and that we do not have more than 50 per cent non-local zone students enrolled and that none of our new enrolments are from out of local zone areas. The 25+ requirement is because the DET nowadays provide schools with double classroom portables, not single classroom portables and require schools to need both classrooms in the first place. If all this sounds complicated – well it is!

For Berwick Lodge, all of this means that we will continue to take all local enrolment zone students (existing practice) and have the capacity to enrol students, mainly, but not exclusively, for PREP children for next year from out of our local enrolment zone.

Importantly, unless, and until our (small) local zone provides us with a substantially more enrolments (most unlikely in the foreseeable future), we will remain a school of no more than between 600 and 630 students, depending on our attractiveness to out of local enrolment zone families. School council is very comfortable with this scenario, as am I.

The link to our DET approved enrolment zone can be found on our website or directly via www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au. Parents can readily ascertain whether they live within our zone or not. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you be interested in having your child attend our school irrespective of whether you live within our enrolment zone or not – that is, you are reading this and currently do not have a child attending our school.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)

Q. What is the school policy on children being picked up after school by parents or guardians?

A. Our expectation is that parents/guardians will collect their children at 3.30pm. Obviously unforeseen circumstances do occur that prevent this and in such cases we will provide further supervision at the school reception area. Please kindly notify the office if you cannot collect your child by 3.45pm so the office staff can inform your child. Nonetheless, such instances should be isolated and relatively rare. Frustratingly, it does seem to happen on a regular basis for some families. If you can’t collect your child at 3.30pm on a most regular basis, we do provide an excellent after school care service and details of how to enrol are available on request from our office staff.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

‘The best that can be said about nostalgia is that it’s a great barometer for measuring how you feel presently.’  

Henry Grossek
ANZAC DAY – WREATH LAYING AT THE BERWICK CENOTAPH

Will and Ally, two of our school captains represented our school at the Berwick ANZAC day service. They laid a beautiful wreath as a sign of remembrance. Thank you to their families for taking them on the day.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will commence on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May, for all students in grades 3 and 5. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Parents of grade 3 and 5 students can access information about NAPLAN via the parent portal and/or follow the link for more details about how you can help prepare your child. Link: https://nap.edu.au/

OPEN NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday 22nd May 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

Our whole school will be celebrating Education Week on Open Night. Please come and visit the different areas and participate in a range of activities including a collaborative Art project, Choir performance, Games in the gym, Chinese tea ceremony, Lodgers TV show and radio program and all classrooms will be open for you to visit. We look forward to seeing many families on this evening.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Our annual Mother’s Day stall is being held next Thursday 9th May. If you would like to have your child purchase a gift, please return your forms by next Wednesday. Thank you to the hard working PFA for organising this activity.

PREP 2020

If you have a child who will be starting school in 2020, please make contact with the office so we have your details on our list. If you have friends or family who have a child that will be starting school next year, please also ask them to contact the school. Our ‘Step into Prep’ parent information evening will be held on Monday 3rd June at 6.30pm. Please RSVP via the office if you are planning on attending.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery.
This year we are participating in the Wakakirri Story Dance Competition and we would love your help. As the aim is to re-use and recycle we are after some costumes that you may have at home and could kindly donate or lend to us for our performance.

Our Story this year is centred around ANZAC day and the football game that is played between Essendon and Collingwood.

Some of the items you could help and donate to the Performing Arts room are:
- School Dresses (Larger sizes) – These will be dyed so cannot be returned
- Essendon and Collingwood jerseys/scarves (we can return these after the performance)
- Military wear – Hats, Jackets, Pants
- Spare material – White, Black, Green, Brown

If you have any of these items we would appreciate your help. If you would like your items returned, please name them clearly and we will return them after the performance.

Thank you for your support.

Christine Thomas
Performing Arts Teacher
We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you! From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box. The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.
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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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.
HEAD LICE!

We are getting lots of reports of head lice 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 you have taken.
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
“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.”

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 2019.
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.

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

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Day: Wednesday
Time: 3:40-4:40pm
Start Date: 1st May
Finish Date: 19th June
Who: Prep-Grade 4
Cost: $85

Soccer Stars
Introductory soccer skills
Passing, shooting, heading, ball control, running with the ball and turning.
Principles of attack, defence, passing play, 2-1 situations, crossing and finishing.

Day: Wednesday
Time: 3:40-4:40pm
Start Date: 1st May
Finish Date: 19th June
Who: Prep-Grade 4
Cost: $85

Dance Stars
Introduce children to the fundamentals of the dance
Movement, space and energy.
No Competitions, no uniforms
Step to the beat in a number of sequences to learn a choreographed dance routine

Day: Wednesday
Time: 3:40-4:40pm
Start Date: 1st May
Finish Date: 19th June
Who: Prep-Grade 4
Cost: $85

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www.sportystars.com.au

Enquiries info@sportystars.com.au 0422 043 853
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Saturday 18 May 2019
11.00 am – 3.00 pm

Pet and information stalls
Novelties
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We are located at Timbarra Reserve, near the border of Narre Warren & Berwick.

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- Under 8’s
- Under 9’s
- Under 10’s
- Under 11’s
- Under 13’s

Both new and experienced players are encourage to join us for Season 2019

Ph: 0413 633 777
registrar@berwicknorthjfc.com.au
Parents/Carers - If you would like to join the Teacher Aide class starting Thursday 6th June 2019, please enrol asap with Daisy from Eastern College. Applications close on the 20th May which includes the interview being completed.

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."

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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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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

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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
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