PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENT PROCESS

Forms were distributed to families of children in Year 6 last week and they must be completed and returned no later than Friday 17th May 2019. That is clear and uncomplicated. However, there are cases whereby some families would prefer their child to attend a government school other than that to which they are zoned. This year is no exception and several parents have contacted me for advice and support. The DET over the past year have announced and implemented a number of changes to school enrolment practice for government schools, including changes to some school zones and implementing a ‘50/50’ policy, to which I have referred in recent newsletters. Consequently, I have contacted colleagues in local secondary schools with regard to how they deal with out of zone requests for enrolments.

Their advice is as follows. When completing their child’s secondary school enrolment forms, they should indicate their preferences in order, irrespective of which school to which their child is zoned. In the event that their zoned school is not their first preference, then they should attach a letter, written by themselves, explaining their reasons for requesting that their child attend a school other than their zoned school. They do not recommend that parents seek and provide letters of support from their child’s primary school. As such, I will not be providing letters of support in this regard, though of course, I am always happy to discuss with parents any concerns or issues they may have in relation to their child’s education, including transition to secondary school.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

Q. Why doesn’t the school seek parent approval on a case by case basis for their child’s photograph or digital image to be published for special events, school promotions, etc?

A. Logistically, this would be impractical, which is the reason why we have our Student Image and Work Publicity Permission Form in place and which all families are required to complete and to which we adhere strictly. Should you have any reservations whatsoever regarding the publication of your child’s photograph or image in any publication, please indicate that when you complete the permission form. You can rescind your permission at any time and in doing so, can provide permission for select types of publication only if you wish. If you have any queries regarding this issue please do not hesitate to me.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

‘Does it make any sense that the older some people become, that to them the journey, so to speak, becomes more important than the destination?’

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th May	NAPLAN - Grades 3 & 5
Monday 20th May	AFL Gala Day
Wednesday 22nd May	Open Night - 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 29th - 31st May	Grade 6 City Camp
Monday 3rd June	Step into Prep information evening - 6.30pm
Wednesday 14th August -
Friday 16th August	Wakakirri

PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:

Friday 10th May	Grade 6 City Camp
Thursday 16th May	AFL Gala Day
Friday 17th May	Grade 6 Transition forms to be returned to the office.
WINTER CLOTHING
With the onset of the cooler weather, we thought it timely to remind all families of the need for students to wear appropriate clothing to school. Although the children may be warm in the comforts of their home, car and classroom they need to be rugged up when going outside to play. A warm, cosy jumper or jacket and named, weatherproof coat are strongly recommended at this time of the year. There is currently an overabundance of lost property and this raises two concerns. Firstly, as most of the clothing items are not clearly named, they cannot be returned promptly to their rightful owners. We understand clothing is expensive and it is difficult to distinguish individual ownership of similar items and so we are asking you to please ensure all clothing is clearly named. Secondly, we are concerned with the large number of lost items that are not being collected and ask for your assistance in checking whether your children are missing items of clothing. Lost property is located inside the corridor leading from the courtyard into the main building and is accessible during school hours.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing will commence next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, for all students in grades 3 and 5. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Our students will be completing the paper NAPLAN test again this year. For information regarding NAPLAN and how you can help prepare your child, please click on the following link:

MOTHER’S DAY
Thank you to our wonderful PFA for all the efforts made in organising the Mother’s Day stall today. We hope all families enjoy a lovely weekend and find some time to spend with mum.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 17th MAY
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. WSTSD promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. The event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine. Children need a minimum of 60 minutes exercise per day. Encouraging less driving and more walking aims to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars. Lastly, it is just a nice way to be part of your community. The Junior School Council have been busy planning some activities to promote this message. On Friday 17th May we are asking students to come to school in sensible Active Wear, for example runners and tracksuit, or sports top and shorts etc. If you feel like getting more active with your children, there are some great suggestions on the following website:

OPEN NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 22nd May 5.30pm – 7.30pm
We welcome all families to attend Open Night on Wednesday 22nd May. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy looking in classrooms, talking to teachers and sharing activities with your child. There will be art activities, Zance, robots in action, radio show, mindfulness activities, Chinese calligraphy writing and many more things to enjoy. Our grade 6 leaders will be available to take families on tours. We invite everyone to come and see our wonderful school.

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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS
Respectful relationships covers many topics in relation to family violence and gender equality.

Family Violence is where the behaviour of one person, controls the other. Some examples of Family Violence are:
- Name calling, put downs, yelling and threatening
- Keeping someone from contacting their family or friends
- Controlling money
- Stopping someone from getting or keeping a job
- Physical harm
- Threatening physical harm
- Sexual assault
- Stalking
- Intimidation
- Harming or threatening to harm pets
- Damage to the house, property or your belongings.

Family violence takes many forms and can happen all the time or once in a while. An important step to help yourself or someone you know is to seek help. Safe Steps 24/7 Family violence response phone number is 1800 015 188.

1800 RESPECT – or 1800 737732 will put you in contact with the National Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence Counselling Service.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery

Book Club News

All orders need to be placed online by 3pm Monday 13th May 2019. If you have misplaced your catalogue, you can collect another one from the library.
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 second hand uniform shop will be open on:

- Friday 10th May from 3.15pm - 3.45pm
- Monday 20th May from 8.45am - 9.20am
- Friday 31st May 3.15pm - 3.45pm

**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.
PFA NEWS

#DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE

FEDERAL ELECTION 2019 BBQ
8AM - 2PM SATURDAY 18 MAY
BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

$2.50 SAUSAGES - $2 DRINKS - $2 FAIRY FLOSS

Thanks to the Berwick Lodge PFA team!
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.

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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:

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

68 Beaumont Drive
Berwick VIC 3806
Ph: 9707 7600
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casey.vic.gov.au/petexpo

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WHAT
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WHEN
June 6th, 2019
5.30pm - 7.30pm (Doors open at 5)

WHERE
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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;

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March 28: Dumbo
April 4: Wonder Park
April 4: Shazam!
April 24: Avengers: Endgame
May 16: Pokemon: Detective Pikachu
May 23: Aladdin

Cinema ticket

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