CONTINUING SCHOOL ENROLMENT ZONES CONFUSION

Last week I was approached by Brendan Rees, a journalist with the local Star News Group papers asking me for my comments in relation to community confusion over the latest information made available by the DET regarding school zones. Despite writing on this issue on several occasions recently in our newsletter, some parents remain confused. Below are my responses to Brendan’s specific questions. Hopefully they help clear the air.

Will the changes be fair?
Not entirely - the way the new boundaries have been redrawn, in a number of cases, local demographics appear not to have been taken not account. For example, under the new boundaries some children will now have to cross busy main roads or travel further to reach their ‘closest’ school. In our case, our zone has been marginally reduced in size, even though our previous zone was so small in terms of potential enrolments that we actively promote our school as ‘a school of choice’, with over 70 per cent of our 620 enrolments coming from out of our local zone.

Will it be confusing for parents?
Yes and no. The new online format provided by the DET for parents removes all doubt and makes it very easy for parent to ascertain which school enrolment zone they live. On the other hand, that very process does lead to some parents taking that information at face value and do not enquire at other local schools as to whether they have enrolment space to accept out of zone students. This despite the fact that they may wish to canvas alternative options for their child’s school enrolment.

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

*Will it limit students attending the school of their choice?*

To some extent, yes. In itself it merely clarifies school enrolment zones. The 50/50 rule introduced by the DET mid year in 2018 has a greater impact on parental choice of school. Put simply, that rule states that schools that have at least 50 per cent of their students attending from out of zone areas, will not receive additional classrooms if their student numbers. Increase That policy decision has met with a great deal of criticism, due its timing last year, its arbitrariness and complexity in practice.

**NB:** BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE ACCEPTING OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS IN 2020. WE ANTICIPATE HAVING 5 PREP GRADES NEXT YEAR. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE STAFF FOR DETAILS AND ENROLMENT FORMS.

*If you are still confused, please give me a call at school and I am more than happy to answer your questions.*

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)**

Q. Can children who are not enrolled at our school attend our Before & After School Care Program?

A. Not at the moment – simply because our program is at capacity and the needs of our families is our priority.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**

“Expectation is a luxury that few can afford”

Henry Grosiek
NO FOOD SHARING (GUIDELINES)
We would like to remind families that at Berwick Lodge we do not permit children to share food with other students. The reasons for this are because we have many children who have allergies to a wide range of food products. We are aware that families often like to acknowledge their child’s birthday and allow them the opportunity to share the celebrations by sending along treats. Any treats provided on birthdays should be packaged, shop bought with the list of ingredients.

WINTER WEATHER
The cold weather has now set in. Please make sure that the children are dressed for the cold weather, with a warm jacket and a beanie. We want the children to continue to enjoy playing outside even on the colder days.

GRADE SIX CAMP
Yesterday we farewelled our grade six students as they ventured off on camp.
School camps are a fantastic opportunity for children to develop new skills. Children exercise independent thinking, increase their social skills and decision-making, as well as increase their knowledge by participating in authentic learning experiences. The grade six students will spend the next few days exploring the city, visiting Parliament House, The Shrine of Remembrance and The Immigration Museum, they will even enjoy a spin on the Melbourne Star. We can’t wait to hear all about their experiences when they return.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING AT HOME
Many parents are interested in looking at ways to support their child’s learning at home. The LEARNING POTENTIAL website supports the Australian Curriculum for primary school, and is child (and parent) friendly. Click on the following link to find some activity ideas that will reinforce and build on the concepts and skills your child encounter in the classroom. http://www.learningpotential.edu.au/

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students. The collection of data is completed by every school in Australia.
The national data collection ensures that, information about students with disability is transparent, consistent and reliable at a national level.
The national data collection will assist schools to:
• Gain a greater understanding of their student population and how students can be best supported.
• Formally and consistently recognise the support and adjustments provided to students with disability
• Develop the professional judgement of school teams in making educational adjustments for students with disability rather than relying on a medical or clinical diagnosis alone.
• Review their learning and support systems and continually improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

STEP INTO PREP INFORMATION EVENING – MONDAY 3rd JUNE 6.30PM
On Monday 3rd June we will be holding our Step into Prep parent information evening. This is a great night for prospective Prep parents to come along and find out about our program. The evening will be held in the school library. If you are attending, please RSVP by phoning the office on 97071766. If you have friends or family with a prep child in 2020, please let them know about the evening.

PREP ENROLMENTS OPEN
Our 2020 Prep enrolments are now open. If you have a Prep child for 2020, please call past the office and collect an enrolment form.
RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Often we hear in the news about another crime that has been committed which involves a woman. The statistics for gender based violence are quite alarming. The following information is taken from the DET document “Building Respectful Relationships, Stepping out against gender based violence”.

What is the extent of gender-based violence?

Gender-based violence is often hidden, rarely discussed and often perpetrated by someone known to the person. Evidence shows that:

• One in three women have experienced physical violence since the age of 15 (National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and Their Children 2009).
• Almost one in five women have experienced sexual assault since the age of 15 (National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and Their Children 2009).
• One in four children and young people in Australia witness or live with family violence in their home (Australian Institute of Criminology 2001).
• Girls and young women aged 15 to 24 are the most likely of all age groups to experience sexual assault (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006).
• Women are mostly assaulted by men they know, often in their own home, in circumstances where they may well be subject to repeated assaults over time (National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and Their Children 2009).
• Approximately 78.1 per cent of Victoria Police family violence incident reports involved men who had used violence. Men’s use of family violence is overwhelmingly directed towards women (Victorian Law Reform Commission 2004).

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Next Friday 7th June we will be celebrating the Dragon Boat Festival. The whole school will be encouraged to dress in red, gold or Chinese clothing to celebrate. The students will be involved in a range of activities on the day.

ST JOHN’S AMBULANCE VISIT

Next week our students will be involved in a St John’s Ambulance workshop. This will assist with educating our students about basic first aid and calling 000 if needed.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
Step into Prep

BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

STEP INTO PREP!

Monday 3rd June 2019 at 6.30pm

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL?
DO YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PREP FOR 2020?

If so, you are invited to attend our STEP INTO PREP information night! Come along and hear from our Principal, Mr Henry Grossek, and our Prep Teachers, who will provide you with information about starting school, and what you can do to prepare!

REGISTRATION
Registration for this event is essential. Places are limited, so please book now by either visiting us, calling, or emailing through our website.

EVENT PROGRAM
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★ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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THANKYOU:
Last week, Georgina Cullen, a parent at our school, came and spent ½ a day assisting with weeding the community Garden. **A BIG THANK YOU** to Georgie for all your help and what a great job you did! Thank you also to our other parent volunteers who have assisted or donated items. If you have some spare time and would like to assist with weeding our gardens, please come and speak to Mrs. McCrum. You do need to have a current working with children’s card. We appreciate all of our volunteers and assistance is greatly welcomed.

HELMETED HONEYEATER NEW CURRICULUM LAUNCH:
This afternoon I will be attending a launch of a new curriculum unit at Yellingbo which focuses on the critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater. The curriculum unit has been designed by the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater and Birdlife Australia. The unit of work will be available for all schools and has some great learning activities which schools will be able to implement within their programs. I had the privilege of reviewing the curriculum documents earlier in the year and I look forward to including this learning opportunity into our school program. Just in case you didn’t already know, the Helmeted Honeyeater is on the critically endangered species list, has a very small habitat at Yellingbo and a successful breeding program operates at Healesville Sanctuary. The Helmeted Honeyeater is the school logo on our uniforms, letter heads, flyers and advertising.

WANTED/DONATIONS:
Do you have small plastic toys such as McDonalds toys or plastic tea sets that you no longer need? We love donations of these which we place into our Community/Sensory Garden for our students to play with. Please leave donations at the office.

Are you a ‘handy person’ who would be able to make some wooden blocks for a giant Jenga game? Please come and speak to Mrs McCrum for further information.

Do you have a coloured Yoga mat in good condition that is no longer required? We would like a few for our grade 5/6 outdoor common room garden. Please leave donations at the office.

Ice cream containers – 4 litre size. We require some ice cream containers, preferably 4 litres in size as we use these under the drink taps to collect spilt water for our gardens. Please leave donations at the office.

CRANBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDENS PLANT SALE – SAVE THE DATE:
On Saturday **July 27** and Sunday **July 28**, 2019, 10am to 4pm and Saturday **October 26** and Sunday **October 27**, 2019, 10am to 4pm the friends of Cranbourne Botanical Gardens will hold their plant sale. They propagate and sell a variety of Australian native plants at very reasonable prices. The sale is held at the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens.

Happy Gardening,
Mrs. McCrum.
Parents may bring in food treats to celebrate their child’s birthday. However this treat must be individually commercially packaged with ingredients (ie: fun-size chocolate) and distributed to students at the end of the day.

Scholastic Book Club orders are now open and must be placed online by 3pm on Friday 14th June 2019

Please do not send cash to the office as ALL orders must be purchased ONLINE via CREDIT CARD.
Sick Bay News

Spare clothes

With the onset of wet weather we have had a dramatic increase in students needing to borrow clothes from sickbay. If your child borrows clothes, please wash and return them as soon as possible. If your child has been given underwear from sickbay, please replace these with a new pair as we are unable to reuse these due to health regulations. It is best to keep a spare set of clothing, including underwear and socks, in your child’s bag as we have limited supplies in sickbay.

Also there are many viruses going around at the moment. If your child is feeling unwell with flu like symptoms, it is best to keep them at home to recover.
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.
“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.**
**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.

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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

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Lyrics by Howard & Tim Rice
Book by Linda Woolverton

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Due to popular demand we have decided to change our lunch time program to Basketball.
It will be coached by Ollie Wilson, a National accredited basketball coach, who has experience coaching many local and regional teams.
We meet in the gym.
Cost is $25 (including GST) Monday 3rd June till Monday 24th June inclusive except Queens Birthday holiday. SPECIAL PRICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM 2 2019 ONLY!
My name is Aimee Ryland and I am a student in the Master of Teaching at Deakin University. As part of my degree, I am conducting a research project exploring how picture books without written text (wordless picture books) might be engaging for young readers. I am looking for Grade 2 children and their parents to take part in my study. Participation in this study will require a time commitment of approximately four hours over a period of six to seven weeks. If you are interested in participating, please contact me on 0400 930 049 or by email at aryland@deakin.edu.au, and I can provide you with further information.

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