CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME TO TERM 3
WHAT A START! Back four days and we have both a major power outage and gas leak at the front entrance to our school, both events happening almost simultaneously yesterday morning. We were advised by our energy supplier that our power would not be restored until at least 3.00pm yesterday. For your information, in circumstances such as this, we have a clear set of emergency management procedures which we follow very diligently. Following consultation with the Department of Education and Training (DET) Security Services Unit and our Regional Office (SEVR), I decided that we would contact all parents alerting them to our situation, and ask that they collect their children as soon as practicable. In the event that this was not possible, then we would be providing alternative supervisory arrangements at the school for their children. Our power was actually restored earlier than predicted, but the gas leak took much longer to address, and was, in fact, potentially more dangerous than the power outage. Thankfully, all is well now.

Thank you to all parents for your understanding and support in yesterday’s challenging time.

On another note, we are now in the back half of this year, yet it hardly seems so long ago that we were welcoming in another new year. Term 3 provides us with many wonderful opportunities. For example, we have our biennial school trip to Singapore for our senior students not far away as well as the Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Camp, not to mention our P-2 swimming program which has already commenced this week and continues through to the end of next week. Our 3-Way Student Agency Discussion meetings have already been held, and in saying so, on behalf of all staff – a huge thanks to all parents and students who braved the cold evenings this week to attend the meetings and ensure their success.

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VISIT BY THE SCHOOL DENTIST
You may have noticed the very impressive (and very big) School Dentist van located in our main car park this week. Approximately 15% of our students have accessed the service this week and feedback from the School Dentist staff as been most encouraging. They have been very impressed with the state of dental health of our students they have examined. That is heartening news given the importance of dental care.

MOBILE PHONE BAN FOR STUDENTS IN ALL GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS COMMENCING IN 2020
Next Tuesday I will be attending a briefing for members of the Australian Principals Federation (APF) State Council provided by the DET, regarding the implementation of the mobile phone ban for students in all government schools, commencing next year. There’s a number of very significant challenges to be addressed in implementing the ban state-wide, some being of a legal nature, others are of a practical and logistical nature. I will provide you with an update on these challenges and progress being made in next week’s newsletter.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. When will the annual DET Parent Opinion Survey be conducted and who will be involved?
A. This online survey will be open next week from Monday 22 July and remain open until Sunday 11 August. Parents invited to participate are randomly selected by computer and will be notified. The survey is confidential with results published by the DET later in the year.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Logic tells us that when the facts change so should our opinions. Amazing then, how often emotions can sabotage that process.’
Henry Grossek

Book Club orders
Scholastic Book Club orders are due online no later than 3pm on Monday 5th August 2019
**DIARY DATES:**

- **Wednesday 17th - 26th July**: Prep - 2 Swimming Program
- **Monday 22nd July**: Grade 5/6 Hooptime
- **Friday 26th July**: RoboCup - Ballarat competition
- **Tuesday 30th July**: Grade 3/4 Hooptime
- **Wednesday 31st July**: Planet Ark Schools Tree day
- **Thursday 1st August**: Australian Mathematics competition Grades 3 - 6
- **Monday 5th August**: Book Club orders due online by 3pm.
- **Monday 5th - 7th August**: Grade 5 Sovereign Hill camp
- **Wednesday 14th August - Friday 16th August**: Wakakirri
- **Monday 9th - 11th September**: Grade 3 camp - Phillip Island

**PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:**

- **Friday 19th July**: Grade 5 Sovereign Hill camp
- **Friday 19th July**: State School Spectacular
- **Monday 22nd July**: RoboCup - Ballarat competition

**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

We hope you had a fantastic and enjoyable holiday with your family. We have many exciting things happening this term including: State School Spectacular, Grade 3 camp, Planet Ark Day, Grade 5/6 Film Festival, Prep – 2 swimming and lots more! It certainly is going to be a very busy and exciting term at our school.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all the parents who made appointments to meet and discuss their child’s progress at our parent teacher interview evenings. This is always a very valuable opportunity for teachers to share information regarding their students’ academic progress and for families to develop strong partnerships with school. Our teachers are very proud of their students and it is an opportunity to reflect on the quality teaching and learning programs we provide for our students. Encouraging children with a positive, supportive approach when discussing their progress and assisting them in setting and achieving realistic learning goals is important in their personal development and self-confidence. Parents are a vital link in the education and success of their children. Showing that you are interested in their learning sends a very positive message to your child.

DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER

Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather: Warm coats, jumpers, hats and gloves, if necessary. We like the children to go outside every day, but we want to make sure that each student keeps warm. Be sure to label the student’s clothing in the event of something going missing!

CHESS

Our Chess program starts again on Monday 22nd July during lunchtime from 1pm to 2pm. If you would like your child to participate, please sign them up via the Kids Unlimited website link: https://ku.zone/explore
The cost to participate is $120 for the term.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our Prep, Grade One and Grade Two teachers have all reported that the swimming program has started very well with lots of enthusiastic students enjoying their first two lessons. Learning to swim is a very valuable life skill and one which can save lives.

ART COMPETITION

The Threatened Species Children’s Art Competition is open for kids aged 5-12 in Victoria, and classes can submit either individual artworks or group artworks. Submissions are open until the 2nd of August, and teachers or parents can submit their students’ works through our website here: https://hsi.org.au/artcomp/category/how-to-enter. Each child can choose and research a threatened Australian species, then create a drawing or painting of it with an accompanying short explanation of their work. Forty finalists will be chosen for a 5-week exhibition in the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria in Melbourne, with winners announced on September 7.

We will also offer some fantastic prizes for winners and runners-up in different age categories: 5-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds, 11-12 year olds; and special prizes for Best Local Species Entry, Most Unusual Entry, Best Plant Entry, Best Group Work Entry, Best All Abilities Entry and Best Written Explanation. Prizes range from art supplies, toys and books to memberships, passes and workshops. Some of the entries will be posted on Facebook as they come in at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/289862308022985/. For further information, please follow the link on the flyer attached to the newsletter.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

THREATENED SPECIES CHILDREN’S ART COMPETITION

Children 5-12 years in Victoria are invited to create an artwork on a threatened Australian plant or animal to submit online between June 3 and August 2.

Finalists’ works will be announced in August and hung in an exhibition in September 2019.

WIN...
great prizes including gift cards, art supplies, books, passes
AND MORE...

HOW TO ENTER

1. RESEARCH
Choose ONE threatened Australian animal or plant and find out more about it - local species are encouraged! Visit our website to get started.

2. CREATE
Create your own work of art depicting that species or why it is threatened. It can be a drawing, painting or mixed media work. Sculpture, photography and video works can’t be accepted.

3. REFLECT
Write a short reflection (50-150 words) of what inspired you to create your artwork. This will help the judges understand more about your work.

4. SEND
Ask a parent or teacher to help you make a clear digital copy of your artwork and submit it along with your reflection through our website.

BEST ENTRIES WILL BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK AND FINALISTS WILL BE FEATURED IN AN EXHIBITION IN SEPTEMBER

For more information go to:
Humane Society International, PO Box 439, Avalon NSW 2107
Please see the Parent Portal for the permission notice regarding this year’s exciting Berwick Lodge PS 2019 Literature Festival, linking with the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week Theme of; ‘Reading is my SECRET POWER!’

Berwick Lodge Primary School
‘Reading is my SECRET POWER’
2019 Literature Festival
July 29th - August 27th

Sue de Genarro
George Ivanoff
Mark Carthew
Andrew Plant
HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADORS REPORT:

On Thursday 27th of June we went to Yellingbo Nature Reserve to see the Helmeted Honeyeater. We saw 14 Helmeted Honeyeaters in the wild which is a new record. On the day we saw the feeding stations. A feeding station is where the Helmeted Honeyeaters can get their supplementary feeds. They feed them wombaroo which is like a nectar. They give them extra feed in case there isn’t enough in the wild. Some of the trees and shrubs in their habitat are the Manna Gum, Swamp Gum, Wattles and Prickly Currant Bush. Baby bats live behind the bark of the Manna Gum and if you hold out your hand, they are the size of your palm.

We saw a wombat burrow and a yabby burrow. We also learnt that the seeds of the wattle tree are covered in a fatty nutrient that the ants like to eat. Once the ant has eaten the fatty nutrient, they bury the seed so that other ants don’t get confused and it grows and new tree. There is a man named Bruce, he is an ornithologist, and studies birds. If there are any birds that are injured he takes them to Healesville Sanctuary animal hospital. Each of the birds has its own unique identity bands on their legs.

The Helmeted Honeyeaters like to stay in the sun because with the yellow tuft, predators can’t see them well in the sun. At the feeding station multiple birds came down and tried to eat food that wasn’t there. There was a creek and a swamp, both are vital for the survival of the bird. There is now an exotic weed called water weed and once it has been planted it travels through the water and it can’t be stopped. It clogs all of the waterways and also takes up space for native plants such as the water ribbon. These grow in the Helmeted Honeyeaters habitat.

We are going to put a question box in the BER, 5/6 Building and the front office. If you have any questions about the Helmeted Honeyeater, please write them down and put them in the box. Include your name and grade and we will try to answer these at assembly.

Written by the 2019 Ambassadors: Tess, Cooper, Faith and Felix

PLANET ARK DAY: WEDNESDAY 31st JULY

Our school will be participating in Planet Ark Day again this year. We will be holding our Planet Ark Schools day on Wednesday 31st July with different activities organised at school including planting plants, seeds and learning about the environment. The Junior School Council have organised a dress up day for this day and students are encouraged to wear green or make a costume from recycled materials.

The City of Casey have a planned Planet Ark Tree planting community day for Sunday 28th July. See details below:

Activity: National Tree Day City of Casey Community Planting Event
Date: Sunday 28 July 2019
Time: 10am to 12pm (followed by a free celebratory lunch)
Location: Bayview Park, Closest Entry is via Kurrill Park Entrance, Brundrett Road Narre Warren.

Parking- Buses will shuttle participants to and from planting site Timbarra P-9 College 159/197 Parkhill Dr, Berwick, Parking entry gate is off Beldale Court (Mel Ref:110 J3) encouraging participants to carpool if possible. Limited parking may be available on Brundrett Road.

Mel Ref: 108K11 RSVP: COB Wednesday 24 July 2019
(Please RSVP via https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10021069)
Botanical Gardens, Cranbourne: Growing Friends Winter Plant Sale

Is there a plant growing in the Australian Garden that has caught your eye?

Come along and select from a range of varieties. A list of available plants will be shared online one week before the sale at rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au

When: Sat 27 & Sun 28 Jul, 10am – 4pm, drop in anytime

Where: Australian Garden, near the Kiosk, Cranbourne Gardens

WANTED/DONATIONS:

- Do you have any unwanted toy dinosaurs? We would like to put a tub of dinosaur toys into the Sensory Garden dinosaur discovery area. Please leave donations at the office.
- 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.

Happy Gardening,

Mrs. McCrum.
What is Wakakirri?
Each year hundreds of schools across Australia create Story-Dances for Wakakirri that reflect student’s thoughts, ideas and aspirations. These stories are performed in professional theatres in front of the official ‘Wakakirri Panel’ who are searching for ‘Story of the Year’. A Wakakirri Story-Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a group of students who theatrically tell a story using a combination of dancing, creative movement and acting to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story and use any combination of dance, acting, music, sets, props and costumes. The possibilities are endless!

The aim of Wakakirri is to teach students about themselves and others through the creating and sharing of stories and by this process develop students’ educational outcomes, lifestyle choices and community awareness.

What is our story about?
This is an ANZAC story of triumph, loss and solidarity. Come with us on two emotional journeys from Melbourne’s iconic MCG to the war-torn battle grounds of Gallipoli. Our story hopes to depict the importance of yearly sporting events and to never forget the courage, hope and mateship the Australian soldiers showed in such significant times in our history.

We are performing on Wednesday 14th of August 2019 at Frankston Arts Centre along with many other schools from our area.

If you are interested in coming along, you can purchase tickets via Frankston Arts Centre box office Ph 03 9784 1060 – $36 (Public on sale date: 22nd July)
Kool Kidz Narre Warren is a purpose-built Early Learning, Childcare and Kindergarten facility that provides a safe, fun and exciting environment to explore, learn and grow in for children aged 6 weeks to 6 years.

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Wednesday 14 August 12.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Thursday 15 August 1.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Friday 16 August 8.00 am – 3.00 pm

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Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE
ACE Foundation runs **FREE** homework study classes for all Year 6 – Year 12 Monday – Thursday 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm at Thompson Road Clinic.

From Term 3 a new supervised homework study centre under the ACE Foundation banner, will be opening at Aspire 4/37B Fordholm Road Hampton Park

It’s a wonderful opportunity for students who are finding it hard to get to us in Cranbourne to attend Hampton Park

At this stage they will be providing **supervised** homework classes with basic assistance

These classes provide a safe and comfortable environment for students to study with basic tuition need. Both (Cranbourne & Hampton Park) facilities include heating / cooling / free internet / printing & afternoon snack and will be a great asset for parents and students that cannot always work on homework together

Classes will be held on Tuesday 1.30 pm – 6.00 pm