CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

MAIN CAR PARK USAGE UPDATE
I’m pleased to report that we have a temporary solution for this most frustrating issue, that being the unauthorised use of the main car park by parents picking their children up after school. This week I commenced patrolling the car park entrance from 3.00pm until 3.35pm to ensure that only authorised personnel could access the car park. So far so good. Andrew Stevens, one of our parents offered to assist me in this task as he is available to do so on two days per week. Unsurprisingly, I happily accepted his offer. In the longer term, however, this strategy is unsustainable and we are exploring other options such as boom gates and the like. School council will be considering all options at our forthcoming meeting and I will keep you informed.

AUGMENTED REALITY (AR) PROJECT
Last week Manjeet Singh, Deakin University Researcher and I presented our school’s work in the use of Augmented Reality (AR) to promote student engagement in their learning at The Educator’s Leaders Summit at Crown, Melbourne. Our audience was comprised of school leaders from across Australia. Our project is the culmination of several year’s work which commenced with our ‘Bridging Curriculum’ initiative aimed at providing a better educational pathway for kindergarten children to primary school. Briefly, our team of writers, Robert Kelly, Liz Symonds (our community participation coordinator) and I wrote a young children’s book, titled, ‘Hettie and Harry’s Forest Adventure’ — a story book focused on the protection of our environment. With the support of Manjeet Singh and Deakin University, a number of AR characters were created, all of which bring the book to ‘life’ for the children. Early indications are most impressive that AR does improve student engagement in their reading. With AR being in its infancy in use in schools, we are leading the way in exploring how it can be best utilised to promote student learning (via improved engagement), all the more so given that current research indicates that for all the money being spent on digital technologies in schools worldwide, it is difficult to find justifiably significant learning gains. This is another of many instances over the life of our school whereby we can all be very proud of our achievements and contribution to student learning, both for our students and systemically.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. What do you take into account in deciding when to have a wet day timetable?
A. The main criterion is whether it is actually raining. We also take into account other weather factors as the temperature, wind chill factor and level of surface water on the ground.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Beware the perennial acknowledger!’

Henry Grosselk

Book Club orders

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

Thursday 1st August  
Prep - 2 Swimming make up session

Friday 2nd August  
Australian Mathematics competition Grades 3 - 6

Saturday 3rd - 11th August  
100 days of prep celebrations

Monday 5th August  
Grade 5/6 Singapore visit

Monday 5th - 7th August  
Book Club orders due online by 3pm.

Wednesday 7th August  
Grade 4 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens

Wednesday 7th August  
School Leaders day

Wednesday 14th August  
Wakakirri

Monday 19th August  
District Basketball

Monday 9th - 11th September  
Grade 3 camp - Phillip Island

Monday 16th September  
Grade 5/6 Film Festival - Frankston Art Centre

PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:

Thursday 1st August  
Grade 4 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens

Monday 5th August  
School Leaders day

Wednesday 14th August  
District Basketball

Friday 23rd August  
Grade 3 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.
LITERATURE FESTIVAL

George Ivanoff, a well-known children’s author launched our Literature Festival on Monday. He worked with the grade 3-6 students during the day and also spoke to staff after school. George has written many books and his ‘choose your own adventure’ books are very popular. To find out more about George and his stories, please follow the link: [http://georgeivanoff.com.au/](http://georgeivanoff.com.au/)

A BIG THANK YOU to Mr Carthew for organising our Literature Festival. Over the next 3 weeks we will have other authors including Andrew Plant, Mark Carthew (our very own grade 4 teacher) and Sue De Genaro working with our students. We also look forward to our Book Week Dress Up day later in August.

HOOP TIME BASKETBALL – GRADE 3-4

What a fantastic day our grade 3/4 students had on Tuesday at Hoop Time Basketball. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and their behaviour was outstanding. Congratulations to our grade 6 students who coached the teams on the day, they were wonderful mentors and role models. We had one team make it all the way through the day and win the grand final. This was a wonderful achievement. They will now progress to the next stage of the competition. Congratulations to Miss Craig for organising yet another successful day! It is always lovely when parents and members of the community go out of their way to let us know about the outstanding behaviour of our students when representing our school. Well done to everyone involved and to the parents who came on the day to support the teams.

PLANET ARK NATIONAL TREE DAY

On Wednesday this week, the sun was shining and we acknowledged Planet Ark National Tree Day with a variety of planting activities across the school. Activities included planting in a recycled paper pot, class hot houses, and the Community and Sensory Garden spaces. A very BIG THANKYOU to Berwick Toyota for supporting the day and providing 100 seedlings, some promotional tops and gloves. Some of the grade 3-4 garden club students planted the plants in the Sensory Garden. A BIG THANKYOU to Bunnings Fountain Gate for supplying seeds and potting mix. The students and teachers had a great day. If your child has brought home a recycled paper pot with seeds, this can be planted directly into the garden. Encourage your child to look after the plant and water regularly.

100 DAYS OF PREP

Tomorrow, our Prep students will celebrate being at school for 100 days. They are encouraged to dress up like someone who is 100 years old. The Prep teachers have planned a whole range of activities for our students to enjoy throughout the day. Congratulations to our outstanding Prep team for their ongoing excellent teaching programs and for setting up the students to have the best start at school. We look forward to hearing all about the wonderful day!

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our Prep, grade 1 and 2 swimming program concludes today. Well done to all of the prep, one and two students who have participated in the swimming program. There has been lots of positive feedback from all involved and lots of smiles on children’s faces!
SINGAPORE
We have thirteen very excited grade 5/6 students who will be heading off to Singapore on Saturday! The biennial trip to Singapore began in 2011 and has proven to be a very educationally valuable experience for all involved. The students will spend time at Tampines Primary School, participate in family visits, be involved in the Singapore National Day celebrations and explore the many and varied sights of Singapore, such as Sentosa Island and Singapore Zoo. The itinerary is jammed packed with fun, cultural, engaging experiences. Miss Maskery will be leading the way, along with Mrs Zammit, Mr Pryor and Miss McArthur. There will be daily updates on the school blog, to keep everyone updated on their adventures.

GRADE 5 CAMP
Our grade 5 students are off to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat on Monday for their 3 day camp. As a part of their Australian History unit they learn about the gold rush and the history of early Australia. We look forward to hearing all their stories when they return.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

TOPIC 2: PERSONAL STRENGTHS:
Children and young people need a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. This topic provides learning activities to build this vocabulary and to use it when discussing personal, social and ethical challenges. Research in the field of positive psychology emphasises the importance of identifying and using individual strengths. Social and emotional learning programs which use strength based approaches promote student wellbeing, positive behaviour and academic achievement. Lessons may include building strengths through cooperative games, exploring what it feels like when they have to do something they are afraid of and exploring what every day bravery looks like.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery.
THANK YOU!
Thank you to all the families who have generously donated toys, dinosaurs and yoga mats. At this stage we have plenty! If we require other items, I will put the request in future newsletters.

PLANET ARK DAY – WEDNESDAY 31st JULY
What a beautiful, sunny day we had for Planet Ark National Tree Day. Some of the garden club students planted plants in the Sensory Garden. A very BIG THANKYOU to the JSC for organising a fantastic dress up day to highlight the environment and recycling. Well done to all of our JSC reps.

Each year, Planet Ark National Tree Day publish reports about our interactions with the environment and in particular, trees. To read the report, please follow the link: https://treeday.planetark.org/research/

Happy Gardening,
Mrs. McCrum.
On the 26th of July, 3 teams represented Berwick Lodge Primary School for this year’s RoboCup competition. The teams from the school were led by Mr. Kelly, Ms. Cadman and Mr. Pryor. The competition was held in a school in Ballarat.

The RoboCup competition was an eye opener. It was where many schools got together to compete in maneuvering their EV3 robots through a course. The robot was to follow a pathway to reach a chemical spill area, the robot was programmed to push away the can that was causing the spill.

After every round, the judges added more tiles to make the course more challenging. The teams were all scored on speed and accuracy.

There were two Riley Rescue teams. One of the teams was called the RoboCrushers. There were 5 people in the team. Elijah and Abanoub who were the engineers helped to build the EV3 robot. Jolene and Rachael were the programmers, they coded the logic to navigate the course. Aarav, who was the manager helped all of his teammates and made sure everyone was doing their part.

The other team was called Riley Rescue stars. There members consisted of Kendra, Ari, Chenul, Mahdi and Tashia. Each member were all rounders, taking turns in coding, designing, building and problem solving. Their team work and communication resulted in doing really well and completed the course each round. In the end, team RoboCrushers won 3rd place!
The soccer team had their own design brief - 2 EV3 robots were allowed on the platform at any one time. The striker's job was to follow the ball and kick the goals and the goalie's job was to block the shots.

Navish programmed the robot to play soccer. Michael, Mannat, Baran, Skye and Navish built the robot. The soccer team did really well and tried their best under pressure. It was nerve wrecking for all school teams as they awaited the judges’ scores. Eventually, they came in 5th! Unfortunately, the soccer group was only one goal away from the semifinals!

Here are some learnings we had as a whole team;
- we learnt to work with different personalities as everyone has different strengths and when we work together on something we are passionate about, our strengths shine through and work!
- we are better at team work and that its not always about doing it by yourself, it's about communication and working together.
- Communication is key when problem solving in teams.
- Always believe in yourself and never doubt your capabilities.

Thank you Mr. Kelly, Ms. Cadman and Mr. Pryor and the RCJA people for helping on the day.

GREAT JOB ROBOCUP TEAMS!

Written by: Rachael 5C and Navish 6C
Matific competition

Our school is registered!

Matific, an online primary maths resource, is giving schools all over Australia and New Zealand the chance to win over $25,000 in cash and prizes! As part of our free trial, we are lucky enough to be eligible to join this competition.

The Matific Games “warm-up” starts on August 6 and gives schools enough time to be prepared for the main competition commencing on August 13 and concluding August 15, 2019.

For us to be in the running to win, simply log in to Matific (students have their own login details) and collect stars. Points are awarded to schools with the highest number of stars per student; this means all schools will be competing on a level playing field.

Matific has proven to help improve students’ math test results by 34%, so please help your child improve their math skills while helping our school work towards the chance to win a great prize!
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

George Ivanoff
Mark Carthew
Sue de Genarro
Andrew Plant
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)
School Banking encourages children to save a little money each week (any amount) into their Youthsaver account, helping them learn about the value of money and develop a good saving habit. **School banking is done every Tuesday.** This term the Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring and Scratch Art Cards are available plus the rewards in Term 1 & 2 are also still available. Please contact your nearest Commonwealth Bank if you would like to create an account for your child.

### 2019 Polar Saver rewards

(two released each term, available while stocks last)

**Term 1**
- Scented Stackable Highlighters
- Snowy Origami Set

**Term 2**
- Yeti Fluffy Notebook
- Icicle Slapband Ruler

**Term 3**
- Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- Scratch Art Cards

**Term 4**
- Water Skimming Bounce Ball
- Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers
SCIENCE IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2019
10AM–4PM
Coolart Wetlands and Homestead
Lord Somers Road, Somers VIC 3927

Free hands-on science activities for all ages to celebrate National Science Week

Q&A WITH NASA SCIENTIST, DARLENE LIM
Renowned NASA geobiologist Dr. Darlene Lim will talk about her research in extreme earth environments and participate in a live Q&A. Dr. Lim leads several research programs focused on blending field science research with the development of capabilities and concepts for future human spaceflight into deep space and Mars.

ART-SCIENCE EXHIBITION
The ‘Mission Control’ exhibition will run at the Coolart Homestead, featuring artworks from research students at Swinburne’s Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing, and artists from Mount Burnett Observatory.

ECO TOURS AND HANDS-ON SCIENCE ACTIVITIES
A number of local science organisations will be there too – including Parks Victoria, EPA Victoria and Birdlife Mornington Peninsula – sharing information on their latest projects.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS (NEW!)
A free shuttle bus will run throughout the day to take visitors to and from their cars in the Somers area.

It’s certainly a day for all nature enthusiasts, young and old.

→ SWI.NU/NATSCIWK2019
Welcome back to Term 3, can you believe how quickly this year has flown by? We are ready to kick start an even bigger and better second half of the year working within your school community. We know how busy yet fulfilling being a parent can be, and we want you to know we are here to help make your life a little easier.

This Term, we will be celebrating National Science Week from the 12th to the 16th of August. This event is about generating curiosity around technology and science in the world we live in today. To ensure your child doesn’t miss out on all the fun, we suggest making your bookings in advance. You can visit our friendly staff at your service to find out more information on what they will have planned for National Science Week.

We have some exciting changes to our menu at After School Care as we have included some new recipes in our program some of them being pancakes, fruit crumble, and mini pizzas. We are also in the process of changing our room around to include a technology play table and a dinosaur play area. We are looking at the addition of creating a quiet relaxation area and also bringing in some music and dance for those who love music!

We have so much to discover and enjoy at before and after school care not to mention as well how good our competitions have been going producing great drawings and Lego creations with small prizes being awarded. Our up and coming competition is a painting one – again with a younger and older grades categories. I look forward to seeing you there.

Not yet Registered? Don’t worry, it’s never too late. Plus, it’s FREE to register.
To attend our care, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Remember, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy, visit www.mygov.com.au to find out more.

Program Details

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