VISIT BY TEACHERS FROM ENGLAND
Beth Schofield and Sarah Gillard, teachers at Greenacre School, Barnsley, England visited our school as part of their month long study tour of schools in Australia. Greenacre is a special school educating children and young people aged 3-19 with severe and complex needs. They have 350 students with 220 staff members. It was a pleasure meeting with Beth and Sarah, and as always a valuable opportunity to share ideas and experiences.

INTERNATIONAL GUEST STUDENTS
For the past two weeks we have been hosting brothers, ZI Jun Hu (Aaron) and ZI Rui Hu (Jack), both year 3 students from China. Aaron and Jack are attending our school under the auspices of the DET International students program.

AUGMENTED REALITY PROJECT UPDATE
Further to our already exciting developments in this area, Deakin University have indicated that they are keen to produce a documentary film on our Forest Classroom (AR) project as part of their ongoing partnership with our school. This is very heartening news as our endeavours in this field are gaining public traction. We will be trialling our AR Book across our P-2 Area in the coming months as we extend our project (with the aim of enhancing student engagement) in partnership with Deakin University.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DET DEPUTY SECRETARY
Our DET Secretary, announced earlier this week, the appointment of Dr David Howes to the position of Deputy Secretary, Schools & Regional Services. Dr Howes replaces Bruce Armstrong who resigned from the position earlier this year. He is currently the CEO of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), a position he has held for the past two years. David began his career as a teacher in the western suburbs of Melbourne and has held a variety of educational leadership roles both domestically and internationally during his career. The major focus of Dr Howe’s portfolio will be lifting student attainment in schools.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)

Q. What sort of school is Casey Tech School?

A. Well, it’s not a technical school as we understood them to be in years gone by. Rather it is high-technology, maths/science/technology school that caters for over 23,000 students from a large number of local partner secondary schools. The school opened in October 2018 and is already making a very positive mark on the educational opportunities for local secondary students. Director, Ben Jenkinson explained to me that on a recent Lumat Symposium in Finland, at which he co-presented with Robbie Philpott from Bendigo Tech School, the Finish educational authorities were very highly impressed with the new Tech School initiative now being introduced in Victoria by the Andrews Government.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

‘It’s not so much whether the glass is half full or half empty, but rather the nature of its contents that matter.’

Henry Grossek

WAKAKIRRI

Australia’s Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools

Our school will be participating in the 2019 Wakakirri performance on Wednesday 14th August at the Frankston Art Centre. If you have purchased a ticket(s) through the school, they will be sent home with your child on Monday 12th August.

We have 75 students attending this exciting event and they will travel from school to Frankston by bus. All participating families were sent an email on Monday 5th August regarding collection details and parent helpers. Can you please advise these details via email by Monday 12th August so we know your child will be safely collected.
DIARY DATES:

Saturday 3rd - 11th August  Grade 5/6 Singapore visit
Wednesday 14th August  Wakakirri
Monday 19th August  District Basketball
Thursday 22nd August  Helmeted Honey Eater Ambassador visit #2
Monday 26th August  Grade 1/2 Hooptime
Monday 9th - 11th September  Grade 3 camp - Phillip Island
Monday 16th September  Grade 5/6 Film Festival - Frankston Art Centre
Monday 21st - 23rd October  Grade 4 camp - Forest Edge

PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:

Monday 12th August  Wakakirri parent helper & collection details via email
Wednesday 14th August  District Basketball
Wednesday 14th August  Grade 4 camp deposit
Tuesday 20th August  Helmeted Honey Easter Ambassador visit
Tuesday 20th August  Grade 1/2 Hooptime
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.
LATE ARRIVALS
At Berwick Lodge we value punctuality. Students are expected to be lined up outside when the bell rings at 9.00am. We understand that students can be occasionally late due to unforeseen circumstances, but students should not be regularly late. Arriving late to class is disruptive and means the child arriving late misses important instructions or lessons. Students arriving after 9.15am need to be signed in at the office. We ask you kindly to ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

100 DAYS OF PREP
Last Friday the prep children celebrated their 100 days of Prep. The students have been marking off the days all year and finally the 100th day arrived! The students dressed up as if they were 100 years old and enjoyed celebrating with their friends. The parents had the opportunity to view their amazing ‘100 things’ project and these had many interesting items including feathers, beads, Lego, pegs, butterflies all of which added up to 100. It is amazing how much you can learn in 100 days and we are very proud of the children’s achievements, so far.

PARENTLINE
Parenting is not always easy. From time to time, all families can benefit from extra support. Parentline is a Department service. Parentline is a confidential and anonymous phone counselling service for parents and carers of children and teenagers in Victoria. We offer counselling, information and support around a range of parenting issues. A qualified and professional counsellor will be available to:
• discuss any issues that impact on parenting and parent/carer-child relationships
• assist with developing strategies for positive parenting and personal coping
• promote and contribute to the resilience and wellbeing of families
• support the linking of families with their local community resources and services.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP – MONDAY 19th AUGUST
As a part of our Literature Festival, we are inviting all students to dress up as their favourite book character and celebrate book week. At our Monday morning assembly, parents will be able to see some of these fabulous costumes and we look forward to reading some wonderful stories!

GRADE 4 EXCURSION TO CRANBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDENS
Yesterday our grade 4 students enjoyed a wonderful excursion to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. They learnt about the culture and history of aboriginal people and also the bandicoots who live within the gardens. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all. Thank you to our parent helpers who assisted on the day.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS
Topic 3: Positive Coping.
Learning activities in this topic provide opportunities for students to identify and discuss different types of coping strategies. When children and young people develop a language around coping, they are more likely to be able to understand and deliberately utilise a range of productive coping strategies and diminish their use of unproductive coping strategies. Students learn to extend their repertoire of coping strategies and benefit from critically reflecting on their own choices and being exposed to alternative options. Activities introduce students to the concept of self-talk and practice using positive self-talk to approach and manage challenging situations. Positive self-talk is a key strategy for coping with negative thoughts, emotions and events. It is associated with greater persistence in the face of challenge, and can be learnt or strengthened through practice.

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GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP LUNCH

Yesterday two of our school captains attended a school leaders lunch hosted by Brad Battin, the liberal member for Gembrook. The lunch was an opportunity for the students to reflect on leadership and the qualities that make a good leader. It was also an opportunity for them to meet peers from other local schools. Both Ally and Ava were presented with a certificate from Brad.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery.
BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

THE 2019 FILM FESTIVAL

A MANSFIELD STUDIO PRODUCTION

Monday, 16 September 2019
Matific competition

Please remember to download the APP if using a tablet to play.

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!
We are very excited to share that the Australian Girls Choir are coming to our school to run a short workshop with girls from grades Prep to 6.

The workshop will outline advantages for joining the Australian Girls Choir and students will sing and take part in a small assessment. Each student will receive a short report and information about joining and enrolment information at the completion of the workshop.

A representative will be coming to our school on Friday 16th August 2019 at 1:30pm. If you are interested in your child taking part, please fill out and complete the notice that will be sent home this Thursday 8th August 2019.

This notice should be sent to the office via your child’s classroom teacher. If you have any questions or queries please speak with Miss Thomas the Performing Arts Teacher.
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
Teacher Aide Course Info Sessions

2 Info Sessions in Aug 2019

27 Aug (Tuesday) 9.30am
or
29 Aug (Thursday) 6.30pm

Berwick Lodge Primary
129-145 Mansfield St, BERWICK VIC 3806.

Need more information on the course, units, fees or career pathways. Join our trainers and course advisors as we share and answer your questions. This is a community initiative and everyone is welcome to join!

2 sessions will be held for your convenience, both sessions will cover same topics, so you may attend any one which suits your daily schedule, in the morning or evening.

Contact Liz (0411 020 220) or Vicky (0414 386 024) to confirm your seat for the info session. Register early as places are limited.

Qualify with a
Cert III in Education Support
(Classes held at Berwick Lodge PS)

Why be a Teacher Aide (TA)
A rewarding and stable career choice for a stay at home mum returning to work, or someone looking for child-friendly hours.

Rewarding work | Family friendly hours | Quick to qualify | Growth industry | Open doors to other opportunities

New classes at Berwick Lodge Primary*
(23 weeks / once-a-week / 100hrs placement)

Mornings
Fridays 18 Oct 2019 (9.30am - 2.00pm)
Thursdays 6 Feb 2020 (9.30am - 2.00pm)
Weekend Class Sep 2019 (9.30am - 2.00pm)

Evenings
Tuesdays 10 Sep 2019 (6.30pm - 10.00pm)

*A minimum of 10 students is required for a viable class.

Organised by:

Developing multi-skilled educational support work in our community

Course delivered by:

Register Your Expression of Interest & Book Online:
https://www.tamums.com.au
or Call: 0414 386 024 (Vicky)
Look what we have planned for National Science Week at your Outside School Hours Care service!

National Science Week is happening next week at your Before School Care / After School Care service at Berwick Lodge Primary School between the 12th and 16th of August.

We have worked hard to tailor our program around various science and technology activities, to meet the interests and needs of the children that attend our care.

Sound like fun? Check out our tailored daily program for National Science Week below:

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Join in the fun at our OSHC program today. Did you know it's free to register an account with us? To book in for National Science Week or for more information on our program, visit your school’s page at www.campaustralia.com.au

Furthermore, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – except National Public Holidays.

We look forward to exploring science with you and your family soon!

The Team at Camp Australia
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

What Are You Doing This Summer?
Girls and Boys
Ages 5+

JUNIOR OPEN DAY
Berwick City Cougars Baseball Club
Saturday 31st August
Saturday 7th September
10.30am

Tee Ball and Baseball
We Cater For All Experience Levels
Women’s Baseball
Ages 13+

Come On Down and Have a Go!
Cyril Molyneux Reserve
Mansfield Street, Berwick
Next to Berwick Lodge PS
BERWICKCITYCOUGARS.COM.AU
0481 863 436