PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SICKBAY STAFF APPOINTMENT
I am pleased to report that following a DET Recruitment Online process we have appointed Emily Dittman to our sickbay team. Emily will be working with Karen Tsekouras providing sickbay care for children. Karen supervises sickbay care Monday to Thursday and Emily will be doing so on Fridays. Emily replaces Samantha Shead who has resigned from the position for personal reasons. In welcoming Emily, our thanks are extended to Samantha for the excellent care she provided whilst in the role.

GOOD NEWS REGARDING TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN MANSFIELD STREET
Our school council president Jade Thomas deserves a big thank you for helping ease traffic congestion in Mansfield Street after school. Jade liaised with VicRoads and was successful in having the traffic lights sequence at the Mansfield Street/Highway intersection changed. From now on the turning sequence will be longer thereby allowing more cars to exit Mansfield Street and the traffic flow will improve. Well done Jade!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
Q. A lot has been written about increasing levels of anxiety in children lately. What can be done about this?
A. Yes, it has. There’s no quick-fix solution to this complex and increasing societal issue. I will provide links to some valuable information in the coming weeks.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Hope dissipates in the absence of ideas’

Henry Grossek
**DIARY DATES:**

- **Monday 19th August**: District Basketball
- **Thursday 22nd August**: Helmeted Honey Eater Ambassador visit #2
- **Thursday 22nd August**: Prep Drama Toolbox incursion
- **Friday 23rd August**: JSC School Disco
- **Monday 26th August**: Grade 1/2 Hooptime
- **Thursday 22nd August**: Prep Drama Toolbox incursion
- **Monday 26th August**: Grade 1/2 Hooptime
- **Wednesday 28th August**: Grade 2 Hands on Science incursion
- **Thursday 29th August**: Father’s Day stall
- **Monday 9th - 11th September**: Grade 3 camp - Phillip Island
- **Monday 16th September**: Grade 5/6 Film Festival - Frankston Art Centre
- **Thursday 12th September**: Footy Day Lunch
- **Monday 21st - 23rd October**: Grade 4 camp - Forest Edge

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**PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:**

- **Tuesday 20th August**: Helmeted Honey Easter Ambassador visit
- **Tuesday 20th August**: Grade 1/2 Hooptime
- **Tuesday 20th August**: Prep Drama Toolbox incursion
- **Thursday 22nd August**: Grade 2 Hands on Science incursion
- **Friday 23rd August**: Grade 3 camp
- **Wednesday 28th August**: Father’s Day stall
- **Friday 30th August**: Footy Day Lunch orders & money due into the office

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**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 would like to say a big welcome back to our grade 5 and 6 students who attended the Sovereign Hill camp and Singapore! It has been wonderful to hear about the many and varied activities and experiences shared.

LOST PROPERTY
Every term we accumulate a considerable amount of lost property. Many items are not labelled with the students name and we often cannot find out who they belong to. The Lost property baskets can be found in the main corridor, near the side exit doors. Property not claimed before term holidays will be donated to local charities or in the case of good quality school uniform put into our second hand uniform shop. Please check for lost property items regularly.

ANAPHYLAXIS
All staff attended an anaphylaxis refresher training on Monday afternoon. Food allergies can be severe, causing potentially life-threatening reactions known as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. Anaphylaxis is a generalized allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system (e.g. skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal and cardiovascular). A severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis always involves the respiratory and/or the cardiovascular system. An allergic reaction usually occurs within 20 minutes to two hours of eating even a small amount of the food, and can rapidly become life threatening. A reminder to all parents that children must not share food in school. Parents may bring in food treats to celebrate their child’s birthday, however this treat must be individually commercially packaged with the ingredients listed and distributed at the end of the school day.

LITERATURE FESTIVAL
Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. Throughout this week and next, the students will be immersed in the exciting world of literature, as part of the Literature festival, organised by Mr Carthew. All students in Prep-Grade 6 will have three author/illustrator experiences over the three weeks. These include, Andrew Plant, Sue De Genero and George Ivanoff. The students will continue to celebrate children’s literature in a variety of ways, as teachers highlight the fun and importance of reading.

BOOK WEEK - CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY – MONDAY 19th AUGUST
As a part of our Literature Festival and book week celebrations, on Monday 19th August, we hope to see all the children dressed-up as their favourite book character. Come and enjoy seeing the wonderful costumes at our morning assembly.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS
TOPIC 4: PROBLEM SOLVING
Problem-solving skills are an important part of the coping repertoire. The classroom program provides a number of learning activities to develop students’ problem-solving skills. The activities in the program assist students to develop their critical and creative thinking skills, and to apply them to scenarios exploring personal, social and ethical dilemmas. Within the classroom program, students recognise that problems are a normal part of life and they can learn to identify and name problems. Students recognise that there are solutions to problems. These skills are developed through games and activities.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
Tickets go on sale Tuesday 20th August 2019 through the Frankston Art Centre.
**PFA NEWS!**

What are the PFA doing for Term 3? Lots of fun things!

We’ve had a fantastic bunch of parents meet each week to help prepare for our Father’s Day stall, which will be held on Thursday 29th August in the school’s gym building between 9-11am. We’ve got some fun gift options for the stall this year. If you’re available, please come along and help at the stall on the day. Everyone is welcome and it’s a lovely way to meet other parents and help the students select a gift for their special person.

The PFA has also been helping the JSC make plans for a school disco. The disco will be held on Daffodil Day, Friday 23rd August during the school day. We’ll have parent helpers there to help decorate the gym, run some games and hand out prizes. Gold coin donation & all monies raised will go directly to Cancer Council. Please dress up in YELLOW to show your support for Daffodil Day.

Have you thought about being a part of the PFA? Curious about what it’s like? Our meetings are informal, run for less than 1 hour and you’re welcome to bring small kids or babies along. We’re a relaxed bunch, well organised and we enjoy working together to support the school. Feel free to ask me any questions or leave a message for me at the office and I’ll get in touch.

Cheers
Christine PFA President

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**BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY**

To celebrate book week we are having a dress up day on Monday 19th August. Join in on all the fun and come dressed as your favourite book character. Wally from Where’s Wally, Pig the Pug, Dog Man, Cat in the Hat, Fantastic Mr Fox... Which one will you choose?
Congratulations to our amazing Wakakirri team for their outstanding performance at Frankston Arts Centre yesterday! Students arrived at school eager to perform. They had a very long day from 12.30pm to about 9.30pm at night. Our students were the second school out of seven to perform. All our students performed with passion and represented our school phenomenally. They received a thunderous applause with excellent feedback from the judges. We came away with three special recognition awards including,

- Best Teamwork
- Best T-shirt Design
- Best Public Speaking

Our students were so well behaved during the whole event and should be proud of all their months of hard work, determination and enthusiasm! This has been an extraordinary event that we hope our students will cherish, as we certainly will as a school! Story of the year nominees will be released after all the Victorian performances have been completed and we look forward to seeing how our school will go. A big thank you to Miss Thomas for spearheading Wakakirri this year; for her vision, leadership, hard work and dedication! Thank you also to the whole Wakakirri team and parent helpers. Wakakirri couldn’t have happened without the help and support of these dedicated people!

THANK YOU!

Keep an eye out on the Performing Art’s display board in the corridor as we will be displaying our awards and photos from the event! #welovewaka
WAKAKIRRI WRAP!
My Adventures in Singapore
By Mannat K 6M

Let me start by saying, I had the BEST time ever in Singapore! What an adventure it was, with twelve of my peers! We journeyed over 7 hours to arrive in a country that is hot, humid and beautiful. When the school talked about taking students to Singapore, I felt that I needed to be a part of it because it sounded really interesting and fun. I have always wanted to go overseas, and I have always wanted to visit Singapore. My great grandpa was actually born there, and I have never been. My family, like my mum and dad have never even been there. So, I thought that I should go.

The packing was difficult because there was so much to pack and keep track of. I was so excited to get on the plane. I have been on a plane several times and I always enjoy it. This trip was no different except it was with my friends and teachers.

There is so much for me to share about regarding this trip, but I will focus on three highlights.

Firstly, my biggest highlight would have to be shopping! Singapore is amazing for shopping and very cheap as well! It was very hard to do souvenir shopping for my family and friends. We went to several markets and I bought most of my presents there. I bought myself a pencil case and a dream catcher keyring. Whenever I look at these things, I will be reminded about my trip to Singapore.

Secondly, I loved the Merlion on Sentosa Island. That was a fun day. We got to spend the whole day at Sentosa island, and we got to watch the Wings of Time show. It was very beautiful. There are some stunning photographs that our teachers took in the corridor of the school. If you have time, please come and have a look, there’s so much to see.

Thirdly and lastly, the food was delicious. We ate so much! Some of my favourites were the duck rice, noodles and also the dumplings. We smashed out about 100 of these in the first day! Literally 100 dumplings!

You can read more about our journey on our Singapore blog. There are also photos. Mr Pryor was pretty funny each day. It’s a good read. https://berwicklodge2singapore.global2.vic.edu.au/

I would highly recommend this trip to anyone in the future. I really did have the best time. I think that I grew as a person by being more independent and braver by travelling overseas on my own without my family. I learnt that it’s fun to learn about other cultures. I would like to thank my family for this opportunity and letting me go. I will never forget this amazing experience!
SINGAPORE 2019!
Our grade 5 students had a wonderful time at Sovereign Hill. Here are a some recounts from their time away at camp!

“I really enjoyed the gold panning because it was hard and easy at the same time to find all the gold in the lake. I found 8 pieces of gold!!! I also enjoyed going into the Red Hill mine because we saw little videos about how people on the inside found gold. I really enjoyed the camp and I learnt how it was like in the old mining days”. - Jolene 5W

“Camp was great! Everyone had so much fun and enjoyed it. I liked the Red Hill mine because it showed you what the mine was like in their time under the ground. I also liked the light show at night because it was fun and explained about the Eureka Stockade and it showed the history and what it was like. I liked gold panning because it was fun, but it was also really annoying at the same time. There was only a one in five chance of you getting gold! Camp was really fun, and I would highly recommend it to everyone who likes history”. – Jackson 5C

“The first day we got to camp, we headed down to the river and did gold panning. We got a talk on how to do it. Some of us found gold. I found 5 specs of gold!!! Then we headed up to main street and went to the candle dipping. They explained how to do candle dipping and said we could do it ourselves. I did on Wednesday, I made a yellow, green, orange, pink and purple candle. Then we browsed around. Then had to go back for dinner. Camp was wonderful because of all the new things I learnt and all the activities we did. The shows were amazing. I’ll have a lot of memories from camp” - Ruby 5K
GRADE 5 SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP
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
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 some topics, so you may attend any one which suits your day's 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.

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New classes at Berwick Lodge Primary*
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Mornings
Fridays 18 Oct 2019 (9.30am - 2.00pm)
Thursdays 6 Feb 2020 (9.30am - 2.00pm)
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Evenings
Tuesdays 10 Sep 2019 (6.30pm - 10.00pm)

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