PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

GRADE PLACEMENT REQUESTS
Thank you to parents who took the time to forward me their grade placement requests for their children. I certainly appreciated the level of detail that you provided with your requests. This has definitely been of assistance to us as we complete the grade placement process over the next two weeks. In saying this, however, our task has not been made easier in some respects due to the fact that I have received a total of 115 requests, with most citing more than 1, and up to 4 itemised requests within each overall request. Given that we take into account whole of school factors when structuring our grades, I have had no option but to prioritise many requests that contain multiple item requests in order to as best as is possible include parent requests with our whole school focus on having ‘balanced’ grades.

SCHOOL LOCKDOWN DRILL
This was most successful – and in saying so, as with all emergency drills, we discovered a few areas of improvement for future lockdown drills.

INSTALLATION OF BOOM GATE
I am pleased to report that we will be in a position to install an electronic boom gate to our main school car park for next year. This will certainly improve our current situation whereby a number of unauthorised vehicles regularly use the car park during school hours. The boom gate will be disabled out of school hours as our premises are used by a number community groups and service contractors require access also.

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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.

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#### PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC SIGN IN FACILITY

I am also pleased to report that we will be providing an electronic sign in facility next year. This is in keeping with modern practice utilising technology to best administrative advantage.

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

**Q. What happens on days of extreme heat?**

**A.** We have in place a hot day policy which, in effect, means that the children are on a reduced time outside during recess and lunch breaks.

#### QUOTABLE QUOTE

‘There’s a place for blissful ignorance – the hard part is finding it’

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PREP TRANSITION
This week we had the pleasure of meeting our 2020 Prep students when they visited the school for the first of their transition sessions. The children enjoyed working within a Prep classroom and listening to stories, singing songs and participating in some hands on activities. The parents had the opportunity to informally meet the Principal team and other parents. It was great to see so many happy students proudly wearing their ‘I’m enrolled at Berwick Lodge’ t-shirts. Our specialist team are looking forward to meeting our 2020 Preps over the next two weeks.

SUNSMART
Berwick Lodge is a registered Sun Smart school. We are committed to ensuring our students are protected from too much UV. Sun Smart recommends SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Teachers do not apply sunscreen for students, but we do support strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen themselves before heading outdoors. Please help support this message at home by:
☐ Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours
☐ Talk to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer
☐ Ensure your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practise so they will be all set to apply it safely at school
☐ Be a Sun Smart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check lost property regularly if your child has lost belongings. The bins are located at the side entrance of the main building. At the end of the term, any remaining items are donated to the local Opp. Shop.

FUN RUN
Our Fun Run which is organised by our PFA is on next Thursday 28th November. Please dress your child in appropriate clothing and apply sunscreen before they come to school. We look forward to a great event!

WANTED:
Do you have unwanted cutlery, teaspoons and forks which you no longer require? Donations can be left at the office.

AFTERNOON DELIGHT
We look forward to seeing many families tomorrow from 3.45pm at our ‘Afternoon Delight’. The event will be held on the grade 5/6 oval. Please bring a blanket and afternoon tea to share with your family as you enjoy listening to a variety of performances.

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**Myth:**
Respectful Relationships and the Safe Schools program are the same

**Fact:**
Respectful Relationships and Safe Schools are two very different initiatives. Safe Schools is about creating inclusive and safe environments for all students, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) students. Safe Schools seeks to prevent, and respond to discrimination against LGBTI students. Safe Schools is not part of the Victorian Curriculum. Respectful Relationships is part of the curriculum. It promotes respect and gender equality and helps students learn how to build healthy relationships.

**Myth:**
Respectful Relationships will ban fairy tales

**Fact:**
This is untrue. In schools, the Victorian Curriculum provides opportunities for students to read fairy tales as part of both the Languages and English Curriculum. In early childhood settings, Respectful Relationships will be offered as a voluntary professional learning program to early childhood professionals. The training encourages early childhood professionals to consider telling stories with a range of different characters in various professions and roles. This provides a diversity of role models for children – for example, female characters who are firefighters, male characters who are nurses. In fact, as educators reflect on whether there is balance in how genders and professions are represented in toys and books, it is likely that more books and resources will be added to provide balance and diversity in representation.

*Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery*
Art News - Congratulations!

Last Wednesday evening, November 13th, I was very proud to attend the Casey Creations Art Awards Night, presented by Casey Youth at Bunjil Place.

We had many of our students enter the competition, which was fantastic, however two of our student’s art works were chosen to be displayed and recognised.

Cooper Tyers in Grade 5K was awarded an Encouragement Award for his Acrylic Canvas and Aleisha Foot was awarded a Merit award for Photography, as well as winning first place for Photography.

Both these students presented themselves so well and it was a pleasure to have them represent Berwick Lodge in an official event. Cooper and Aleisha were awarded with certificates, given vouchers and had their work framed to take home, after it was on display for the evening.

The students were very proud, as were the parents, as are we here, at Berwick Lodge Primary School.

Congratulations again to Cooper and Aleisha and all the students who entered. Keep creating and smiling always

Jo Zammit
Visual Arts Teacher
The end of 2019 is quickly approaching, so to ensure that you receive your reward back before school finishes, our **LAST DAY** for student banking will be **Tuesday 3RD DECEMBER 2019**. If your child is in grade 6 and have gold tokens, please remember these cannot be transferred to siblings so make sure you order all rewards by the 3rd December 2019.

The 2019 Polar Saver rewards are still available EXCEPT the Yeti Fluffy Notebook as this has sold out.

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**BOOK CLUB ORDERS**

Book club orders CLOSE on Monday 2nd December at 3pm. Please place all orders **ONLINE** by this date in order to receive them before school finishes.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

The last day for borrowing books from the Library is Friday 6th December. **ALL BOOKS** must be returned by no later than Friday 13th December in order to complete our stocktake.
Get $50 on us for end of year gifts.

Group Gifting Made Simple

1. Create Group and invite parents
2. Collect Funds securely by card
3. Withdraw for free to your bank

To redeem this offer, start a collection with the class parents, open the group settings at the top right, and enter the code above.

10 members required to redeem. Terms & conditions apply. See payk.com.au for details.
Summer Holiday Club

Book into a Summer of discovery, right here at Holiday Club.

Helping children discover their passions in life is something we value at Holiday Club. Right here in our clubs we’ve got our future leaders. Our future scientists, actors, lawyers, CEOs, chefs, dentists and even Primo Ministers!

Discovery all starts with variety and exposure; and this Summer, we’ve got a jam-packed program with all kinds of activities. We’ve got active excursions, engineering projects, mindfulness incursions, cooking workshops and everything in between.

Engineering  
Cooking

Active Play  
Mindfulness

Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs.

We look forward to seeing you at Holiday Club.

The Camp Australia Team

Access any one of our 230+ Holiday Club locations Australia-wide. Near home, work or even your holiday destination!

Want more excursions? Maybe more club days? Pick any program near you, they’re all unique.

Avoid a late booking charge and save $10 by booking at least 7 days in advance. Plus, with limited space, spots fill up.

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Afternoon Delight

Come see our spectacular art work in our main school corridor.

From: 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

Date: November 22nd, Friday