HEAD LICE OUTBREAK
We currently have somewhat of a head lice outbreak at our school. Our First Aid Officer, Karen Tsekouras is conducting routine checks – Karen does head lice inspections across all grades once per term. In the current circumstances, I do suggest that parents check their children for head lice as well. If you notice that your child has head lice, appropriate treatment can be purchased from pharmacies.

MEDICAL ALERT: GASTRO OUTBREAK
A number of children have been sent home, having vomited and appearing to suffer from a form of gastroenteritis. This type of condition is highly contagious, mostly within the first 24 hours after vomiting. I recommend that, in seeking medical advice as to the nature of your child’s condition, that you keep your child home for 24 hours after a vomiting attack.

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)

Q. Why do we have job-sharing grades and sometimes composite grades?
A. Firstly, job-sharing grades, and we currently have five such grades, are a reflection of the changing nature of the workplace. The DET has in place, as do many workplaces these days, flexible workplace policies designed to best support staff who do, or wish to, work on a part time basis, most often in order to provide a better work/family life balance.

We have 27 fulltime teaching staff plus 7 part time teaching staff. In addition we have 3 fulltime education support staff plus 11 part time education support staff. In total we have 48 staff with 30 employed fulltime and 18 employed on a part time basis.

We have composite grades when our student enrolment numbers in any given year level do not allow us to create equitable grade sizes, in keeping with DET guidelines, and given that we are entitled to 25 classrooms whilst we have between 600 and 650 students.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘A well-balanced diet includes nourishment for the mind’

Henry Groszek

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 7th November  Grade 2 Moonlit Sanctuary excursion
Tuesday 12th November  Grade 5/6 Health & Human Development
Wednesday 13th November  Grade 5 CERES
Tuesday 19th November  Grade 5/6 Health & Human Development
Friday 22nd November  Afternoon Delight - from 3.45 - 5.30pm
Tuesday 26th November  Grade 5/6 Health & Human Development

PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:

Friday 1st November  Grade 2 Moonlit Sanctuary excursion
Wednesday 6th November  Grade 5/6 Health & Human Development
Friday 8th November  Grade 5 CERES
**MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER** is a Curriculum day and **no students are required at school.**

**TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER** - Melbourne Cup Day is a public holiday and **no students are required at school.**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**
On Monday 11th November we will be holding our Remembrance Day service as a part of our normal Monday morning assembly. Families are invited to attend the service.

**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.

**PREP TRANSITION – GARDEN ACTIVITY**
On Tuesday, we had an enthusiastic and excited group of kinder children participate in a garden activity and they planted their own seeds into a pot to take home. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the Community Garden. It was lovely working with our future Prep students and we look forward to meeting more of our Preps at the next transition activity which is story time in the library.

**PREP 2020 EYE (Early Years Evaluation)**
Over the last few days we have had the opportunity to work with many of our new Prep students who have completed the EYE assessment. The assessment is a snap shot and looks at cognitive development, language skills, fine and gross motor skills and an awareness of themselves. Parents receive an individual report and the information assists us in planning for student learning needs and possible areas for support when they start school. It has been lovely getting to know our new Prep students. The EYE assessments will be completed early next week.

**OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY**
Next Thursday, 7th November is outdoor classroom day. Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. On this day, thousands of schools around the world take lessons outdoors and prioritise playtime. Outdoor learning improves children’s health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity, but is central to children’s enjoyment of childhood. We look forward to spending some learning time outside.
RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Myth:
Respectful relationships education teaches boys to feel ashamed and girls to feel like victims

Fact:
This is simply not true. None of the activities in the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials teach students to feel ashamed, or feel like victims. Respectful Relationships promotes respect and equality and helps boys as well as girls learn how to build healthy relationships.

Myth:
The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials are not age appropriate

Fact:
The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials were developed by leading education experts, who tailored the materials to each year level from Foundation to year 12 and made sure all information is age-appropriate and grounded in evidence.

SAVE THE DATE: AFTERNOON DELIGHT 3.45pm to 5.30pm (approximately)
On Friday 22nd November, we will be holding our Afternoon Delight Picnic on the grade 1/2 oval. On the afternoon, there will be performances from students and the choir, an art show in the main school corridor and Zance. Families are encouraged to bring afternoon tea and enjoy celebrating the wonderful year we have had at Berwick Lodge!

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery

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.
HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADORS REPORT:
On Monday 28th October we went to Yellingbo for our third ambassador visit. We planted 250 trees and shrubs. We planted the plants into a reclaimed farming area. We went into the nursery for a quick look at the plants we planted last time. They had all grown. While we were there, we started talking about different types of plants we liked and wanted. Mel let us keep a plant each. My plant is a Melaleuca which I am going to make into a bonsai. We planted close to the end of our visit. We planted near a creek and it was very wet. The grass area was covered by black weed mat. The weed mat stops all the weeds from growing so the plants can grow. We found a dead skink. We left it in Mel’s car. We also found two live skinks. If we held our feet up, the skink would hide under our feet in the shade as it was quite hot. We used a Hamilton planter to dig a hole and then we put the plants in. On the way to get our drink bottles, we saw a giant hole in the fence which a wombat had dug under the fence. The area we were planting in was fenced so that the deer and kangaroos couldn’t get in and eat the plants. We enjoyed the visit and wished we could stay longer. We are looking forward to going to Healesville Sanctuary for our final excursion.

Photo: The 2019 Ambassadors: Tess, Cooper, Faith and Felix with Mel, the ambassador educator, holding the tubes from which the plants were growing in prior to planting.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER
Our school will be participating in Outdoor Classroom day again this year on Thursday 7th November. The day may include planting, learning outside, reading, games, maths activities and many other things. The outdoors is a great space to learn. Please talk to your child’s teacher to find out more.

GREEN LIVING FESTIVAL Saturday 16th November 10am – 3pm at Bunjil Place, Narre Warren
The City of Casey are holding a Green Living Day and everyone is welcome to attend. On the day there will be wildlife experiences, market stalls, talks, demonstrations, entertainment and you can even make your own pedal powered smoothies! Search ‘Green Living’ on the City of Casey website to find out more information.

BANDICOOT PROGRAM INCURSION
This week, our grade 4 students enjoyed a visit from Charlotte Fletcher, the Southern Brown Bandicoot Outreach Educator Officer from Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. The students learnt about the bandicoot and how to identify this species from the common rat. There were wonderful discussions around how to protect the bandicoots which live within our native environment.
HAVE YOU SEEN THE HUGE RED FLOWER IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN?
Currently in our Community Garden, we have an amazing Gymea Lily flowering. This is a huge, spectacular Australian native plant. Apparently it takes at least 8 years or more before it will flower. The plant was already established when we transplanted this within our Community Garden 5 years ago. We presume our plant is at least 8 to 10 years old. This is the first time it has flowered! You can see many examples of this plant at the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. Please wander through the Community Garden and look for the plant within the middle section of the garden, just past the bridges. The insects are loving the colourful addition to our garden.

COMMUNITY GARDEN BOXES BEING REPLACED
We are currently in the process of replacing our original garden boxes with more solid timber. This is a big job but will be fantastic when completed! We will then be able to start planting again!

Happy Gardening,
Mrs. McCrum.
WELFARE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Empasense Counselling is run by Cassie Eckard. Cassie holds a Master in Counselling (Monash University), she is fully insured and is registered with the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia. Cassie specialises in counselling children, teenagers and teachers. She originally trained as a teacher and taught in secondary schools for a few years before going back to university to study counselling. She has since undertaken further training in sand-play therapy, as well as art and play therapy for children.

Cassie has worked in a range of therapeutic settings, and is currently employed as a student counsellor at a P-12 school in the Yarra Valley. As a qualified teacher, Cassie has a unique understanding of the pressures faced by schools, and enjoys helping teachers and students alike. She currently consults out of Pakenham and Lilydale and offers in-school visits throughout the Cardinia, Casey and Yarra Ranges areas.

SERVICES

Counselling for children aged 5-18
- Individual sessions
- Tailored group sessions for targeted groups of children. E.g. resilience building, grief and loss, social skills etc.
- NDIS sessions for clients who self-manage.

Employee Assistance Programs (EAP)
- This is confidential, short term counselling provided to teachers and other staff members. This is funded by employers as part of improving staff wellbeing.
- Such services are of vital importance for teachers, who often suffer from stress, burnout, work/life imbalance and vicarious trauma from emotionally supporting their students.

Teacher debriefing and counselling (privately funded)
- Teachers can also access services privately for debriefing and general counselling.

Contact Cassie to arrange a meet and greet with your School Welfare Team today or visit the website for more information:
- www.empasense.com.au
- empasense@gmail.com
- 0448 368 750
Hoping to start the Friday class on the 25th October 2019 but we just need a couple more students to go ahead. Please contact Liz or Vicky on the below numbers if you’re interested in joining or would like further information.

Teacher Aide Course

Qualify with a Cert III in Education Support
(24 weeks / once-a-week / 100hrs placement)

Classes are held at
Berwick Lodge Primary School
139-145 Mansfield St, Berwick VIC 3806.

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

Supported by: Berwick Lodge Primary School
Organised & Community Project of: TAmums
Course delivered by: Eastern College Australia

Register Your Expression of Interest Online:
https://www.tamums.com.au/#register
or Call: 0414 386 024 (Vicky) or Liz (0411 020 220)
Lego Therapy Group

Parents can chat and share experiences with a CASS Committee member while their children work with a Qualified Speech Therapist on the Lego Brickmasters Social Skills Program. This group is aimed at children 7-11 years old.

Lego Based Therapy is a Play-based social skills intervention that aims to:
- Promote the development of appropriate social, communication and play skills
- Utilise children’s strengths to help develop areas of difficulty
- Develop effective problem solving skills including negotiation and compromise.

When: Sessions occur once per week across 8 sessions during term 4:

17/10/19 Thursday, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
24/10/19 Thursday, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
31/10/19 Thursday, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
07/11/19 Thursday, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
14/11/19 Thursday, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
21/11/19 Thursday, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
28/11/19 Thursday, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
05/12/19 Thursday, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Where:
Meeting Room 5, Level 2, Bunjil Place Library, 2 Patrick Northeast Drive Narre Warren

Cost: $100 per session, $800 total.
NDIS Funding is welcome.

Individual Feedback is provided weekly and a written summary report is provided at the conclusion of the term.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid missing out.
For Bookings please follow the link below to our Eventbrite Page:


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Monday 18th November 2019

3-7yrs  4.30pm - 5.30pm
8-10yrs 5.30pm - 6.30pm
11-13yrs 6.30pm - 8.00pm
26yrs+  8.00pm - 9.30pm

Tuesday 19th November 2019

14-17yrs 5.30pm - 7.00pm
18yrs+  7.00 - 8.30pm

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We'd love to see you there!!
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20% OFF*
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Discount applies ONLY to Beleza brand full retail priced items.
Shoes & Discounted items excluded. Some other exclusions apply.
BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY

WEP is looking for volunteer host families to host exchange students from countries including Italy, France and Belgium, arriving in Australia in July 2020!

If you have an interest in other cultures, we would love to hear from you! Remember, sometimes the greatest rewards in life come from doing things you never thought you would!

Contact WEP on 1300 884 733 for more information or email info@wep.org.au.

LAURA from Italy

Ciao from Italy! I am able to see the good in anything and anyone and I perceive every life event as a lesson. I love spending time outdoors, swimming, walking, participating in team sports, taking photos and meeting with my friends.

My family is relatively small, but we are very close. I respect and admire my parents. I can’t wait to meet my Australian family!

More profiles available at WEP.org.au/host