NEWSLETTER NO 40
12TH DECEMBER 2019

LAST DAY FOR TERM 4 - FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 2.30PM
FIRST DAY FOR TERM 1 - THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2020

LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN - FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019
FIRST DAY FOR CANTEEN - MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2020

INTRODUCTION OF Qkr!
I am very pleased to inform you that as from the commencement of next year, for your convenience, we will be introducing Qkr! - a free App that you can download and use to order and pay for your child’s lunch orders. This service is in addition to our existing cash payment method and if your prefer to pay by cash that is fine with us. Please note that at this stage the Qkr! App can only be used for the purpose of ordering and paying for student lunches. A detailed set of instructions on how to use Qkr! Is provided with this newsletter. Please don’t hesitate to contact our office staff should you have any queries or concerns.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)
Q. What’s the biggest change you’ve seen in education in your career?
A. I’ve been asked this question increasingly as my length of time in education has increased over the years. Its an interesting one, simply because so much has changed and yet so much is not dissimilar to when I started. Clearly the impact of technological change has been profound and that’s had a societal impact of which education is one strand. The commodification of education has certainly ramped up significantly and we can see that in the ever-increasing competition within and across education sectors. On a more micro level, there are many. Picking just one, does no justice to the kaleidoscope of changes that have swept through school education over my 50 plus years in teaching. That in itself is noteworthy of mention. Having said that – just one of many changes – school hours have been extended in a somewhat camouflaged way with the widespread introduction of before and after school care programs. Kids never came to school as early as 6.30am or left as late as 6.30pm years ago, unless they were getting to school early to catch a bus to some far away school camp or returning from such a camp, and there had been a hold up on the way back for some reason or other.

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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.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

QUOTABLE QUOTE

‘There’s a lot of shooting stars out there - and not just in the night sky’

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES:

Friday 13th December
Prep Chesterfield Farm excursion

Monday 16th December
JSC Craigcare Christmas visit

Tuesday 17th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Tuesday 17th December
Parent helper morning tea thank-you

Thursday 19th December
Grade 5/6 End of Year excursion - Casey Arc & Bowland

Friday 20th December
Grade 6 Graduation Bear/Ball

First day for term 1.
Grades 1 - 6 start time 9am to 3.30pm
Preps - start time is 9.15am - 12.45pm on the first day, then 9am to 2pm on Friday 31st January until Friday 14th February.

PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:

Friday 13th December
RSVP Parent helper morning tea thank-you

Friday 13th December
Grade 5/6 EOY excursion

Friday 13th December
JSC Craigcare Christmas visit
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Friday 20th December 2.30pm finish.

Parents are reminded that our last school day is Friday 20th December and school finishes at 2.30pm. Out of Hours School Care will operate from 2.30pm and students attending need to be booked in.

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY AND CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE – MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 9am

On Monday 16th December we will hold our final assembly for the year. Awards will be given out and we will have a celebration performance which includes a selection of songs performed by each level of the school. We welcome parents and families to attend this end of year celebration which will be held on the basketball courts from 9am. Students are encouraged to dress in Christmas colours for this special assembly.

STUDENT REPORTS

Our school reports will be available on the parent portal from 3.30pm on Friday 13th December. We hope families enjoy reading their child’s end of semester report and celebrate the progress made.

BOOK PACK COLLECTION

Book packs will be ready for collection from the school on Friday 24th January and Wednesday 29th January between 9am and 3pm. The office will be open to receive payments on these two days. Families are reminded that payment for their child’s requisites for 2020 should be paid prior to the commencement of the school year. A discount of $20 will be applied to the Essential Education Item component for all payments that are received in full by 28th February 2020 or to those families who commit to a payment plan by this date. Payments can also be made in a variety of ways. Information regarding this option is provided on the Student Requisite notice.

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA

We invite all parents who have assisted in our school in any capacity to our annual Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea on Tuesday 17th December from 11.15am to 12pm. Invitations have been sent home but if you missed yours, please come and join us in the gym on this morning. We look forward to thanking all of our families.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION

We wish all of our graduating grade six students every success at secondary school. We look forward to the graduation presentation on Tuesday evening at the Cardinia Cultural Centre where we have the opportunity to celebrate with the students and families.

ORIENTATION DAY

What a wonderful and smooth transition day our students and teachers had on Tuesday. We welcomed all of our new families and students to our school. The teachers enjoyed the opportunity to get to know their new grade and share some time working with their class of 2020.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property, which is laid out in the main school corridor, including school jumpers, hats, art smocks, and casual clothing and lunch boxes. Please come and have a look through this before Tuesday 3.30pm. Items that remain will be bagged and donated to a local Op shop.

FIRST SCHOOL DAY 2020

School resumes for all students on Thursday 30th January 2020. Grade 1 to 6 student’s start at 9am and our Prep students start at 9.15am.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
Medical forms will be going home to all students who have a known medical condition such as:

**ANAPHYLAXIS**  
**ASTHMA**  
**ALLERGY**

It's the department of Educations guidelines that these forms are completed within a calendar year, so families are asked to take these forms to their local G.P during the school holidays and return them to the office during book collection. **Can you please ensure all forms have a photo attached to them and the medication is given to the office prior to the commencement of school.**

All medication held in sick bay this year will be sent home with your child on the 20th December 2019, the last day of term 4. If your child is finishing school earlier than the 20th December, please call into the office to collect their medication.
2020 Parent Payment forms were sent home to all families on Monday 18th November 2019. We do encourage all families to complete and return these forms to the office by Friday 20th December 2019. You don’t need to pay in full by this date, just complete the paperwork so we know how and when you are going to pay. You have the option to pay in full if you wish or you can set up a fortnightly or monthly payment plan. In order to collect your book pack on the 24th or 29th January, we will either require full payment of the book pack or the first (1st) payment of your plan. There are several ways you can pay, cash, cheque, Eftpos, credit card, direct credit or Centrepay. If you have misplaced your payment plan, please all into the office for another copy.

Semester 2 school reports will be available online via the Parent Portal from 3.30pm, Friday 13th December 2019. To view your child’s school report, please log onto the Parent Portal, https://sentral.berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au/portal2

Your username is your email address & the password you would have created. To find reports, click on the menu tab, select your child’s name, click on Student Details and then click on “Published reports”

If your child is in grade 6 and leaving us at the end of term 4, please remember to save or print these reports as you will loose access to the Parent Portal from Mid January 2020.
Please return **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS** by no later than Friday 13th December in order to complete our stocktake. We currently have 273 books on loan that need to be returned so please remind your child to return them immediately!

Our Parent Helper Morning Tea will be held on Tuesday 17th December at 11:15AM in the school gymnasium. Invitations will be sent home today to families. If you don’t receive one, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher or call into the office. We would love to see as many of our families enjoying a cupcake and cuppa and its our way of saying thank you for helping throughout the year. Please complete the invitation RSVP form and return it back to the office by Friday 13th December so we can organise our catering.
I wish to thank our wonderful Helmeted Honeyeater ambassadors for the fantastic job they have done this year. Congratulations to Tess, Faith, Felix and Cooper who have been fabulous to work with and their passion for the environment and looking after the critically endangered species has been very commendable. On Monday, Mel, the environmental educator from the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater visited our school and together with all the students who applied to be an ambassador this year, we planted 100 indigenous plants into the grade 5/6 common room garden. This was a way to thank all students for their interest and applying to be an ambassador. All the plants planted can be found within the Helmeted Honeyeater’s natural environment. Our ambassadors interviewed Mel for the school radio program. The interview will be aired over this week and next. I look forward to working with another group of students in our ambassador program in 2020.

Happy Gardening, Mrs. McCrum 😊
How to set up Qkr!

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:
- Order and pay for your child’s lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in ‘Nearby Locations’ if you’re within 10km of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.
How to set up Qkr!

Add your children’s details in Student Profiles

Select ‘Add student profile’
Add each child’s details
Manage each child’s details in Student Profiles

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen
Tap the green tick to view your receipt or to cancel an order
Select a date for a child and order a meal
Tap ‘Repeat order’ to copy all paid orders from one week to the next
Tap to change the child you are ordering for
Tap to change the date you are ordering for
Tap ‘Checkout’ then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.
Pay with any cards accepted by the school.
Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.
How to set up Qkr!

**Bellbrook Catering Services**
ABN 17 001 250 508
95 A’Beckett Road NARRE WARREN NORTH 3804

Simply and conveniently order and pay for your child’s lunch online up to two weeks ahead.

A service provided at NO ADDITIONAL COST to parents or the school.

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**Qkr!**

- **Order meals**
  - Tap the green tick to view your receipt or to cancel an order.
  - Select a menu from our catalogue.

- **Making payments**
  - Add up to 5 cards to your wallet.
  - At checkout, select which card to pay with.
  - Pay with any cards accepted by the school.
  - Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page or view your receipt.

Instructions to download the Qkr App and begin ordering lunches, easily and conveniently, will be sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year.
How to set up Qkr!

Ordering from the Canteen
How to ensure that you have ordered correctly.

1. The dates you have ordered for will appear green on the screen with the date clearly displayed.

2. Select “View Receipt” to check the details of your purchase.

3. On the receipt check the date of delivery.

4. Previous 10 receipts can be found in ‘Activity’.

5. Select the three lines top left for Qkr settings.

6. Select ‘My Receipts’ for more history.

7. Select settings for more helpful functions.
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Southern Cleaning Co. is a local, bespoke cleaning company. Some of the services that we specialise in include house cleaning, spring cleaning, housekeeping, home organisation and much more. We pride ourselves in tailoring a package that best suits the needs of each individual household. If you would like any more information or to arrange a no obligation quote, please feel free to contact me.

Carla – 0474788532
southerncleaningc@gmail.com
Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Spring 2019 school holiday dates:
- Week 1: Mon 6th, Tue 7th, Wed 8th, Thu 9th January
- Week 2: Mon 13th, Tue 14th, Wed 15th, Thu 16th, January
- Week 3: Mon 20th, Tue 21st, Thu 23rd January
10am–4pm

Cost: $90.00 per day, or $250 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days). Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited
Dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the cafe.

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935
www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
Open daily between 10am and 5pm
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Moonlit Sanctuary
Keeper Club

Go wild these school holidays!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keepers Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingos and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper’s day!
For ages 7-14. Cost: $90

moonlitsanctuary.com.au | t. 5978 7935 | e. bookings@moonlit-sanctuary.com
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS - The TEEN Years -

FOR MUMS, DADS AND CARERS OF TEENS AND PRE-TEENS AGED 11+

RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOUR
Where’s the balance between rules and independence?

TECHNOLOGY USE, OR ABUSE?
Helping our teens to understand the difference

IS YOUR TEEN OFTEN ANGRY?
What’s happening emotionally, physically and socially with your teen?

STRATEGIES THAT WORK
Ideas to make navigating the teen years easier!

DATES: Monday evenings for 6-weeks
10th February to 23rd March 2020
(Not on Labour Day)

TIME: 6.45pm – 9.00pm

WHERE: Endeavour Hills Neighbourhood Centre
10 Raymond McMahon Blvd

COST: FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Refreshments provided

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES:
Endeavour Hills NC - 9700 3789
info@ehillsncc.org.au
Sandra Phillips – call/text 0447 500 355
sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au

anglicarevic.org.au
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
# Beleza School Uniforms

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

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.

To find locations near you and to book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs