LAST DAY FOR TERM 4 - FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 2.30PM
FIRST DAY FOR TERM 1 - THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2020
CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

GRADE PLACEMENT LISTS
We will be publishing class lists on Friday 6 December on the Parent Portal on Sentral at 3.00pm. We will not be placing class lists on windows and doors located around the school this year – for privacy and security reasons. Please contact our office staff if you experience any problems with accessing the Parent Portal.

HETTIE & HARRY’S FOREST ADVENTURE AR CAPABLE BOOK
I am really pleased to announce that our Augmented Reality (AR) capable children’s book is now in production and will be available for purchase from next week at the school. This project, which aims to better engage children in their reading and learning, is quite unique in that there are precious few AR capable children’s story books available anywhere. That we have developed the book, as a school, is something of which we can all be very proud. The book has a strong environmental focus, with Harry, as the helmeted honeyeater, being our school’s emblem, and Hettie being the forest keeper. In developing this project, we have formed a partnership with Deakin University with a view to having AR researched as a mechanism by which student engagement can be enhanced. When purchasing the book from our school, it should be noted that all proceeds from the sale of the book remain with Berwick Lodge P.S. as the book is the property of the school. This is stage 1 of our engagement with AR as an educational tool. Next year we plan to develop a website presence, The Forest Classroom, a resource centre exclusively featuring AR capable resources developed by our school, for use by our students and that can be purchased by others.

Importantly, next year our students will have the opportunity to participate in a unique pilot program we are developing, in which they will be introduced to AR and learn how to create AR characters. Exciting times ahead for our students in the realm of digital learning, this being very much at the forefront of digital technology education in primary schools world wide.

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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.

DIARY DATES:

Monday 2nd December  | Book Club orders close online at 3pm
Friday 13th December | Prep Chesterfield Farm excursion
Tuesday 17th December | Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 20th December  | Grade 6 Graduation Bear/Ball
Thursday 30th January | 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:

Monday 9th December | Prep Chesterfield Farm excursion

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. When does the holiday program at our school commence over the Christmas vacation and how do I enrol my child in it?
A. Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 for details as they handle all queries and enrolments.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

‘Humans are capable of everything - including improvement’

Henry Grossek
PREP TRANSITION
This week our 2020 Prep children had the opportunity to experience working with our specialist teachers. They visited two specialist areas – Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Digital Technologies or Physical Education. Next week the children will attend the other two specialist classes. The children joined in happily and we look forward to our next visit. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk to new families and also share some information in preparation for school.

FUN RUN
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the fun run today. It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting their child. Thank you to all the parent helpers for assisting and to the PFA for their wonderful organisation of this event. This event is a fundraiser for our school.

PREP/1/2 ATHLETICS DAY – WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER
Our Prep, Grade One and Grade Two athletics day will be held on Wednesday 11th December. Please dress your child in appropriate clothing including applying sunscreen and wearing a hat. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on this day. Parents are welcome to come and watch and support their child.

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY – MONDAY 16th DECEMBER
On Monday 16th December (weather permitting) we will be holding our final assembly of the year. The assembly will include awards and also Christmas performances and/or songs from each area of the school. Children are encouraged to wear Christmas colours on this day. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy the morning performances which will start at 9am on the basketball courts.

PARENT HELPERS’ MORNING TEA – TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER
This annual event provides us with the opportunity to thank family members who have helped at our school over the year. This will be held on Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 11:15am in the gym. Invitations will be sent home with the students next week. We look forward to catching up with these valued members of our school community.

AFTERNOON DELIGHT
It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the performances from our choir, State School Spectacular choir, Mandarin students, and grade one students and also joining in with Zance. The afternoon celebration was a relaxing way to enjoy some songs, catch up with friends within our school community and support the school. A very BIG THANK YOU to Miss Thomas our Performing Arts teacher for coordinating the event and to Mr Kelly for assisting. Thank you to Ms Tian and Miss Mao for organising their performances and to all other staff who assisted in different ways. We look forward to many more wonderful and entertaining future community events.

SCHOOL REPORTS
Students’ school reports will be available from the parent portal after 3.30pm on Friday 13th December. If you need assistance with your portal log in, please contact the office.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4
School finishes on Friday 20th December at 2.30pm. Please contact Camp Australia if you require your child to be booked in for the after school or holiday program. Our office opens for book pack collections on Friday 24th and Wednesday 29th of January 2020.
RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Myth:
This initiative is trying to say that boys can’t play with trucks and girls can’t play with dolls

Fact:
Absolutely Not. This initiative is not seeking to make children ‘gender neutral’ or trying to prevent girls from playing with dolls, or boys with trucks. Respectful Relationships is about creating an environment in which children are not restricted by gender stereotypes and are free to explore and play as they choose.

Myth:
The Respectful Relationships is a sex education program

Fact:
Respectful Relationships is separate to sex education in the curriculum.

Source:-

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery

GRADE 3 MELBOURNE ZOO

THE ZOO OF NIGHTMARES
By Patrick 3N

Creak, SLAM! I gulped as I had realised I was locked in the Royal Melbourne Zoo! I searched, desperately for a chance of escape. Instead I ran into something, “Bears!” I yelled in horror. I ran for my life before stumbling into a cage. “Well that’s dinner sorted then”, and in front of me was a huge bear. “Who are you and am I your dinner?” I stuttered, frozen in fear. “I am the king of the bears, Bearstrantious! And yes you are dinner!” “But there’s only you.” I said. “Well that’s awkward!” squawked a random parrot. “It’s dinner time,” Bearstantious cackled as he hung his head back, ready to pounce on me.

While he wasn’t looking I slipped through the cage bars and hid up a tree. “Where’s my dinner?” the king bear bellowed. He walked away angrily and I slid down the tree and ran to the gorillas looking for somewhere to hide, but I found bamboo sticks instead. “These could work as stilts! I just need to find some sticks and make some holes.” I picked up the bamboo sticks and discovered holes were in the sticks already! “Well that was lucky.” I thought to myself. I broke off some smaller bamboo pieces and finished the stilts.

I ran over to the gates and got on the stilts, nearly breaking a bone. I was about to climb over the gates when I started to wobble. I looked down and the pandas were eating the stilts! “Help me! Oh wait never mind.” I jumped just as the stilts fell crashing down for the pandas feast. I grabbed the gates, climbed down and ran home to bed. “Well that’s the last time I’m going to the zoo.” I said to myself.
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
BLPS Champions 2019

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to receive a special Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge Champion pin.

Year 6: Riley 6M.

Year 5: Sophie 5C

Year 4: Sasha 4FS

Year 3: Hayden 3G

Year 2: Amanda 2S

Year 1: Julianna 1A

Prep: Logan Prep Q

Students were presented their pins by our School Principal Mr Grossek and Literacy / Literature Coordinator, Dr Mark Carthew at last Monday’s assembly. These students were selected by each grade level for their wonderful efforts in reading during 2019. Congratulations to all BLPS students who completed this year’s challenge and who received a certificate.

Berwick Lodge Primary School had one of highest completion rates in the region with over 500 students completing the Challenge. Well done for an outstanding effort everyone.
On Wednesday 20th November the Helmeted Honeyeater ambassadors went to Healesville Sanctuary to learn about the Helmeted Honeyeater. We went behind the scenes where the public are not allowed and we saw the breeding areas for the Helmeted Honeyeater. When the bird is in an egg, with a special light you can see the bird growing inside the egg. They had a special camera looking at the nest and we could see the babies hatching and the mother helping them hatch as well as feeding them. They feed them mealworms, maggots, flies, crickets and wombaroo which is a sweet nectar.

The Helmeted Honeyeater uses feathers, dead grass and spider webs to make their nests. The zoo keepers would go out with sticks and collect the spider webs for the birds to make their nests. The bird usually lay two eggs and very rarely three. Both the mum and dad bird help feed the babies. They put colour bands on the babies once they are 40 days old. This helps identify the bird. We went into an enclosure with the bird. They were very fast flyers.

We went to see the Birds of Prey show. There were heaps of birds including the Wedge Tail eagle, Sulphur Crested Cockatoo, The Black Cockatoo, Pink Crested Cockatoo and a Parrot. There was a talking bird whose name was Kevin. 5cm away from my face was a Wedge Tail eagle. He flew in really close over the audience. An important message from the show was to “Wipe for Wild-life”. This means to replace your toilet paper with eco friendly, 100% recycled toilet paper. If we could all change to recycled toilet paper, this would prevent 7 million trees from being cut down each year just for toilet paper. These trees are habitats for birds which are being cut down.

We also saw the platypus, reptiles, kangaroos, koalas, wombats, echidnas, bearded dragons, emus, lyre birds, cassowary and lead beaters possum. In the animal hospital we saw the vets doing a dental check on a lace monitor which is a lizard like reptile. It may of had something stuck in its mouth or an ulcer or may of been having its teeth cleaned. In the hospital, you could pretend to be a vet. As we were leaving, we said goodbye to Mel. Mel is the Helmeted Honeyeater educator. She gave us a special Helmeted Honeyeater hat. Mel will be coming to our school again very soon to plant some plants with us.

2019 Ambassadors: Tess, Faith, Cooper and Felix.
Congratulations to our four students Tess, Faith, Cooper and Felix who have been wonderful Helmeted Honeyeater Ambassadors this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them and Mel, the educator from Yellingbo. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to be involved with “The Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater” and know that we are making a difference by sharing information with our school community. As a school, we look forward to continuing to work with this volunteer organisation. One simple message as the ambassadors have written, is if we could all just change our toilet paper to 100% recycled, this would save millions of trees being cut down each year. Trees are the habitat for not only birds, but many other living creatures.

If you have never seen a Helmeted Honeyeater other than in photos, consider visiting Healesville Sanctuary at Glen Eadie Ave, Healesville VIC 3777 to see them in captivity. Moon lit Sanctuary at 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale VIC 3912, also has a Helmeted Honeyeater in captivity. This may be a great activity to do during the school holidays.

Happy Gardening, Mrs. McCrum. 😊
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.

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.

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
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PAYK50

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.
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Cassie has worked in a range of therapeutic settings, and is currently employed as a student counsellor at a P-10 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.

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- 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.

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- This is confidential, short term counseling 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
- 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
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