SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Our annual School Council elections are upon us and this year we have a total of (6) parent category vacancies and (1) staff category vacancies to fill. Of the (6) parent category vacancies, (4) will be for a two-year term and (2) will be for a one-year term. The one staff vacancy is for a two-year term. I have included the details of eligibility requirements, the process and timeline for our elections and the obligations of school councillors and the vacancies below. All parents are most welcome to nominate for the parent category vacancies and staff are eligible to nominate for the DET representative category vacancy. Retiring members of school council can renominate for a further term of office provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

This year will see a larger than usual number of vacancies on school council. This is because we have two councillors who have resigned due to work/family reasons, with one year to run on their membership, – Rhonda Wallace and Natasha Pinkstone. As well, parent representatives, Jade Thomas (President), Mel Dobric (Treasurer), and Alicia Ladson (Vice President) are completing their terms and Narelle Ray is completing a one-year casual vacancy term. Alicia has indicated that due to work pressures she will not be renominating for council membership. Jade, Mel and Narelle are all eligible to renominate for a further two-year term on school council as they all still have children attending our school.

Sue Naismith (staff representative) has completed her 2-year term and is retiring. After more than 10 years on school council, Sue has decided not to seek re-election. Our PFA representative, Karin Keylock is also retiring, as the PFA position has a 1-year term. Karin can be re-elected by the PFA for another term or she can seek election to council as a parent representative.

Continued...
As the Returning Officer for school council elections I will be conducting the election process over the coming month.

**Parent Representative Vacancies (6 in total):** Four (4) vacancies, each for a 2-year term and two casual (2) vacancies, each for a 1-year term.

**DET Representative Vacancies (1 in total):** (for a 2-year term).

I thank all school councillors for their contribution during their time on council. It is quite a sacrifice to give up so much of your valuable personal time on behalf of the students of Berwick Lodge. In particular, I acknowledge the contribution made by Sue Naismith. As a long-time member of school council and staff member for all bar our first year, 1990, Sue’s contribution to school council has been outstanding.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS PROCESS 2020**

As the Returning Officer for School Council, I am now inviting nominations from parents for the (4) two-year vacancies plus the (2) one-year vacancies we have for the Parent Category and from staff for the (1) two-year vacancy we have for the DET Category.

Council currently meets 8 times per year on Monday evenings, with meetings being conducted between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. It is expected that school councillors will join one of our three subcommittees, which also meet 8 times per year at a time suitable to subcommittee members. Importantly, subcommittee membership is also open to parents and staff who are not on school council, so you can become involved with the work of school council via subcommittee membership if you don’t have the time to commit to school council participation at the moment.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION TIMELINE 2020**

- **Friday 28 February 2020 at 9.00am** – Nominations Open
- **Friday 6 March 2020 at 4.00pm** – Nominations Close
- **Friday 20 March 2020 at 4.00pm** – Ballot Closes (if required)

In the event that we do not receive sufficient nominations in both categories by the close of nominations on **Friday 6 March 2020 at 4.00pm**, then I will extend the timeline for receiving further nominations by one week.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE**

“No-one likes to be lost, but those who find themselves lost in their own thoughts”

Henry Grosske
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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Community Garden Working Bee

Do you have a spare hour on Monday 2nd March to help out at our Parents & Friends Community Garden working bee?
This will be held straight after our whole school Monday morning assembly and will conclude at 10.30am. We will then catch up for a tea or coffee in the staff room. All parents and toddlers are welcome. Many hands make light work.
STUDENTS WHO RIDE BIKES/SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL
Students who ride to school need to store their bike/scOOTer in the bike shed for the duration of the day. The bike shed is locked just after 9am and opened just prior to 3.30pm. Please remind your child if they ride to school and arrive after the bell they need to come to the office and we will organise for the bike monitors to unlock the bike shed.

CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 6th March – No School for students on this day.
Friday 6th March is a curriculum day for our staff and no students are required at school on this day.

PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM (PMP) FOR PREPS
Our prep students participate in PMP each Tuesday and Thursday morning starting next week. If you are available to assist with this program, please speak to a prep teacher.

BERWICK SHOW
A very big thank you to Mr. Kelly who represented Berwick Lodge Primary School at Berwick Show over the weekend. Mr. Kelly showcased our amazing STEM, Multimedia and Robotics program. Mr. Kelly received some wonderful feedback from the community.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS
Respectful Relationships is defined as ‘primary prevention’ according to the public health model. Primary prevention focuses on preventing issues from occurring in the first place by targeting risk factors and social determinants of health through education and legislation.

In the example of family violence, this involves looking at the things that contribute to family violence occurring, and preventing them from happening.

Key underlying determinants and contributing factors in the perpetration of violence against women include:
- A lack of gender equality - e.g., rigid gender roles and identities, weak support for gender equality, masculine organisational cultures and masculine sense of entitlement
- Cultural norms around violence - e.g. social norms and practices that are violence-supportive, weak sanctions against violence/violence against women, and previous exposure to violence
- A lack of access to resources and support systems - e.g. support for the privacy and autonomy of the family, unequal distribution of material resources, limited access to systems of support (VicHealth, 2007).

Primary prevention of violence against women therefore includes programs, campaigns, policies or other measures that set out to address these underlying factors and reduce the likelihood that violence against women will take place. Such actions may include strategies that:
- Promote equal and respectful relations between men, women, boys and girls
- Promote non-violent social norms and reduce the effects of prior exposure to violence
- Promote access to resources and systems of support (VicHealth, 2007).

COMMUNITY GARDEN PARENTS AND FRIENDS WORKING BEE – MONDAY 2nd March.
There will be working bee on Monday 2nd March in the community garden straight after whole school assembly. All parents are welcome to assist, including toddlers. We aim to conclude by 10.30am and then catch up for a tea or coffee in the staff room.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery
Our first PFA meeting for 2020 was held last week and we nailed down a fundraising and events schedule and talked about what we would like to achieve this year. Thank you to all the parents and staff who we able to attend – all your ideas, shared experiences and friendly banter will help to build and motivate the PFA team in 2020.

Our goals for this year include hosting more free information sessions for parents that focus around learning and health and wellbeing themes. We plan to raise funds for the school primarily through a Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stall and our annual school fun run. For fun, we’re planning to throw a family BBQ at the school’s popular Open Night and to join with the Junior School Council to run a school disco.

But to do all these things we need to elect a new PFA committee!

**Elections for all the PFA committee positions will be held on Monday 23 March** at 9:30am in the staff room. The elected PFA committee positions include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, as well as a PFA School Council Representative position and an Emergency School Council Representative.

You don’t need any prior experience or specific expertise to nominate for a PFA position – just the enthusiasm to get involved and support our school community. And being a part of the PFA committee has some real advantages; you’ll learn a lot about how the school operates, you will meet lots of new parents and staff, and you can benefit from learning or retaining work related skills.

You can nominate for any of the committee positions whether you’re new to the school or have been connected to BLPS for years. Position nomination forms are available at the school office.

Alternatively, you can join the PFA at any time as one of our awesome team of general members. Membership forms are also available at the school office.

If you have any questions about the PFA or the committee position responsibilities, feel free to email the PFA – pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au.

Cheers

Christine

PFA President
DONATIONS WANTED

If you have any spare dinner plates, bread & butter plates, tea towels, knives, forks or teaspoons, our staff room would love them. You can drop these off at the office. Thank you in advance.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Parents may bring in food treats to celebrate their child’s birthday. However this treat must be individually commercially packaged with ingredients (ie: fun-size chocolate) and distributed to students at the end of the day.
School Banking

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 Terry Denton’s Activity book and Mini Soccer ball are available. Please contact your nearest Commonwealth Bank if you would like to create an account for your child.

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**Treetop Savers rewards**

Our School Banking program has exciting rewards to encourage children to practice good savings habits. This year, we’ve include some environmentally friendly and reusable rewards, plus others that encourage creativity, as well as indoor and outdoor play. Two released each term, available while stocks last.

**Term 1**
- Terry Denton’s Activity Book
- Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)

**Term 2**
- Treetop Stationery Set
- Treetop Handball

**Term 3**
- Tomato Seed Kit
- Magic Mist Drink Bottle

**Term 4**
- Snakes & Ladders Game
- Emoji Wallet
We have one (1) Allergy form and 18 Asthma forms still outstanding!

It’s the department of Education’s guidelines that these forms are completed within a calendar year, so families are asked to take these forms to their local G.P to have them signed.

If your child has vomited, please keep them at home for at least 24 hours after the last time they have vomited. This ensures the germs don’t spread.

Headlice is also rife at the moment. We ask that all families regularly check their child’s hair and treat accordingly should they find any eggs or live lice.

Spare clothes and underwear - if your child has been given clothing from sick bay, please wash and return these. All underwear given is new however these cannot be returned, so please replace them with a new pair.
CSEF FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE

Do you hold a concession card? You maybe eligible to apply for CSEF funding worth $125.00 per student. If you are new to our school or have a child just starting with us in 2020, you will need to apply for this. Please see our friendly office staff for the form.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for Important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also assists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION
For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY
New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child’s school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:
• new student enrolments, your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
• changed family circumstances, such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.
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MORE INFO CALL PETER ON 0414468781

STARTING IN FEBRUARY 2020 – GRADE 3 to 6

COP DEN DO PERMISSION FORM

I ______________________ give permission for my son/daughter, ______________________ to attend Cop Den Do martial arts lessons.

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School Crossing Supervisor of the Year Award

As part of our commitment to the ongoing safety of your students, School Crossing's Victoria, together with your local council, is looking for the ‘Supervisor of the Year’ 2019/2020.

There are seven regions across the state. A winner will be selected in each region, and the overall winner, will be selected from the regional winners. The winner of the 2017/2018 Supervisor of the Year is Margaret Coulson from the City of Greater Geelong and School Crossing’s Victoria would like to enlist your help to boost this year’s nominations.

It is our goal to reach as many parents, residents and school staff as possible and by involving them in the nomination process encourage all road users to think about, and reward, the active role the Supervisors play in the safety of their children.

Your support of this program will help ensure your Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve. We would appreciate if you could include the attached advert in your next school newsletter.

Nominations are open now, and close on Friday 8th May 2020 go to the School Crossings Victoria website www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au and complete an online nomination.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this letter and I hope you will be able to support this initiative.
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Event Contact: Christine 0422625994
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<td>Basketball Time: It's time to practice your basketball skills with your friend.</td>
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<td>Pick Pocket Tag: Join us for a new tag game, try to reach your friend's pocket and run as fast as you can.</td>
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**ZONES**

- **Chillout Zone**
  - Reading, Masermind, Chess, Cards, Puzzles

- **Cosplay**
  - Reading Corner, Dress up, Imaginative, Twister

- **Home work Club**
  - Reading, Maths, Scrap, Booking, Drawing, Colouring, Crossword, Sudoku

- **Crafty Collection**
  - Hama Beads, Beading, Playdough, Connetic Sand, Sewing, Knitting

- **Games Central**
  - Monopoly, Scrabble, Guss who, Memory games, Trouble, Uno, Mastermind, Stacking cheer, Loose your marbles.

- **Nature’s Way**
  - Bug collecting, Painting leaves, Watering Garden, Sandpit.

- **Sports Box**
  - Skipping Rops, Badminton, Tennis, Tow square Ball, Basketball, Netball, Soccer, Football.

- **Construction City**
  - Lego, Constructoin, Blocks, Connect Straws, Architect Blocks, Recycle materials.

**Menu**

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Wednesday
Tinies 4.30pm - 6.00pm (3-7yrs)
Inters 6.00pm - 9.00pm (14-17yrs)

* Ages as of December 2020

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