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**ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr APP
CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK

Thank you to everyone – we have had a smooth and uneventful start to the school year as I believe is possible in these uncertain times. To date we have had only 2 children contract Covid-19 and we received that notification today.

COVID INFORMATION - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

If your child is not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they can continue to attend school, but you should monitor for symptoms.

Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result.

Students should continue with twice-a-week rapid antigen testing on school days.

Students who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to participate in surveillance testing for 30 days after their isolation period has ended.

For information on symptoms visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks>.

For more information on how to get tested visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19>.
or call centre on 1800 675 398.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



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If your child returns a positive result, your child has COVID-19.

You must quarantine your child for seven days

You must advise the school about the positive result

Your child must stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well

Everyone in your household is a close contact and must isolate for 7 days.

Reporting your child's positive test

If your child was at school when they were infectious you need to report the positive case through the [Student COVID-19 Test Portal](#) or you can notify the school in writing or by phone.

You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health via the [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#)

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

I am very pleased to announce our school captains and specialist program captains for this year. We are very proud of the wonderful role models our school captains and other student leaders have been over the course of our school's 31 years existence and have no doubt that this year's student leaders will provide exceptional leadership too.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Quinn Van Dyk Georgina Dobric

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS: Achyuth Menon Brooke Fritzlaff

PERFORMING ARTS CAPTAIN: Raphael Lu Esther Bedford

SPORTS CAPTAINS: Hayden Baker Jessica Moser

MANDARIN CAPTAINS: William McMullan Chantelle Fogas

VISUAL ARTS CAPTAINS: Nate Hinton Scarlet Rotarui

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY CAPTAINS: Patrick Lapthorne Sarah Marjolin

We are looking forward to finalising our House Captains next week.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Is our school roof fully repaired now?

A. Yes, it is finally! The DET contractors completed all work on replacing the damaged skylights in the main building roof on Monday of this week, just in time for the start of the school year for the children. Fingers crossed that we don't experience another storm such as that which caused the damage to our roof way back in early term 4.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'There are so many different types of shoes out there - empathy is a great fit if you don't mind other people's shoes!'

Henry Grossek

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

Assistant Principals' Report



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our families and students. We are very excited to start the New Year and look forward to the many fun activities ahead.



ENGLISH ONLINE

Our Prep teachers and students have been busy completing the mandated English online testing. Well done to all the new students. We are very impressed with how our Preps have settled into the school year.



SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

A reminder to parents that the best time for their children to arrive is between 8.45 and 8.55am, when the teaching staff are on duty supervising the yard. Some students are also remaining in the school grounds until late in the afternoon. Parents are reminded that the yard is supervised by staff between 3:30 and 3:45pm after school. Students in the playground outside supervision times are at risk. If it is necessary for children to be at school either early or late, then parents should consider enrolment in the OSHC Program or make other arrangements. If for any reason your child has not been picked up by 3:45pm they will be directed to the front office area where they must wait until they are collected. These measures are not meant to cause any inconvenience, they are for the safety and security of all our students. Parents are reminded to use the QR code to register their attendance on the school grounds and maintain social distancing.



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Meet the teacher nights are scheduled over the coming weeks. Meet the teacher is optional. These meetings are to share information with the teacher about your child. These meetings will be held by telephone. This is a good opportunity to share information about your child with their teacher.



Dates and booking arrangements to be confirmed.



Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery



SICKBAY NEWS

Thank you to all the families who have returned their medical forms back for this year.

We are still missing a substantial amount of forms so if your child has Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergies or requires medication at school, please complete these forms and return them back immediately. If you require these forms again, you can find them on the Parent Portal under “School Resources”

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 1 catalogue has now been distributed to all students.

All orders need to be placed online by 3pm, Tuesday the 22nd February 2022.



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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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 exists 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 CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ T-Ball
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Basketball

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Year 4 students.

\$128 FOR 8 WEEKS!

Sign up anytime, and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term
\$16 per week

School: Berwick Lodge Primary School

When: Monday's

Start Date: Monday 7th February

End Date: Monday 3rd April

Time: 3:40- 4:40pm

***NO PROGRAM ON 14TH MARCH DUE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Book before 6th February and receive one week free

Website: kellysports.com.au

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Phone: 0466 501 822

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SAFE AROUND SCHOOL ANIMATION



City of Casey are very proud and excited to release our first **Safe Around Schools** education animation for the beginning of the new school term 2022.

Our first animation is focussed on School Crossings.

With 93 Schools and over 200 school crossings in the City of Casey, we believe these animations will promote good road safety behaviour and outline the rules around creating a safer school precinct.

We will also be releasing more Road Safety Education Animations over the coming months focussing on:

- Drop off/Pick Up Zones
 - Driving Safely Around Schools (40km zones and signage around schools)
- Active Travel (Benefit of walking & riding to school)

We welcome your feedback on this animation and can be contacted via email: Safearoundschools@casey.vic.gov.au

Please find link attached to watch and share: <https://youtu.be/wjq1vv3NIPI>

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



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An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
FEBRUARY OPEN DAY

We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have dazzled audiences at exciting events around the country including the Hugh Jackman Arena Tour, ARIA Awards with Amy Shark, Ashes Test Series for Qantas, and television appearances on Sunrise and Today.

Now accepting 2022 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville.



Join us at our free **OPEN DAY** in February
Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 03 9859 6499



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