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NEWSLETTER NO 1

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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 TO 2023

What a great start we have had to this school year. Our Preps and new students have settled in very well and that wonderful, infectious enthusiasm that children bring to schools is most uplifting. Thank you to all parents for the work you have done over the holidays in preparing your children for either a return to school or to start school. I'm pleased to say that our new staff members have also settled in well and we are anticipating a great year for all at Berwick Lodge in 2023.

PICKUP/DROP OFF ZONES

This zone, located in Collins Crescent, does have certain conditions attached – drivers are expected to remain inside their car and there is a time limit applicable for being there. City of Casey Bylaws officers regularly patrol our precinct and parking fines are issued for drivers who do not adhere to parking regulations.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

These remain unchanged from last year. Please be mindful of the importance of adhering to them.

PARENTAL PORTAL ISSUES

We are fully aware of the parent portal app experiencing some issue of late. We are looking into this however, in the meantime please proceed with updating the app and if this still doesn't seem to be operating better the please use this link –

<https://sentral.berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au/portal2/#!/login>

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held throughout the day on Monday 20th of February. These meetings will be held face-to-face in student's classrooms. Students will not attend school as usual but will be expected to attend the discussion meeting with their parent and teacher. We understand that some parents may not be able to attend in person, so we will be offering telephone meetings as an alternative. Please book your requested time slot as normal and if you wish this to be a telephone meeting rather than a face-to-face meeting, please also message the teacher via the portal to inform them. Meeting bookings will open on Wednesday 8th February and will close at 10.00am on Friday 17th February.

CONDOLENCES

I am extremely saddened to inform you that during the recent school holidays, **Simeon Rakonjac** who had graduated from our school in 2021, passed away. Simeon and his 3 siblings, Rad, Milli and Aleksandra had all attended Berwick Lodge in recent years and his family were very much integral members of our school community. On behalf of all members of our school community, I extend our deepest condolences to Simeon's parents, Dubs, Nick and his siblings and extended family.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Why are we having parent/teacher/student interviews during the school day?

A. We trialled this approach last year and it was favourably received. In addition, to operate these interviews after school hours would create an extremely expensive Time in Lieu cost to our school, one which would have to be funded from our existing school budget

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'Get your timing right and success will usually follow'

Henry Grosseck

DIARY DATES:

Swimming Trials	Wednesday 8th February
Parent Teacher Interviews	Monday 20th February
Summer Interschool Sport	Friday 24th February
School Photos	Tuesday 28th February

NOTICES DUE:

Swimming Trials	Monday 6th February
SSS—Expression of Interest	Monday 6th February

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 excited to start the New Year and look forward to the many fun activities ahead!

INTRODUCING OUR 2023 SCHOOL CAPTAINS.



Levi and Madison are our School Captains and are joined by Jordi and Anastasija as the Vice School Captains.

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. This year, the grade one students are also required to complete the English online test, during term one, so this will commence in the next couple of weeks.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

A reminder to parents that the best time for their children to arrive is between 8.45am and 8.55am, when the teaching staff are on duty supervising the yard. The yard is supervised by staff between 3:30pm 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.

GASTROENTERITIS

We have had a few cases of gastroenteritis during the few days of school. A reminder to please keep your children at home if they are unwell. In cases of gastroenteritis, please don't return your child to school for 48 hours after that last time they have vomited.

For more information regarding signs, symptoms and prevention, please click on the link:

[Gastroenteritis in children - Better Health Channel](#)

Sandra McCrum, Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM



Berwick Lodge canteen LUNCH ordering system called Qkr (pronounced Quicker) is available for canteen lunch orders

Qkr by MasterCard can be downloaded for **FREE** from Apple's App store for iPhones, iPhone app for iPads, or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

What families need to do TO SET UP ORDERING:

- Download the Qkr App to your phone or tablet.
 - Register
 - Find our School: Berwick Lodge P.S (from "Nearby Locations")
 - Register your child/ren – Select Student Profile
 - Order Meals (you can change, cancel or repeat orders)
 - Make Payment: Up to 5 cards can be linked.
- **To CANCEL an order:** Open the QKR app and tap Activity, scroll to order history, tap the red circle with the minus symbol to cancel. Cancelling needs to be done prior to close off at 9.00am for that day.

NO COST TO DOWNLOAD THE APP!!

NO FEES, NO ACCOUNTS, you pay as you go for food only!!

- Online orders must be placed / or cancelled by 9.00am, as the online order system will close shortly after.
- Orders can be placed online up to 2 weeks ahead.
- Make sure you link your child with the correct year level and home group.
- **HELP:** If you experience issues contact Anne from Bellbrook Catering on 0488 052 522. Please do not contact the school.

REMINDER

For all existing families please remember to edit your child's profile to their new homegroup/class for 2023.

This helps with the timely delivery of lunch orders.

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”



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



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