



# Berwick Lodge Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 13

11TH MAY 2023

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY: WEDNESDAY 17th MAY FROM 3.45PM TO 4.30PM**

Please feel most welcome to attend your child/ren's classroom and specialist areas next Wednesday to celebrate the great work that your child/ren have done this year. All teachers will be present in their classrooms or specialist program areas to welcome you.

### **COVID CASES ON THE RISE**

We are experiencing a significant rise in the number of Covid cases for both students and staff this term. As you would be aware, the Covid Guidelines have changed with the passing of time, reflecting changing conditions. Nonetheless, there is much that remains unknown regarding the potential long-term effects of contracting the disease and it is prudent to minimise the chances of contracting or recontracting Covid. Current Covid Guidelines require staff must stay at home for 5 days if they contract Covid. For students, the Guidelines recommend a 5-day stay at home from school. Whilst it is not a requirement for students, I would strongly recommend that you seriously consider doing so.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

We are required by the Education Department to have written confirmation if your child is absent for 3 days or more for whatever reason. I understand that everyone has a lot on their plate almost all the time, but recently we have had to follow-up an increasing number of cases where, for some reason or another, parents have failed to do so. To let us know, please send us an email via our Berwick Lodge email address. An example of this would be a family holiday. Another would be if your child is unwell for 3 days or more, we require a medical certificate for be forwarded to the office.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

**Q. Why is this year's Open Day held immediately after school, and for such a relatively short time?**

**A.** Straight after school has been well-received by parents in the past as being the most convenient for them, and certainly suits staff. Due to the Time in Lieu provisions of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA), means that I would have to provide all staff who attended after 4.30pm with Time in Lieu of the hours they attended. We do not receive any additional funding to meet this cost, which would be considerable. Hence the shortened time frame for the event.

## QUOTABLE QUOTE

*"Everyone is entitled to an opinion, but facts are indisputable."*

*Henry Grossek*

## DIARY DATES:

Winter Inter-School Sports	Friday 12th May
Open Day 3:45-4:30pm	Wednesday 17th May
SSS Mass Dance Rehearsal	Friday 19th May
Walk to School Day	Friday 19th May
Step Into Prep 5:30-6:30pm	Wednesday 24th May

## NOTICES AND PAYMENTS DUE:

Year 7 Application Form	Friday 12th May
Grade 3 Camp Forms	Friday 12th May

## **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

## MOTHER'S DAY

Thank you to our fantastic PFA for organising and running our Mother's Day stall today. There were lots of excited students choosing gifts for their loved ones.

## STEP INTO PREP – WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 5.30pm to 6.30pm we will be holding our 'Step into Prep' information session in our library. Our Principal class and a Prep teacher will present information relevant to our school and our Prep program. If you have a Prep student who will be starting school in 2024, and wish to attend this information session, please phone the office on 97096700 or send an email to the Berwick Lodge school email address to RSVP. We look forward to meeting new families on this evening.

## WANTED ITEMS

- We are requesting donations of small plastic toys which you no longer need, for our students to play with in our Sensory and Community Gardens. Toys such as plastic animals, dinosaurs, cars, McDonald's toys are some examples. Please leave any donations at the office.
- Do you have an abundance of metal forks and/or metal teaspoons in your cutlery drawer? Donations of these items are most welcome to be left at the office.

## NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. WSTSD promotes the

important message that active kids are healthy kids. The event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine. Children need a minimum of 60 minutes exercise per day. Encouraging less driving and more walking aims to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars. Lastly, it is just a nice way to be part of your community.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, we are asking students to come to school in sensible Active Wear, for example runners and tracksuit, or sports top and shorts etc. If you live reasonably close to the school it would be great to walk or alternatively, park a few blocks away so that you can walk some of the distance. If you feel like getting more active with your children, there are some great suggestions on the following website:

[http://www.victoriawalks.org.au/Walking\\_with\\_children/](http://www.victoriawalks.org.au/Walking_with_children/) <http://www.victoriawalks.org.au/smartsteps/families/activitysheets>

## HEADLICE

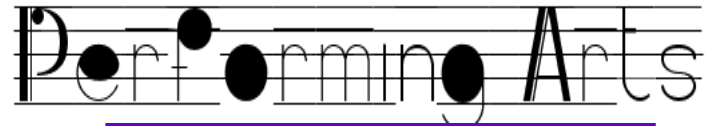
Could families please check their child's hair for headlice regularly throughout the term to minimise the spread. We seem to have an increase in the number of cases.

For more information on headlice, please click on the link: [Head lice | healthdirect](#)

*Sandra McCrum, Angela Maskery and Sharyn King*

# SPECIALIST AWARDS

Term 1



Nakita PS and Toby PB

Taytum IS and Gene IC

Charlotte 2C and Bronik 2G

Meika 3L and Boris 3M

Ruby 4P and Josh 4W

Jack 5B and Konstandina 5WH

Sophie 6P and Jason 6P

Ellie PN and Ethan PK

Xave IS and Michaela IC

Charlotte 2C and Will 2K

Jax 3V and Savannah 3M

Jess 4L and Blake 4W

Max 5WH and India 5B

Indee 6C and Emily 6P



# MANDARIN

Darcie PB and Aryton PS

Andy IR and Hendrik IR

Amity 2C and Kei 2C

Kristen 3K and Archie 3M

Ayden 4P and Pahul 4W

Kallan 5B and Halle 5F

Genny 6W and Matthew 6C

Evelyn PN and Edward PS

Clem IL and Ranveer IR

Aneeksha 2G and Harrison 2K

Amrit 3K and Max 3M

Abbey 4W and Leo 4W

Tomoe 5K and Trey 5K

Jennifer 6W and Matthew 6C



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

## PREP

Prep B – Toby and Skye

Prep K – Skylah and Oliver H

Prep N – Evelyn and Aaron

Prep S – Bodhi and Ayrton

## GRADE 1

ISM – Gene P

## GRADE 4

4L – Bella, Jasmine, Elijah

Jess, Shepley and Kenara

4P – Leon T

4W – Bryan and Ella

## GRADE 3

3L – Isabella B

3K – Brodie H

3M – Max L and Mason S

**Congratulations** to the following students who received class awards recently.

Please note- only students with publicity approval will be listed in the newsletter.

# 2024 ENROLMENTS

## School Tours and 2024 Enrolments Open on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Tours will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.  
Bookings are essential, please contact the office on 9709 6700.

For all those families who have a sibling starting prep next year, please inform the office if you have not already done so.

If you know of any friends or family who are interested in attending Berwick Lodge next year, please ask them to contact the office on 9709 6700 or they can send an email to [berwick.lodge.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:berwick.lodge.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



# LIBRARY NEWS

## LIBRARY NEWS:

Please remember to return your library books and bring a bag to take your new ones home.

Don't forget the library is a great place to find lots of books on the **Premier's Reading Challenge** list. We can let you know if the books you want to borrow are included this year, just ask when you get to the borrowing counter.

The whole school is looking forward to participating in the **National Simultaneous Story time** again this year. The book that is being read is **THE SPEEDY SLOTH** by Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie. This will take place at 11.00am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of May.

Please come and visit on a Tuesday, during lunchtime, for some quiet reading time, fun games and colouring activities. The library is a wonderful space to get out of the cold and enjoy some quiet time.



# BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue three has now closed.

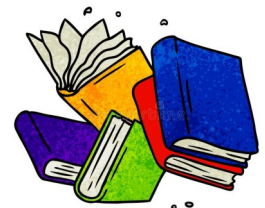
Thank you to everyone who has purchased book from the most recent catalogue. We hope you enjoyed seeing the old format back in use.

Our families purchased \$768 worth of books which has earned \$115 of rewards to spend on new items for the library.

Well done.

**Happy Reading,**

Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor



# SICKBAY NEWS

Do you have any clothing that your child may have borrowed from sickbay?

If so, can you please wash and return these items as soon as possible.

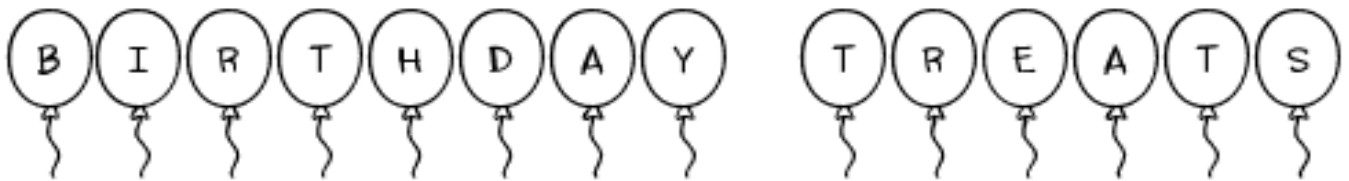


# CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Students are able to purchase snacks, ice cream and drinks during recess and lunch time on these days.

All hot foods and lunch orders must be ordered by 9:00am via the QKR! app.



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.







# Transition News



FOUNTAIN GATE  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

## HIGH ACHIEVER PROGRAM

If you are a student with a high academic aptitude and high academic aspirations, you might be suited for the High Achiever Program at Fountain Gate Secondary College. The program seeks to enrich and challenge students through classes aimed at encouraging and inspiring a motivated group of students to become innovative, independent and abstract thinkers.

You are encouraged to apply if you are currently in Year 6 (Year 7 in 2024) and are interested in joining the High Achiever Program.

Application process and information regarding the program, can be found on the College website, or you may contact Ms Irving (Belinda.irving@education.vic.gov.au)



## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2024

They close 5th of June, with the entrance exam, to be held mid-year. Students are to apply ONLINE via the high Achiever page on the Fountain Gate Secondary College Website. Applications, school reports, NAPLAN results and payment of \$40.00 for exam testing is due to the College finance office by 3:30 pm on the 5th of June, 2023.

A: Josephine Avenue, Narre Warren, Victoria 3805 P: 8762 6839 W: [fountaingatesc.vic.gov.au](http://fountaingatesc.vic.gov.au)



# Transition News



FOUNTAIN GATE  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Fountain Gate Secondary College is committed to providing a high-quality education to all students. The College recognises that students possess a range of skills, talents, and aptitudes to be nurtured and developed.

The College offers a range of scholarships to all current and prospective students.

## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2024

Applications close November 1st, 2023. Head to our website to download the Scholarships Package.

### EXCELLENCE

- Academic
- The Arts
- Sports

### SPECIALITY

- Rugby (Y9-12)
- Business (Y11 & 12)
- Endeavour - STEM (Y7-12)
- Languages (Y9 & 10)
- Music Performance (Y7-10)



FOUNTAIN GATE  
SECONDARY COLLEGE



# Transition News



## Berwick College Dance Academy

The Berwick College Dance Academy (BCDA) is a full-time academic and dance program, which will link students' educational pursuits with their performing arts interests.



### Dance Exposure

As part of the Academy students will engage in an extensive dance program including professional workshops, excursions and incursions, and performances within the College as well as in the wider community. Each student will be provided with a rich and meaningful experience that aims to excite and motivate students to reach their creative passions. Students also have the opportunity to take part in a dance study tour to New York every two years, as well as compete in a national dance competition in Sydney.

### Full Academic Timetable

Whilst completing Academy classes, students will also study a range of core subjects that include Mathematics, English, Humanities, Physical Education, Science and LOTE. In Years 8 & 9 students can also choose from a range of other electives. Both Dance and core subjects occur during normal school hours.



### Pathways to Senior Dance

Through completing Years 7 – 9 Dance in the Academy, students are exposed to terminology and techniques required for VET & VCE Dance subjects, both of which are offered at Berwick College. Our students have been selected to perform in Top Class, and many of our Academy students have gained placements at full-time dance institutions.



The BCDA accepts students from a variety of skill levels and backgrounds including calisthenics, gymnastics and ballroom, and understands that students have been limited in accessing dance classes over the last few years.

### Are you interested?

Contact:  
enrolments@berwickcollege.vic.edu.au  
or 8768 1000 for further information.

Positions are available for all year levels from Years 7 to 12, including VCE and VET Dance.

Please see our website that outlines the enrolment process and required documentation.

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 Berwick College Dance Academy



For more information please see the Berwick College website:  
<https://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au/dance-academy-2/>  
or email Julie Wotherspoon: julie.wotherspoon@education.vic.gov.au

# BUSINESS ADVERTISING

Billabong Bliss Art Studio

JOIN OUR TERM 2  
**ART CLASS**  
WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM

NARRE WARREN SOUTH



**\$20**  
\$160 term

PREP TO SIX



STARTS 3RD MAY

JOIN US AT  
STRATHAIRD FAMILY  
& CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
VIA KENTON WALK



Scan to Register



Billabong Bliss Art Studio

**MUM & ME  
DAD & I  
CREATE & LEARN CLASS**

Starting May 1st

Run by an experienced Primary School Art Teacher ready to encourage kids with learning and creating!  
Mum's/Dad's & children 3-5 yrs  
\$15 per session  
10:30 - 11:30 am  
Oakgrove Community Centre  
Narre Warren South



Scan to register

Activities

- Art & Craft
- Painting
- Creative Construction
- Stories & Rhymes



Billabong\_Bliss\_Art\_Studio

For more information:  
 **0425 851 820**



# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

## Artisticat

### FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids produce amazing work and are really proud of their art!
- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website.  
[www.artisticat.com.au](http://www.artisticat.com.au) There are some amazing art ideas planned!

**FIRST CLASS FREE!**

Just \$13.50 a class (exc GST)

The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

**LIMITED PLACES  
BOOK NOW!**

To book go to  
[www.artisticat.com.au](http://www.artisticat.com.au)





## CASEY VOLUNTEER EXPO



Discover great volunteering opportunities in Casey at the Casey Volunteer Expo!



Thursday 25 May, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm



Bunjil Place, Function Centre,  
2 Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren

**FREE  
ENTERTAINMENT**

### Casey Volunteer Expo Agenda:

- Opening address - 10.00 am
- Bollywood Dance - 10.30 am
- Middle Eastern Belly Dancing - 11:30 am
- Mexican Music Man - 1:30 pm
- U3A Casey Lynbrook Line Dancer - 2:00 pm

Afghan food/cuisine will be available to purchase outside the venue.

Meet with volunteer organisations and learn more about the programs they offer, the type of volunteering roles available and how you can get involved with supporting your community.

+ a chance to  
**WIN ONE  
OF THREE  
\$50  
GIFT  
VOUCHERS\***

\*Term and condition applies



CASEY ABORIGINAL GATHERING PLACE  
20 AGONIS STREET DOVETON

Youth Program

# Yan-yan Yaruk

FOR AGES 10 - 25

EVERY MONDAY  
DURING THE  
SCHOOL TERM

4 PM - 6 PM

REGISTER  
HERE



For more information email: [elwhiting@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:elwhiting@casey.vic.gov.au)



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## DEALING WITH BIG FEELINGS PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

Hosted by the Parents and Friends Association of Berwick Lodge Primary School

### FEELINGS CAN MAKE US VERY UNCOMFORTABLE!

- Does your child (or you) have difficulty expressing feelings in appropriate ways?
- Does your child often seem to be anxious, angry, frustrated, jealous or sad?
- Would it be helpful to explore what other parents are doing to support their children?

If your answer to any of these questions is "YES!" come along for a cuppa and to join a discussion that explores positive responses to this parenting challenge, and to hear what works for other parents.

You are welcome to walk-in and register on the day.

**DATE:** Tuesday, 23rd May  
**TIME:** 9.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Berwick Lodge Primary School  
139 - 145 Mansfield Street  
Berwick  
**COST:** FREE!

For more information, contact:

Carey Cole - 0437 428 281  
carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au  
OR

Register using the QR code or this link:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/ErhFqXGzuq>



PARENTZONE

anglicarevic.org.au

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TOMORROWS



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## MOV3

# PROGRAM



**ATTENTION 7 - 12 year olds. This program is for you!**

*The Mov3 sports skills program is a fundamental motor skills program. The program will develop competency in fundamental movements, physical qualities and technique. Mov3 is all about creating a positive developmental experience that encourages effort, persistence, enjoyment, satisfaction, prolonged engagement with sport and, critically, enhanced self-confidence within and outside of the sporting domain. Over the 6-week program, learn and develop your skills, make new friends and have fun!*

**How do I register?**

**STEP 1**

Visit the Mov3 website:

[www.triathlonvictoria.org.au/mov3-victoria](http://www.triathlonvictoria.org.au/mov3-victoria)

**STEP 2**

Register for PILOT DAY or register for both PILOT DAY and 6-week program at the same time.



**CRANBOURNE - FREE PILOT DAY**

**SAT 29TH APRIL  
3:00-4:00PM**



**CRANBOURNE - FREE 6 WEEK PROGRAM**

**STARTS SAT 13TH MAY  
3:00-4:30PM**



City of  
**Casey**



**23 JUNE - 1 JULY 2023**

**BOTANIC**  
**BY** **NIGHT**

**LIGHT SHOW**  
**SPECTACULAR**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
**FIND OUT MORE GO TO**  
**[CASEY.VIC.GOV.AU](http://CASEY.VIC.GOV.AU)**



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**BOTANIC**  
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