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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

I am pleased to say that we can now accept your completed enrolment forms for new enrolments for 2024. In saying this, however, the Department of Education have made it clear to all schools that new enrolments for 2024 cannot be officially confirmed until August. This applies to new enrolments irrespective of whether your child lives within the designated school's enrolment zone or not. All schools are required to adhere to this directive. Our school is in the position to accept enrolments from outside our designated zone because our zone is relatively small in terms of primary school age children, and we have substantial enrolment space annually within our enrolment ceiling of 620 students in total. Please contact me at our school if you have any questions in relation to enrolling your child at our school for next year.

EDUCATION WEEK: OPEN DAY

Thank you for your support with our Open Day activities this week, parents. The after-school activity was very well attended, and the children were thrilled to have their parents visit their classrooms. Staff also were very appreciative of the chance to meet with you and share the great work of our students.

Continued...

LEARNING FOR LIFE...



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STEP INTO PREP EVENING

Reminder – Step into Prep Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 24th May from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Senior staff and members of our Prep team will be in attendance to answer your questions and provide you with details of what to expect for your child in their Prep year – please contact the office to secure a booking.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. If my child has a cough or cold symptoms, but tests negative on a Covid RAT, can I send them to school?

A. That depends on the nature of their cold symptoms or cough. There is an increasing number of children being infected with influenza this year, some suffering quite severe symptoms. Influenza is a highly contagious disease and best avoided if possible. Your doctor would be best placed to give you advice on whether your child is likely have an illness, such as influenza, and stay home. It is also worth noting that when ill, children should be resting in order to aid their recovery.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'Authenticity comes in many guises - speaking from your heart is one of the best'

Henry Grosseck

DIARY DATES:

Winter Inter-School Sports	Friday 19th May
SSS Mass Dance Rehearsal	Friday 19th May
Walk to School Day	Friday 19th May
Parent Induction (Bookings Essential)	Wednesday 24th May
Step Into Prep 5:30-6:30pm	Wednesday 24th May
Grade 3 Camp	Wednesday 31st May - Friday 2nd June

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



DEALING WITH BIG FEELINGS— Free Parent Workshop held at Berwick Lodge
Our wonderful PFA have organised a free workshop through Anglicare on Tuesday 23rd May at 9:15am-11:00am, to be held at Berwick Lodge PS in the After School Care Building. This workshop would provide valuable information and strategies to help you in assisting your child to handle their complex feelings. Please refer to the flyer attached regarding booking your sport. We would like to provide more of these workshops to our parent community, so we would greatly appreciate your support in attendance and feedback.



PARENT INDUCTION



We will be holding another Induction session on Wednesday 24th May at 9:00am for any parents interested in helping in their child's classroom or attending any camps or excursions as a parent helper. A current Working with Childrens card is required. Please call 9709 6700 to make a booking.



NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY Friday 19th 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 19th 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/smartsteps/families/activitysheets>



Sandra McCrum, Angela Maskery and Sharyn King





Meet our Principal
Henry Grosseck & a
Prep Teacher!

LEARN ABOUT:

- Prep Transition
- School Readiness
- Curriculum
- School Programs
- 2024 Enrolments

STEP INTO

PREP

Prospective enrolments information session.

BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAY
24TH MAY**

In our school Library
5:30pm - 6:30pm

*Out of zone enrolments taken if
places available.*

***BOOKINGS ARE
ESSENTIAL.
PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE
TO REGISTER.
PLACES ARE LIMITED.**



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PREP

Prep B – Sophie and Ash

Prep K – Trey and Lilliana

Prep N – Raon and Rylie

Prep S – Edward and Isla

GRADE 1

1S – Xave

GRADE 2

2C- Bailey

GRADE 4

4L – Hudson A

4P – Aaliyah T

4W – Olivia L

GRADE 3

3K- Saxon L

3L – Ruby-Evelyn J

3M – Abigail W

3V- Darcy H

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 Opened on Wednesday 10th 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



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 9th May, our District Cross Country team competed at Sweeney Reserve. The course was challenging due to the rain in the morning, but luckily it was clear for most of the events. Our students were up against 7 other schools and they represented the school with great enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see them coming across the finish line with smiles on their faces.

Congratulations to Kenara who finished 5th in the 10 year old girls event, Joshua who finished 7th and Shepley 8th for the 10 year old boys event.

We wish you all the best at the Divisional Cross Country on 31st May.

Thank you to our parent helpers on the day Kate and Fran, without you we wouldn't have been able to go and to Miss Lamba and Mr Pryor for helping on the day.

Ali McArthur

P.E teacher

ST MARGARETS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 11th May we had two mixed netball teams represent Berwick Lodge at the St Margaret's Netball Tournament. The two teams have been training in preparation for the tournament since late term 1 and are to be commended on their commitment to their training.

Both teams played 7 games in total and a final. Berwick Lodge (Lodgers 1) consisting of Eleanor, Sophie, Madi, Emily, Shresta, Darcy, Ezekiel, Cordell and Jordi won 5 of their games and played Pakenham Consolidated in their final to win 14-1 to finish 5th overall.

Berwick Lodge (Lodgers 2) consisting of Genny, Zahra, Chloe, Katinka, Tayla, Ellis, Bronson, Quade, Jackson and Matthew drew one of their games and played a tight final against Berwick Primary School.

We are so proud of how exceptionally well each of the teams played throughout the entire tournament displaying amazing sportsmanship and support towards each other. A huge thank you to Mrs Whitelaw and Mrs Shead for their coaching expertise and assistance on the day. Also a big thank you to Miss McArthur and Miss Lamba for their help in preparation of the teams for the tournament.

Thank you,
Kylee Muccignat
P.E teacher



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 24th 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.



SICKBAY NEWS

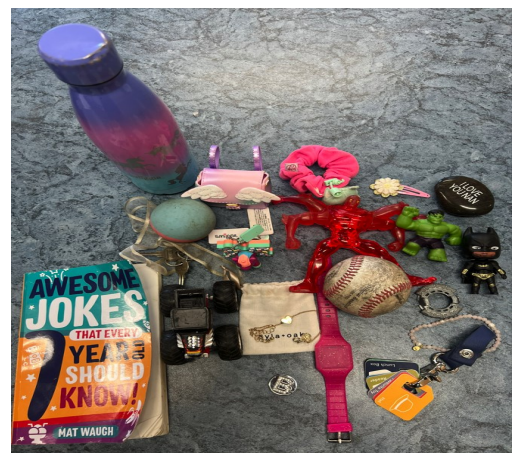
Do you have any clothing that your child may have borrowed from sickbay?

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



LOST AND FOUND

If any of these items belong to you, please come to the office for collection.



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.



PFA NEWS



Yellow Long Sleeve Top



Blue Sports Top



Yellow Short Sleeve Top



Blue Bomber Jacker



Blue Rugby Jumper



Blue Crew Neck



Sports Shorts - Basketball
Shorts - Thinner fabric



Shorts - Thicker fabric



Trackpants



Shorts Pleated - Girls



Skirt - Sports Skort



Skirt - Netball/Tennis Skirt



Summer Dress



Winter Dress



Beanie

PFA NEWS

Mothers Day Stall

A big THANK YOU! to all the parents who offered to help and to those who were able to help at last week's Mother's Day Stall.

The day was a huge success with positive feedback from students, staff and parents, and we raised an awesome amount of over \$3000 for our school!

We hope all the children and their special person had a wonderful day on Sunday.

Free Parent Information Session

On *Tuesday 23rd May from 9:15am* the PFA is hosting a FREE 'Dealing with Big Feelings' .

This is a parent discussion and information session being held at our school and run by Carey Cole from Parent Zone, Anglicare Victoria. You can just show up on the day but to help with catering it would be great if you could register by going to:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ErhFqXGzuq> or scanning the QR code below on the poster in the Community News part of this newsletter.

PFA Meeting

Our next PFA meeting will be held on *Monday 30th May @ 9:30am* after the morning assembly, in the OHSC Building.

We will start to plan the Father's Day stall. All parents are welcome! If you enjoyed helping out at the Mother's Day stall or have any ideas or feedback about it, it would be great to hear from you!

Hope to see you there,

Emma

PFA President

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

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



For more information:
0425 851 820



Billabong_Bliss_Art_Studio

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

BETTER
TOMORROWS

Detox your Home is coming to Berwick!

Saturday 24 June 2023

9.00am to 3.00pm

Akoonah Park, 2 Cardinia Street Berwick

Safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals at a free Detox your Home event, without harming your health or the environment.

Household chemicals such as bleach, pesticides, weed killers, cleaning products, cosmetics, and cooking oil should never be put in your rubbish bins or poured down the drain.

Detox your Home events are drive-through and contactless.

Why dispose of household chemicals?

Household chemicals can be dangerous. They may harm your family and pets, add extra fuel to a house fire, release toxic fumes and pollute the environment.

Disposing of these items responsibly will:

- reduce the risk of poisoning, keeping your family, friends and pets safe
- keep toxic chemicals out of waterways, and
- minimise environmental pollution and fire hazards.

What happens to the chemicals?

Qualified chemists sort the chemicals, placing them in sealed drums to be transported to a specialist waste treatment plant. The majority of chemicals collected at Detox your Home events are recycled or used for suitable purposes, such as producing energy. Any chemicals that cannot be repurposed are safely disposed of after being treated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Detox your Home accepts:

Acids and alkalis
Aerosol cans
Ammonia based cleaners
Anti-freeze, coolant
Brake fluid
Car body filler
Car care products and waxes
Cooking oil
Cosmetics, nail polish and remover
Detergents, bleach, disinfectants and drain cleaner
Fertilisers
Fire extinguishers
Floor-care products and waxes
Fuels: petrol, diesel, kerosene, other
Glues: water-based and solvents

Hand sanitiser
Herbicides and weed killers
Insect spray and pesticides incl. rat poison
Oven cleaner
Pool chemicals
Solvents
Thinners, turps and paint stripper
Transmission fluid
Wood preservatives and finishes
And other items found at home with these symbols:



For a full list of chemicals accepted, visit: www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepteditems

For safety reasons we can't accept containers of more than 20 litres or 20 kilograms. Please bring chemicals in their original packaging or in disposable containers that will not be returned to you.

Detox your Home does not accept:

Ammunition or firearms
Asbestos
Batteries: car and household varieties
Chemicals used by businesses
Farm chemicals
Fluorescent light bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps and tubes
Gas bottles
Motor oil
Paint*

* Household paint can be dropped at no charge at any Paintback location.
For details see Paintback.com.au/find-location

For information on where to dispose of the above products, contact your local council.



Berwick Event

To register for this event, simply scan the QR code or visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome

You can also call 1300 363 744.

Events are held at locations around Victoria.





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Safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals at Sustainability Victoria's **free** Detox your Home event, without harming your health or the environment.

For a full list of chemicals accepted, visit **[sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepted items](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepted-items)**

Detox your Home events are drive-through and contactless.



To register to attend simply scan the QR code or visit **sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome**



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

23 JUNE - 1 JULY 2023

BOTANIC
BY NIGHT

**LIGHT SHOW
SPECTACULAR**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
FIND OUT MORE GO TO
CASEY.VIC.GOV.AU**



**WILSON
BOTANIC
PARK**