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NEWSLETTER NO 15

25TH MAY 2023

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STEP INTO PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Our Step into Prep evening held on Wednesday evening was a wonderful opportunity to meet with parents of children who will be commencing school next year. The event was well attended with parents being provided with a comprehensive overview of our Prep Teaching and Learning program. Thank you to our Prep Team for preparing the contents of the presentation which Riley Bolton delivered very engagingly.

MANAGING STAFF & CRT SHORTAGES

As you may be aware, all schools are facing critical teacher shortages, this including casual replacement teachers (CRTs). On any given day we will have anywhere between 1 and 4 grades for whom our agency, ANZUK cannot provide us with CRTs. There are several ways that we are managing this shortage – including cancelling specialist programs and having specialist teachers take on class teaching for the grades that cannot be filled with CRTs when the class teacher is absent. Importantly, the curriculum for all grades and specialist programs is well planned by Area team members in the term before, and we can therefore deliver a consistent program across Area grades.

GRADE 3 CAMP TO PHILLIP ISLAND - WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY TO FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

We have completed all preparations for this exciting camp for our Grade 3 children for next week and now have our fingers crossed, hoping for some good weather.

Continued...

LEARNING FOR LIFE...



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Nonetheless, the camp is outstandingly resourced with excellent facilities, and they do provide a wide range of indoor opportunities for the children with which to engage in the event of inclement weather.

USE OF STAFF CARPARK

We have noted a marked increase in the number of parents without special permission using our staff car park to drop off and/or picking their children up. Unless you have a permit to do so, please do not do this in future.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. If we do not live in the official enrolment zone for Berwick lodge P.S. can our child still be enrolled in the school?

A. Yes, they can. Our total school enrolment cap is 620 students. Our local enrolment zone provides us with about 30 per cent of this total, hence we can enrol out of our enrolment zone students. If you have any queries, or would like a tour, please contact us via email or by phoning our administration team.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'You can measure the love you have for others by their capacity to hurt you'

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES:

Winter ISS
Divisional Cross Country
Grade 3 Camp
ISS Gala Day
King's Birthday (Public Holiday)

Friday 26th May
Wednesday 31st May
Wednesday 31st May - Friday 2nd June
Wednesday 7th June
Monday 12th 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

NATIONAL SORRY DAY – 26th May

Every year on 26th May, National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country.

RECONCILIATION WEEK- 27th May to 3rd June

National Reconciliation Week focuses on building respectful, positive relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is about all communities learning more about the history and cultures of the First Peoples of this land. National Reconciliation week is held every year from 27th May to 3rd June. The theme of the National Reconciliation week, 2023 is "Be Brave. Make Change". Teachers will be acknowledging National Sorry Day and Reconciliation week with their students with a variety of activities throughout the week. Modelling respectful interactions, celebrating diversity, and having positive discussions with your children can have a lasting impact on their future attitudes towards cultural diversity.

GRADE 3 CAMP

Our grade 3 students will head off to the Philip Island Camp on Wednesday 31st May. We are sure they will have a great time on their first school camp and we look forward to hearing of all their wonderful experiences upon their return.

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.

RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE (RSL) THANK YOU

Our school received a thank you from the RSL for supporting their ANZAC Day appeal with our JSC selling badges. We raised \$187.10 for RSL. Thank you to all families who supported this appeal.

Sandra McCrum, Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PREP

Prep B – Darcie and Jovan
Prep K – John and Ethan
Prep N – Terran and Libby
Prep S – Finn and Aseem

GRADE 1

1R – Jaswika

GRADE 2

2C – Harmony L
2K – Chloe A

GRADE 3

3K- Jaxson E and Sarina T
3L – Daniel E
3M – Marcus LG

GRADE 4

4L – Patrick C
4W – Zach B

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 are now open!

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



LIBRARY NEWS

Don't forget the library is open on Tuesdays, at lunchtime. Please come in and enjoy some colouring in, quiet reading or games.

Please remember to return any overdue books and bring a library bag to each session.



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

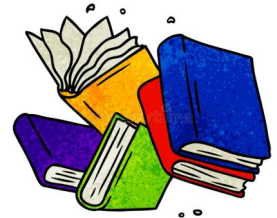
BOOK CLUB: ISSUE 4

ISSUE 4 IS NOW AVAILABLE. DUE TO THE KING'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY, THIS ISSUE WILL BE CLOSING EARLIER THAN USUAL. PLEASE CONFIRM ANY ORDERS BY WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE.

ALSO, IF YOUR CHILD'S CLASS HAS A NEW TEACHER THIS TERM, PLEASE CONTINUE USING THE PREVIOUS TEACHER CODE TO AVOID ANY ORDERING ISSUES.

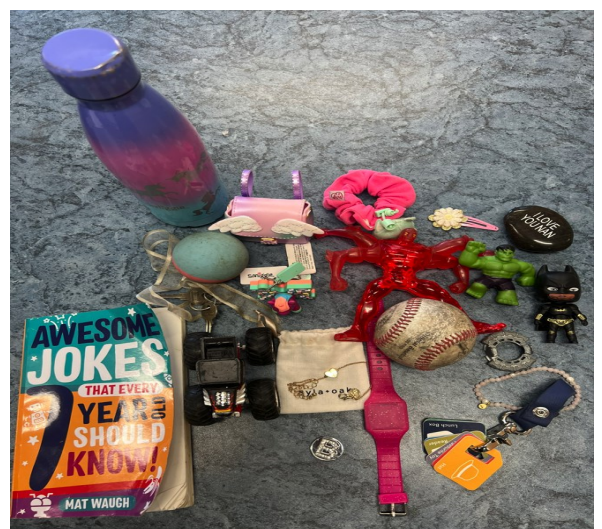
Happy Reading,

Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor J



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.



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.



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

This week we had Carey Cole from Parent Zone Anglicare come to the school and lead an information session / discussion on Big Feelings.

We had 15 parents attend and it was a great session covering what big feelings our children and us can have. It was a safe space to share our thoughts and experience's and offered some very insightful ways for parents to work through the tough times with their children.

And even better - it was FREE! The PFA will be looking into hosting another session with a different focus sometime next term, if you are interested please watch this space :)

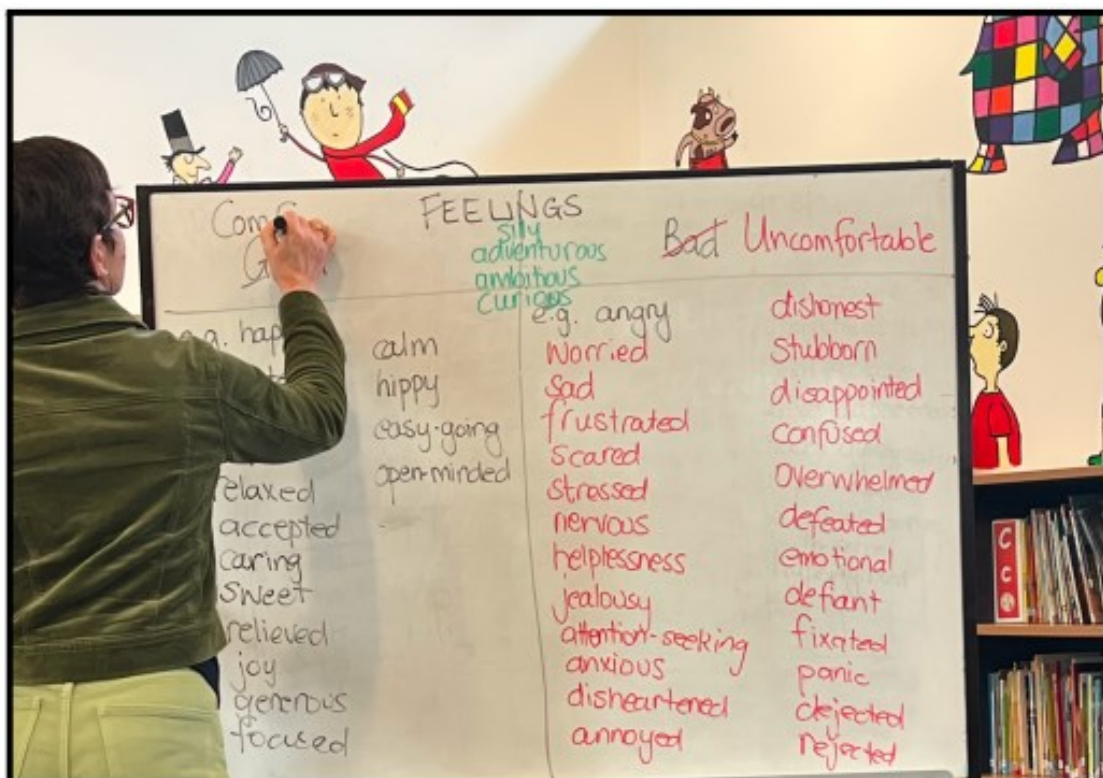
Coming up on Monday we are having our next PFA general meeting at 9:30am after assembly in the before/after school care building.

All are welcome, Prams and toddlers too - so if you have considered coming along please do, we would love to see you there! Snacks and Cuppas provided.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Emma

PFA President



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

IN OTHER NEWS...

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

DD/MM/YYYY

School Name



Your
OSHC.



A message from your Coordinator

We have been very busy in before and after school care over the past few weeks and we wanted to share a few of the fun and exciting things we have been doing with you

Tiger has been leading many groups of children in Origami. We spent a week baking and making cat and dog toys for the local animal shelter and our light box has been busy creating images of our favourite characters



We were lucky enough to be donated 2 Box's of Woolies farm bricks, everyone was super excited to open them and an amazing and ever changing farm-scape has been created



Activities coming up

- Reconciliation Week
- Big Art Weeks
- Big Art Competition

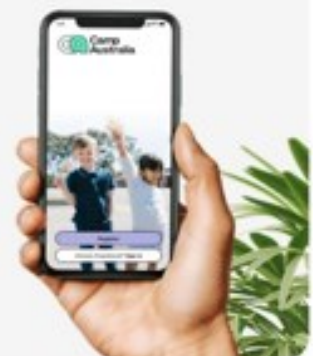
Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app


To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campastralia.com.au

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 Confidence - Strength
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Berwick Lodge Primary School
 At 139-145 Mansfield Street Berwick
 Thursday Night 6.00pm to 8.00pm
 Contact Master Peter 0414468781
**RECEIVE FOUR NIGHTS OF FREE
 TRAINING**

JOIN OUR TERM 2
ART CLASS
 WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM

Billabong Bliss Art Studio
 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

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Activities

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



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Billabong_Bliss_Art_Studio

For more information:
 ☎ **0425 851 820**

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

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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)



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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

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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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 ABORIGINAL GATHERING PLACE
20 AGONIS STREET DOVETON

Youth Program

Yan-yan Yaruk

FOR AGES 10 - 25

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DURING THE
SCHOOL TERM

4 PM - 6 PM

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HERE



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