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NEWSLETTER NO 20

13TH JULY 2023

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to term 3. I do hope that you had the chance to enjoy the holiday break to at least some extent. I am hopeful of a less disrupted term 3 than term 2 proved to be. Next week we commence our midyear parent/teacher discussion meetings. We are looking forward to this opportunity to meet with parents - they will be a celebration of the progress the children have made in semester 1, bearing in mind that the circumstances in schools, ours included, have been very challenging for the most part. It would be helpful to view student progress in this context.

COMPASS UPDATE

Thank you very much for your patience whilst we are transitioning to Compass from Sentral. We are aware that some issues with the system are still arising as the transition continues. We are working very closely with Compass to resolve them asap.

Our records show there are still quite a few families who are yet to log into Compass. If you require assistance with this, please email the school berwick.lodge.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SENTRAL UPDATE

From tomorrow onwards, the Sentral parent portal will no longer be accessible to families. We recommend that you download your child's school reports and NAPLAN results, asap, if you have not done so already as they are currently housed on Sentral.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR SIBLINGS

It is that time of the year when we begin the planning process for our prep grades for next year. We would very much appreciate your support in providing us with early confirmation of your intent to enrol your Prep child for 2024 if you already have siblings attending our school. To do so, please contact our admin staff, either by phone or email preferably.

BUILDING WORKS ON OUR GYMNASIUM

You may have noticed the scaffolding surrounding our gymnasium in recent weeks. We are currently having major repairs being undertaken on the roof of the building – this work is expected to be completed within the coming weeks. Unfortunately, the inclement weather we experienced during the recent holidays has delayed the completion of the repair work.

PUPIL-FREE DAY: FRIDAY 28 JULY

We have scheduled Friday 28 July as our Professional Practice Day for all staff. Consequently, it will be a pupil-free day for students.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Will Camp Australia be operating on Friday 28 July – the Professional Practice Day for all staff?

A. YES – Camp Australia will be providing their service on this pupil-free day provided that enough children are enrolled for the day. Please contact Camp Australia should you wish to enrol your child/ren in the program on 28 July. The cut-off date for enrolments for the program on July 28 is Friday 21 July.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'Maybe it's because the value of love is priceless that the cost of living without it is unimaginable'

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES:

Helmeted Honeyeater Excursion	Friday 14th July
Grade 5/6 Hooptime	Wednesday 19th July
Professional Practice Day (No students required at school)	Friday 28th July
SSS Mass Dance Rehearsal	Monday 31st July

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



★ PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER DISCUSSION MEETINGS

★ **WEEK 2: 17th July – 20th July AND WEEK 3: 24th July – 27th July.**

★ Parent/teacher/student meetings will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 3.40pm to 4.30pm. These meetings will be held face-to-face in student's classrooms. We understand that some parents may not be able to attend in person, so we will be offering telephone meetings as an alternative. Please email the school if you would like a phone Conference. Please book your requested time slot via our new parent communication portal on Compass. Bookings will close Monday 17th July at 10.00am.

★ NADIOC WEEK

★ This week our students have been involved in activities and discussions relating to NAIDOC week. Each year, the NAIDOC week highlights matters of importance, creates awareness and recognises the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Each grade level throughout the school has shared stories and discussed relevant themes. Please see the wonderful photos of what some students have been participating in during Visual and Performing Arts further in our newsletter.

★ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

★ Currently Mrs Montgomery our Performing Arts Teacher is teaching all students our new Acknowledgement of Country. This will have actions as well, and is very child centered. In a few weeks time, we will begin our whole school assemblies with our new acknowledgement of Country, with all children participating. Please read our new Acknowledgement of Country further in our newsletter.

★ CITY OF CASEY SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS

★ We are currently working with the City of Casey to collaborate and educate our community, families and students about how we can make it safer around our school, particularly when traveling to and from school in the mornings and afternoons. Included in the newsletter is some information about the program. All families will also receive via an email, a booklet from the City of Casey with further information to read and share with their families. Our students will participate in an incursion in a few weeks time to learn about safely coming to and leaving school, including when walking, riding a bicycle or traveling by car. The City of Casey will have a presence over the next 8 weeks, particularly in the mornings and afternoons, talking with parents about concerns, safe movement of traffic and how we can keep everyone safe. The local Police will also be on patrol around our school roads, working with drivers to educate about safe road usage. Our local families have also received a survey from the City of Casey to provide feedback about our local neighbourhood traffic and roads. If you would like further information about the Safe Around Schools program, please contact the City of Casey on 97055200 or visit their website.

★ NATIONAL TREE DAY -PLANET ARK

★ On Monday 31st July our school will participate in the National Tree day. On this day some students will be planting natives donated by Toyota and all students will have the opportunity to plant with their grade. If you are interested in assisting on the day to help grades plant or share your knowledge, please email the office, phone or come in and speak with Mrs. McCrum. Parent helpers need to have a current working with children check and have completed the induction.

★ PARENT INDUCTION DATES

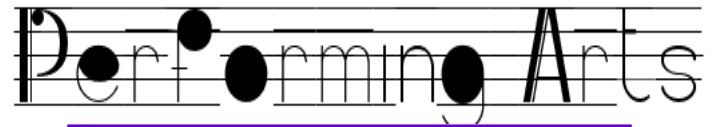
★ Our next parent induction date is Wednesday 19th July at 9am or 3pm. Please contact the office to register your interest.

Sandra McCrum, Angela Maskery and Sharyn



SPECIALIST AWARDS

Term 2



Evelyn PN and Jamie PS

Isla IR and Arthur (AJ) IS

Tyson 2K and Winter 2M

Nate 3K and Ruby C 3L

Kenara 4L and Shepley 4L

Harini 5K and Josh L 5K

Will 6P and Genny 6W

Ayrton PS and Darcie PB

Hendrik IR and Quinn G ISM

Isaac 2C and Sofia 2G

River 3K and Nancy 3M

Phoebe 4P and Matilda A 4W

Kenny 5WH and Taylah 5K

Logan B 6W and Amelia H 6C



MANDARIN

Hayley PK and Jackson PB

Landon IS and Cooper IS

Naureen 2M and Arta 2C

Kayden 3K and Evelyn 3M

Monica 4W and Ella 4W

Tomoe 5K and Jonoel 5B

Zoe 6C and Hadi 6P

Parker PB and Terran PN

Oscar IR and Willow IR

Avin 2M and Sofia 2G

Zoe 3K and Meika 3L

Eliott 4L and Winston 4W

Declan 5B and Kallan 5B

Abigail 6P and Oliver 6P

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PREP

Prep B – Parker and Alfie

Prep S – Jamie and Ariana

GRADE 4

4L - Savannah H

4P – Phoenix, Phoebe, James,

Himmat Clifford and Ebony D

4W - Summer S

GRADE 3

3K- Aston W and Sarina T

3L – Isabel G

3M – Savannah J

3V – Hannah J

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



NAIDOC WEEK



Berwick Lodge Acknowledgement of Country

Here is the Land
Here is the Sky
Here are my friends
And here am I
We play today
On Bunurong Land
Our First Nation people
We walk hand in hand
We'd like to say thank you
For letting us share
The Land that you love
We promise to take care

Performing Arts News



NAIDOC Week in Performing Arts



This week in Performing Arts we have been learning a traditional Torres Strait Islander Song: **Sesere Eeye**. One possible meaning of the song is about a Kingfisher bird that dives into the water and back out again catching a fish.

The Prep students learned the song with some simple actions.

The Grade 1 and 2 students learned the song with actions and then added some simple percussion instruments.

The Grade 3 and 4 students learned the song and traditional dance. They then played simple ukulele chords to accompany the song.

The Grade 5 and 6 students learned the song and dance moves. In small groups they then created a unique dance or musical arrangement (using ukulele and percussion) to accompany the song.

NAIDOC Week in Performing Arts



Sesere eeye lyrics

Se-se-re ee-ye se-se-re ee-ye

nar-in ar in a ro-par-te x 2

Ro-par-te mar-ow-si am-ma te

se-se-re ee-ye x 2

NAIDOC Week in Visual Arts

This week in Visual Arts the Preps read the Rainbow Serpent with Mrs Zammit and then used acrylic paints in warm and cool colours to fingerpaint scales for a large collaborative Rainbow Serpent.

Grade 2 students are creating their own Indigenous Rainstick and began with designing lovely patterns for their cap ends using paint pens.

Some Grade 3 /4 students have used patterns and zentagles to fill Australian animals using black fineliners.

Grade 6 students looked at the NAIDOC website to look at past and present posters for inspiration, as well as Aboriginal symbols to begin creating a cardboard sculpture that will fit together with different designs.

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NAIDOC Week in Visual Arts



P.E. NEWS

THE 'ALMOST' IMPOSSIBLE SHOT

This term we have introduced the 'almost' impossible shot to all the students in the school as a novelty challenge. The aim of the challenge is to throw the tennis ball in the tube on the full from a certain distance. Each year level has a beginning distance to try and accomplish.

Prep- 1m
Grade 1- 1.5m
Grade 2 - 2m
Grade 3 - 2.5m
Grade 4 - 3m
Grade 5 - 3.5m
Grade 6 - 4m

If a student accomplishes their goal distance for their year level, their name goes on the honour board in the gymnasium and the new distance is increased by 0.5m. The student with their name at the end of the year with the longest distance accomplished will receive a little trophy to honour their achievement. These distances will then be recorded and will be the starting distance for each level in 2024.

Congratulations to Aleyna in 5B who achieved the 3.5m distance this week. She has now set the record for this year level and the new distance for grade 5 is 4m!

Students have had the opportunity to experience the 'almost' impossible shot during P.E lessons this week. I know a lot of students have loved the concept and we look forward to offering opportunities for students to have a go during recess/lunchtime sessions and assemblies as well. Maybe also the teachers can join in and have their own little competition too.

We will be sure to inform you of students that accomplish the challenge and the new records set!! Thank you to Mrs Whitelaw for her handy work in making and introducing the concept.

Thank you,
Kylee Muccignat & Ali McArthur
P.E Coordinators



Dance Workshop

The Dance Workshop run by **Eleven88 Dance Ministry** will now take place on Tuesday 18th July. This workshop will involve your child participating in warm up games and then learning a dance routine. There is no cost involved.

Students from Grades 3-6 are welcome to attend.

If your child would like to participate, please email the office by Monday 17th July.

Thanks,
Lorraine Montgomery
Performing Arts Teacher



LOST AND FOUND

A Nintendo switch was lost on Monday night after school in the gazebo near the 1/2 playground. It was in a black leather case.

It would be wonderful if found that it be returned to the front office.

Thank you.



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



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Skirt - Sports Skort



Skirt - Netball/Tennis Skirt



Summer Dress



Winter Dress



Beanie

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SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS



***Berwick Lodge Primary School are excited to participate in
City of Casey - Safe Around Schools Program
to educate children and parents about road safety around schools.***



While there is no quick fix, schools, council, parents, and children can all work together to get everyone to school and work – safely and on time.

We strongly encourage you to complete a short 5-minute survey

conversations.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools

to share your experience and knowledge as a parent/carer of this school.

The survey will provide extremely valuable information for the program.

Contact the City of Casey:

Web: www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools
Email: Safearoundschools@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
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SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS



Getting children to school safely is everyone's job.

Too many cars around schools at drop-off & pick-up times can make it more dangerous for children and hard to find a parking spot.

We can all work together to get everyone to school safely and on time.



Reduce car trips – one of these options may work for you

- ✓ **Walk or ride to school.**
- ✓ If your school has a **Walk to School map**, get a copy from the office.
- ✓ **Park and walk.** Park a little further away from school and enjoy a short walk - avoiding traffic and parking pressure.
- ✓ **Carpool with a friend.** You can share the pick-up and drop-off with another parent.



Keep the Drop off Pick up Zone moving

- ✓ A **Drop off Pick up Zone** is a special place to quickly drop-off or pick-up your child when you use your car. You can only stay in the zone for **2 minutes** each time and you **must** stay with your car.
- ✓ **Move as far down the Drop off Pick up Zone as possible**, don't stop at the start, this blocks the traffic behind you.
- ✓ **Arrive at least three minutes after the school bell.** No children are ready before this time. Don't arrive early and park in the Pick up Zone – remember, you can only stop here for 2 minutes.
- ✓ **Change your pick-up or drop-off times to avoid the busiest peak times.** For example: in the afternoon, arrive 5 minutes after the bell to pick-up your child and avoid the busy time.
- ✓ **Child not there? Keep moving!** Drive out of the zone and come back, don't park and wait for them.



No Parking

This no parking sign means that the area is a Drop off Pick up Zone. You cannot leave your vehicle unattended and you cannot stop for more than two minutes. The times may be a little different at your school, but the rules are the same. Fines can apply if the signs are not followed.

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Be courteous and aware

- ✓ **Follow signs, road rules and parking signs.**
They are there to keep our children safe.
- ✓ **No stopping signs mean "Do not stop your vehicle for any reason".** These areas must be kept clear for pedestrians and motorists.
- ✓ **Do not park on nature strips or in front of driveways.**
This is very dangerous for children and other road users.
- ✓ **Do not drop your children on the other side of the road and tell them to run across.** Use a Drop off Pick up Zone or the safest crossing point, like a School Crossing or Pedestrian Crossing.
- ✓ **Be extra careful and patient around schools.**
- ✓ **Slow down and be alert!** Children can be unpredictable. Remain careful, especially at the busy morning and afternoon school times.

Use school crossings

- ✓ **Casey's School Crossing Supervisors** are trained to help children to cross the road safely.
- ✓ **Use the school crossing.** It is the safest place for children to cross the road.
- ✓ **Keep the school crossing clear.** Do not stop your car on the crossing. It is dangerous and illegal to block the crossing.



GETTING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL SAFELY IS EVERYONE'S JOB. Think before you park, drive, drop off and pick up. All children deserve to get to school safely.

For more information about safety around schools visit www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools

This project is a joint partnership between City of Casey, Casey schools and Victorian Government.

Contact the City of Casey:

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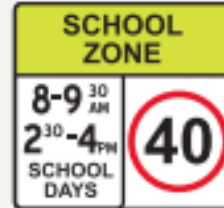


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Follow the signs And keep children safe



School Zone

The speed limit around schools is 40km on school days between 8.00am and 9.30am and 2.30pm and 4.00pm.

Slow down and keep children safe.



No Stopping

The no stopping sign means you cannot stop your vehicle for any purpose, no matter how short the time.



Bus Zone

A bus zone is an area only for buses. You cannot stop there at all.



Never double park, it is illegal and dangerous

Double parking is stopping next to parked cars to pick up or let out children.

COMMUNITY NEWS



PARENTING TWEENS PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

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

PARENTING YOUR TWEEN CAN BE A BIT OF A MINE FIELD...!

- Are you finding that you and your tween seem to be speaking a different language?!
- Do you wonder how much independence is enough?
- Are you unsure whether your expectations of your tween are reasonable?
- Would it be helpful to explore strategies that work for other parents of tweens?

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.

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

DATE: Monday, 14th August

TIME: 9.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

WHERE: Berwick Lodge Primary School Library
139 - 145 Mansfield Street
Berwick

COST: FREE!

For more information, contact:

Carey Cole - 0437 428 281

carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au

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