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NEWSLETTER NO 21

20TH JULY 2023

**ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr! APP
BY 9:00AM
CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STAFFING UPDATE

Lianne Morgan has informed me that due to her ongoing medical situation, she will remain on personal leave for the remainder of this year. Our current staffing arrangements for her grade will therefore continue to the end of the school year. Our best wishes for a full recovery are extended to Lianne.

Ryan Anthony will be joining us on a full-time basis until the end of the year as a generalist support teacher commencing on Monday 31st July. Ryan has extensive experience in both the public and more recently, private school systems as a generalist teacher. Ryan will be replacing **Jesse Brown** who will be commencing Family Leave from that date.

I am very pleased to inform you that we have been able to secure the part time employment of **Natasha McVicar**, a qualified speech pathologist, at our school for 2 days per week commencing on Monday 24th July. This is especially good news for us as speech pathologists are very hard to come by currently. We now have both a child psychologist and speech pathologist employed at our school every week, and this will most certainly provide us with an excellent opportunity to meet the needs of the children in need of those services. We have been able to do this due to additional funding we have received from the state government for the provision of such services for children with special needs.

Candice Smith joined our school as a generalist support teacher this term, four days per week, as a replacement for **Wen Tian**, our Mandarin teacher who is on Long Service Leave until the last week of term 3.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

REMINDER: CAMP AUSTRALIA OPEN ON FRIDAY 28 JULY (PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY)

Please note that Camp Australia is providing a whole day service on Friday 28th July when all staff will be attending a Professional Practice Day Inservice. It is most important that you pre-book online with Camp Australia if you wish to have your child/ren attend the program.

MISSED OUT ON BOOKING A PARENT/TEACHER MEETING WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER?

If you have missed out on booking such an appointment with your child's class teacher, please email your child's class teacher via Compass to arrange a time to speak with them.

GRADE 5K PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews with Robert Kelly (Grade 5K class teacher) can now be booked on Compass. Please make sure you book an appointment time before they close on Monday 24th July at 10am.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Will our Digital Technologies specialist program be reinstated next year?

A. Yes it will! This year we have experienced an extraordinary set of staffing challenges which forced my hand on this at the end of term 2. Digital Technologies is an important part of our curriculum and I look forward to being able to reinstate this program next year.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'You don't have to be good at mathematics to understand that a problem shared is a problem divided.'

Henry Grosseck

DIARY DATES:

Professional Practice Day (No students required at school)	Friday 28th July
SSS Mass Dance Rehearsal	Monday 31st July
Planet Ark - Tree Day Planting	Monday 31st July
Maths Competition	Wednesday 2nd August - 4th August

NOTICES AND PAYMENTS DUE:

Maths Competition	Monday 24th July
ICAS	Tuesday 1st August

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 TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you, firstly, to all parents and students who attended the student progress discussion meetings that were held this week or made the time to contact teachers via phone. These meetings continue from Monday to Thursday next week. Parents are a vital link in the education and success of their children and the conversations between teacher, parents and students are invaluable to our student's wellbeing and progress. meeting times. We understand that sometimes circumstances can change, and you may not be able to attend the appointment time you originally scheduled, if this is the case can you please contact the school to cancel your appointment. Thank you for your cooperation.

NCCD

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial, or extensive

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the

[Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/resources/department-education-skills-and-employment-complete-privacy-policy-0\)](https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/resources/department-education-skills-and-employment-complete-privacy-policy-0)

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

PLANET ARK NATIONAL TREE DAY MONDAY 31ST JULY

Our school is registered for Planet Ark National Tree Day. On this day, students will have the opportunity to plant a seed to take home and learn about the environment and our school gardens. Children are welcome to wear green or anything nature coloured. Parents are welcome to assist grades with their planting activities. All parent volunteers need to have completed the school induction and have a current working with children card. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office to leave your details.

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Assistant Principals' Report

HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

On Friday 14th July our four Helmeted Honeyeater ambassadors – Sienna, Jackson, Hudson and Jasmine visited the Yellingbo nature reserve to learn about the Helmeted Honeyeater. Please read their report below:

On Friday we went to Yellingbo Nature reserve and we learnt about the critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater. We went on a walk to the creek to look for the Helmeted Honeyeater. When we finally found one, he was on the path not very far away. They fly very fast and are small with black and yellow feathers.

On the walk we saw a very interesting fungi which was shaped like a cap of a bottle. It was very bright coloured and very purple. The stem was very long. We also saw a very cool moss, when you looked at it, it looked like it was glowing.

On the way back from the walk, we saw some wombat poo which was up on a log. Wombat poo is square shaped. In the poo there was half digested poo. We looked for wombat holes and saw one later where we were planting.

We planted 200 plants to help the Helmeted Honeyeaters with their new habitat. It will take 4 years for the trees to grow to be used by the bird. We used a Hamilton tree planter to make holes in the ground. We all worked together to plant the trees. We had an amazing day and can't wait to go again.



Sandra McCrum, Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PREP

Prep B – Logan and Harrison

Prep K – Kiaan and Aubrey

GRADE 3

3K- Christopher H

3L – Cooper C

3M – Avery H

GRADE 4

4L – Eryk A

4P – Samantha and Aaliyah

4W – Josh and Sienna

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



P.E NEWS

On Wednesday 19th July, the grade 5/6 students participated in the district Hooptime competition at Dandenong Basketball stadium,. We had 5 teams representing in the All Stars and Future Stars divisions. All teams had the opportunity to compete against schools from Berwick Chase, Beacons Hills, Berwick Fields, Berwick, Oatlands and Kilberry Valley. Despite the tough competition, all the students played amazingly, displaying great sportsmanship and persistence. They never gave up and remained positive all day! They all should be so proud of themselves.

The All Star girls team consisting of Eleanor, Sophie, Emily, Amelia, Zahra, Laila, Konstandina and Cailin came away with one victory. They fought hard all day and had a couple of close matches.



The All Star boys had a tough draw but played with grit and determination. Well done to Oliver, Darcy, Jett, Luka, Jackson, Josh and Logan.

The Future Stars Lakers consisting of Athvithan, Lucy, Kuol, Ruby D, Ruby M, Madi, Levi, Jason and Ellis played hard all day and never gave up. They had some close games, especially the last game only going down by 1 goal.



P.E NEWS



Tamara, Chloe, Mia, Ashean, Austin, Chris, Neil, Summer and Krishna made up the Lions team. Unfortunately Sienna was injured but was a great support, cheering on the team the whole day. The Lions played with persistence and resilience improving and learning each game they played.

Well done to the Llamas who played 4 tough games and displayed great enthusiasm and grit throughout the day. Haylie, Genny, Har-lee, Isabelle, Will, Sam, Lachlan, Cody and Mitchell all displayed great improvement in all their games.



Thank you to Mr Pryor and Ms Taylor for their assistance on the day. Also a big thank you to the parents that came to score and cheer on the teams. We really appreciate all the support!

Thank you to Ms McArthur and Mr Pryor for helping me during lunchtime training sessions in the lead up to the tournament.

Thank you.
Kylee Muccignat
P.E Cordinator

Dance Workshop

On Tuesday 18th July some of our Grade 3-6 students participated in a Dance Workshop run by Eleven88 Dance Ministry. We were lucky to see ex-Lodger **Dahlia** lead this session along with the dance group founder and coordinator **Lauren**.

The workshop saw our students participate in a high tempo warm up and then learn a fast paced hip-hop dance to the song 'Dance The Night' by Dua Lipa, which features on the soundtrack of the new Barbie movie. They finished with a fun game of musical statues. A huge congratulations to all the students involved who used their lunchtime to dedicate time to learning the choreography.

Feedback from the students:



"Learning a new dance was fun!" **Lira 3M**

"The dance was fun to learn because it was high energy." **Grace 6W**

"I liked that they taught us about our value and worth and we got to go crazy during musical statues." **Taylah 5K**

"Everybody had high energy and had so much fun. Dahlia and Lauren were so nice."

Ava 5B

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Performing Arts News

Dance Workshop



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There is a fantastic opportunity for our students to get creative in this new competition organised by Cool Australia in conjunction with Faber-Castell.

The purpose of the competition is to inspire creative and sustainable thinking (including social and environmental)

Head to www.coolaustralia.org/unit/create-your-mark-creative-competition to find out more or come see Mrs Zammit for more information.

Have fun!



BOOK WEEK

Book week runs from the 19th – 26th August 2023. Leading up to this week, teachers will be reading some of the CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL AWARDS nominated, picture story books.

These books are currently on display in the Library and will be available to borrow in Term 4. Students will have the chance to vote on their favourite book during Book Week and the winner will be announced the following week.

Students across all year levels love reading these new books and great discussions are had when deciding on favourites.



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club brochure is now available. These have been distributed this week and there are some great items on offer.

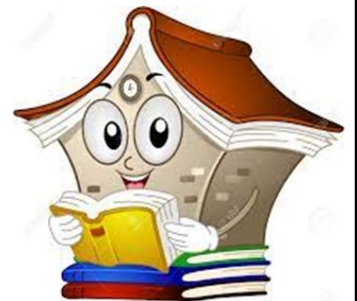
This issue also has the chance for purchasers to receive FREE BOOKS. Spend \$30 for 1 Free Book, \$50 for 2 Free Books or \$70 for 3 Free Books.

Please order online by 31st July and books will be delivered ASAP.

If your child's teacher has changed, please continue to order under the previous teacher code:

ISM – IC, 3L – 3W, 5WH – 5F, 5K – 5J, this is to avoid any confusion with grade names for accounts that are already active.

Happy Reading,
Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor.

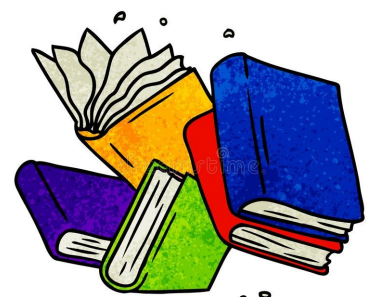


LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3 in the Library.

The Library will be open at lunchtime, on Tuesdays, again this term. Please pop in for some colouring, reading, fun games or just some quiet time.

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



CANTEEN NEWS

If your child forgets their lunch, and a sandwich is provided by the canteen, please note that this will incur a charge of \$2.

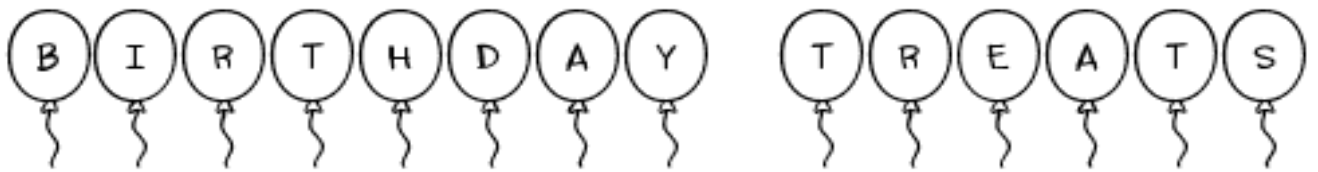
The money needs to be handed to the office as soon as possible.



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



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



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Winter Dress



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SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS



Being a Safe Driver at School Crossings



- Drivers must not overtake a vehicle stopping/stopped at the School Crossing.
- Keep the School Crossing Clear. Do not stop your car on the crossing. Blocking the crossing is not only against the law, but also dangerous for everyone.
- Drivers must stop if a child or adult is about to cross or is crossing while flags are displayed, even if there is no Crossing Supervisor.
- Drivers must stop if a handheld "Stop" sign is being displayed.
- Drivers must proceed only when all children and adults, including the School Crossing Supervisor are clear of the crossing.
- Drivers must approach at a speed slow enough to stop safely, if necessary.
- Drivers should always watch out for children near schools.

Getting Children to school safely is everyone's job!

Contact the City of Casey:

Web: www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools

Email: Safearoundschools@casey.vic.gov.au

Phone: 03 9705 5200

Post: PO Box 1000, Narre Warren VIC 3905

NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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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.

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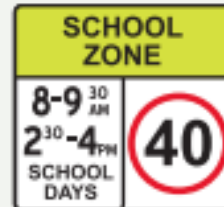


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Follow the signs And keep children safe



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:

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