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NEWSLETTER NO 30

5TH OCTOBER 2023

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME TO TERM 4

Here we are – one term to go and so much happening. Camps, excursions, transition programs, end of year reports, meeting your new classmates for 2024 at the end of the year, Grade 6 Graduation (one of my enduring annual favourite events) and so much more, including a family fun afternoon at our school before the year ends.

STAFF CHANGE

Christopher Moore, our Sickbay Officer, resigned his position at our school during the recent school holidays. On behalf of us all, I extend our thanks to Christopher for his contribution to our school during his time here this year and wish him every success in the future.

I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to replace Christopher with a most suitable replacement sickbay officer, **Natalie McKenna**, who will be commencing duties at our school from next week on Wednesday 11th October. Natalie currently works as a member of the ES team at Clyde Secondary College.

Continued...

LEARNING FOR LIFE...



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

GRADE 6 GRADUATION PHOTO

Next week on **Tuesday 10th October 2023**, our graduating Grade 6, *Class of 2023*, will have their Graduation photos taken. It is most definitely a day for school uniforms to be worn if possible. Oh, and by the way, best smiles must be worn that day!!!!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. When will you be inviting parent requests this year?

A. I will be doing this later in November, with the date yet to be finalised. This year, parent requests will be limited to guidance on friendships of their children. All grades next year will be straight grades, with no composite grades. I have decided to discontinue inviting requests for specific teachers, as this further complicates the process from our perspective - a complicated process in itself, into which a great deal of time and thought is devoted by teachers and our leadership team.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'The burdens of parenting rest lighter on the minds of those who never forget that they were once children themselves'

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES:

Grade 6 Graduation Photo
Teeth on Wheels Form Due
Prep - 2 Athletics Day
Grade 4 Camp
Grade 5 Camp

Tuesday 10th October
Sunday 22nd October
Friday 10th November
Wednesday 15th Nov - Friday 17th Nov
Wednesday 22nd Nov - Friday 24th Nov

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



WELCOME BACK

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break. It's wonderful to see all the happy faces return and feel the enthusiasm of students and staff. Let's make the final term of 2023 a great one!

SUNSMART

Berwick Lodge is a registered Sun Smart school. We are committed to ensuring our students are protected from too much UV. Sun Smart recommends SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Teachers do not apply sunscreen for students, but we do support strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen themselves before heading outdoors. Please help support this message at home by:

- Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours
- Talk to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer
- Ensure your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practise so they will be all set to apply it safely at school
- Be a Sun Smart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses

FOUNDATION TRANSITION PROGRAM

Information regarding the 2024 Prep Transition Program has been emailed to all new families. For all our Prep 2024 families, please contact the office to book an EYE (Early Years Evaluation) time for your child to attend. Sessions are running from Monday 30th October to Monday 6th November. We are excited to welcome all new families onsite this year to commence our formal transition program.

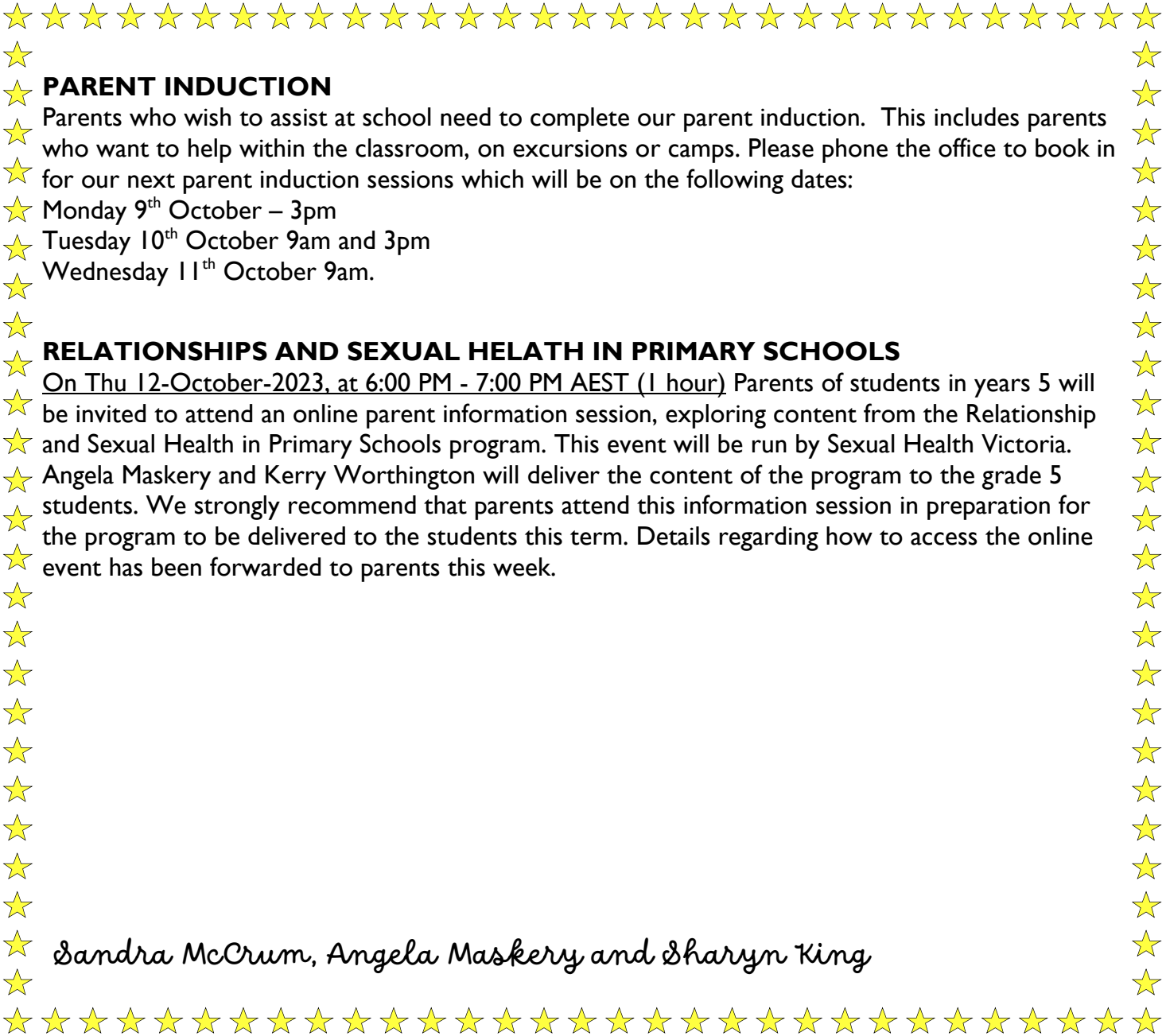
SPECIALIST AWARDS

A big congratulations to all the students who achieved specialist awards at assembly this week. We are extremely proud of your achievements. Keep up the great work!

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

This term, students from Prep to grade 6 will be learning about Topic 7 - Gender and Identity and Topic 8 - Positive Gender Relations as a part of the Respectful Relationships curriculum. The Respectful Relationships curriculum is **mandated** by the Victorian Department of Education and Training for all students from Prep to Year 10 and covers units focusing on Social and Emotional wellbeing through to Positive Gender Relations. The units being covered in term 4 are designed to educate our students and develop an understanding of gender based violence, and learn about the influence of gender norms on attitudes and behaviours. There is a great deal of information about the value of educating our students from an early age about gender equality, correctly naming body parts and protective behaviours. Respectful Relationships from Prep to Grade 6, will teach students to correctly name body parts, learn strategies such as NO, GO, TELL, explore gender identity, challenge stereotypes, and to value and show respect for diversity and difference, and how to apply these attitudes within relationships. We encourage all families to talk to their child about what they are learning at school and together with a whole school and community approach we can work towards respectful relationships for everyone.





PARENT INDUCTION

Parents who wish to assist at school need to complete our parent induction. This includes parents who want to help within the classroom, on excursions or camps. Please phone the office to book in for our next parent induction sessions which will be on the following dates:

- Monday 9th October – 3pm
- Tuesday 10th October 9am and 3pm
- Wednesday 11th October 9am.

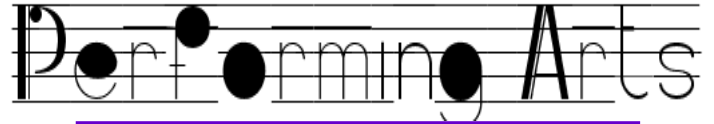
RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUAL HELATH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

On Thu 12-October-2023, at 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AEST (1 hour) Parents of students in years 5 will be invited to attend an online parent information session, exploring content from the Relationship and Sexual Health in Primary Schools program. This event will be run by Sexual Health Victoria. Angela Maskery and Kerry Worthington will deliver the content of the program to the grade 5 students. We strongly recommend that parents attend this information session in preparation for the program to be delivered to the students this term. Details regarding how to access the online event has been forwarded to parents this week.

Sandra McCrum, Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

SPECIALIST AWARDS

TERM 3



Willow PN and Joel PS

Macey 1L and Baxter 1L

Talan 2G and Harlow 2M

Sophia 3L and Marcus 3M

Ayden 4P and Quinn 4P

Janyn 5WH and Josh D 5B

Amanda 6W and Quinn 6C

Toby PB and Raon PN

Sophia 1L and Arthur 1S

Trinity 2M and Isla 2K

Audrey 3L and Torsten 3L

Jay 4W and Shayla 4P

Krishna 5K and Austin 5K

Jackson 6C and Isabelle 6W

art

Matilda PN and Alfie PB

lyla 1R and Edmund 1SM

Maddie 2G and Avin 2M

Aarush 3L and Rui 3V

Tiger 4P and Methuli 4P

Jett 5K and Min Song 5WH

Shresta 6C and Hayden 6C

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PREP

- ★ Prep B – Alfie and Zak
- ★ Prep K – Archer and Sienna
- ★ Prep N – Ayden and Libby
- ★ Prep S – Noah and Joel



GRADE 3

- ★ 3K – Kenzie
- ★ 3L – Sophia
- ★ 3M – Aisha



GRADE 1

ISM – Kaidyn C

GRADE 4

4L – Lucy W

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



ART NEWS

There is a fantastic Art competition being run by Zart Art, which is where we purchase all our art room supplies from. It is such a great opportunity for all our students to get involved, with an opportunity for artwork to be in an exhibition. Please see the flyer attached with all the information or head to

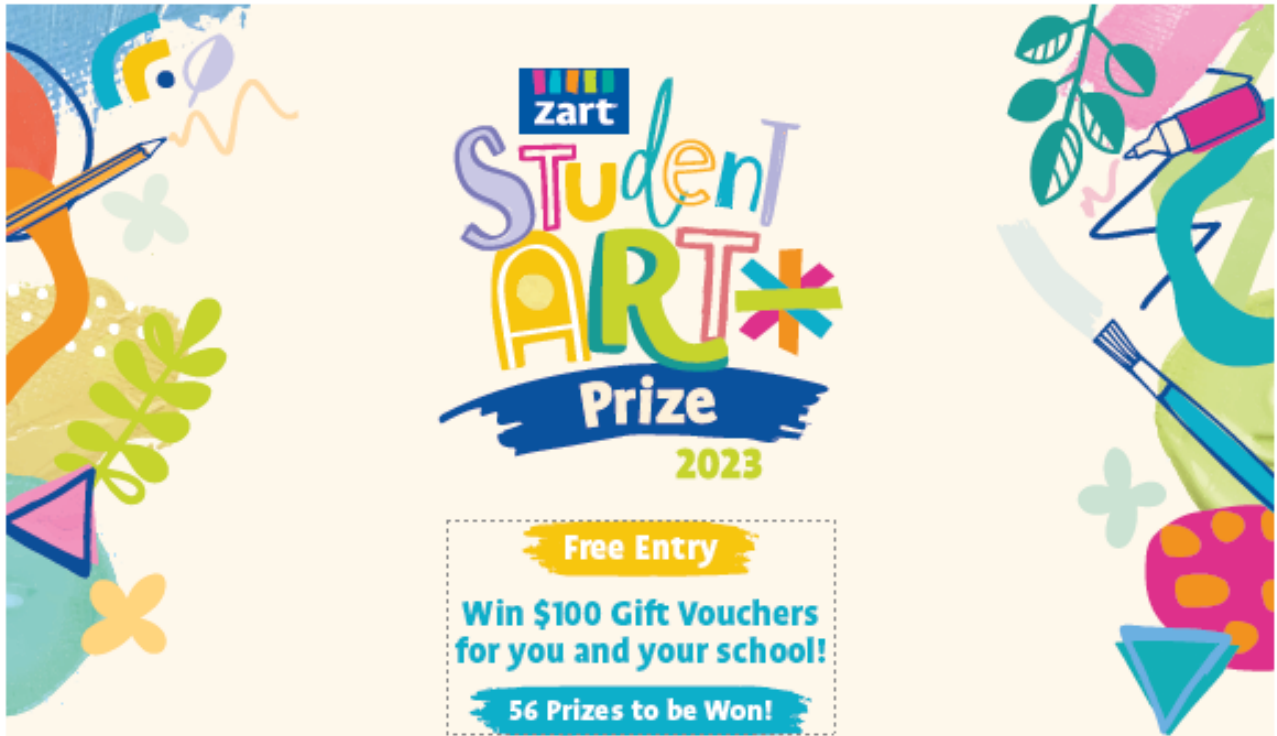
<https://zartart.com.au/zartstatic/page/student-art-prize-2023-tc-faq> for all the information and frequently asked questions.



Have fun and get creating!

Mrs Zammit
Visual Arts Teacher

ART NEWS



Free Entry

**Win \$100 Gift Vouchers
for you and your school!**

56 Prizes to be Won!



2023 Focus POSTCARD ART

Students are invited to create and send in an A6 sized artwork of their own chosen topic or theme.

Entries Open 2nd October 2023 & Close 1st December 2023

4 prize categories per state, 56 prizes in total

**28 Student
Winners Prize**

Receive \$100
Zart Gift Voucher

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Winners Schools**

Receive \$100
Zart Gift Voucher

**All Entries
Exhibited**

All eligible artworks received
automatically go into the
Student Gallery Exhibition
in Box Hill, VIC.

**Travelling
Exhibition**

28 winning artworks will travel
around Australia in 2024,
exhibited at selected winning
students schools in each state.

**Winners announced at the
Student Gallery Exhibition Opening
Saturday 16th December, 2023**

**All invited!
All Entries Exhibited!**



Find out more about how to enter, Terms & Conditions and FAQ
visit www.zartart.com.au

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK DRIVE

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has already dropped off some books for the library. There is still one more week to donate any new or pre-loved books to add to the library collection. Books must be in great condition and be appropriate for primary aged students.

We are excited to get these new items onto our shelves for students to borrow.

As always, please return or re-borrow your books by their return date and don't forget to bring a library bag to safely transport our precious books home.

Happy Reading,
Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor



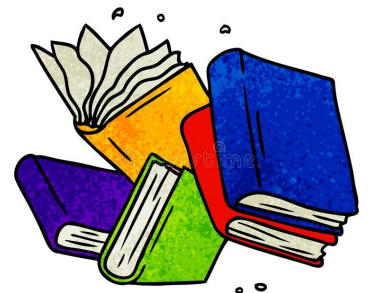
BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 7 of the Scholastic Book Club is now available. This issue has loads of great items available, from new books to latest releases in some very popular series, as well as Christmas books and activities for the holidays.

There are QR codes to view book content, puzzles, colouring pages and guides to favourite book characters. There is also access to 50 extra, heavily discounted books, on the back page by using LOOP orders. These are available until sold out.

The GIFT function is available to use on orders that need to be kept a surprise. If you use this, we will contact you to collect your items from the office rather than distributing them to your child.

The final day to order from this issue is Thursday 19th October at 5.00pm



LOST AND FOUND



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

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.



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.



IN OTHER NEWS...

EXCITING
NEWS



Teeth on Wheels will be
visiting our School for
Dental Check-ups and
Oral Health Education!!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

IT MIGHT BE **FREE**



IN OTHER NEWS...

Oral B



TeethOnWheels™
a positive dental experience



Return forms by:

22/10/2023



School or Facility Name:

Berwick Lodge PS

Fun for kids and easy for parents

We understand that finding time to take your child to see the dentist can be very hard and time consuming, which is why we provide the service of having dentistry coming to you. Your child will receive quality dental treatment from our highly trained and professional dental team, all of whom are working with children certified.

We will also provide information to your child about the importance of maintaining great oral health, and we will ensure your child loves coming back to the dentist.



Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)

With assistance from the Government, Medicare has introduced a Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) that provides children access to basic dental services from the ages of 2-17 years old. The entitlement is capped at \$1,052 per child for every two calendar year period.

To be eligible, you or the child must be claiming one of the following benefits: Family Tax Benefits-Part A, Parenting Payment, Abstudy, Youth Allowance, Carer's Payment, Disability Support Pension, Special Benefits or Double Orphan Pension. To enquire if your child is eligible, please contact Medicare on 132 011.

Once your child's forms have been returned to your school and received by us, we will individually check each child's eligibility to see if treatment can be bulk billed through Medicare.

If your child is **not eligible** for the CDBS Funding, Teeth On Wheels can offer a special deal that is only available through your school for a check-up, clean and fluoride treatment (and x-rays if required) for only \$99 (pre-payment required) which can be up to 30% cheaper than a private practice.

Our service also provides children to be seen under **Private Health Insurance**, as most providers will offer two free check-ups and clean per family member each calendar year. To make a claim, you pay \$99 to Teeth On Wheels and we will provide you with an invoice to claim your treatment back through your Private Health Fund.

Phone: (03) 9338 1191

www.teethonwheels.com.au

Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au

[f](https://www.facebook.com/TeethOnWheelsAustralia) TeethOnWheelsAustralia [i](https://www.instagram.com/teethonwheels) #teethonwheels

EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels are coming back!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment and Oral Health Education while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

And the best news is.. it is happening at your child's school!

Your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

If you have completed a form for your child for 2023, this does not need to be completed again!



CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM



TeethOnWheelsAustralia



#teethonwheels

Phone: (03) 9338 1191

Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au



TeethOnWheels™
a positive dental experience

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



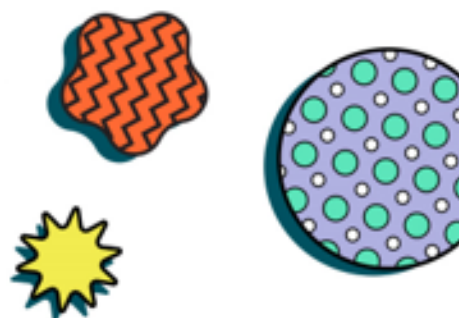
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IN OTHER NEWS...



Guiding children's growth

Your Outside School Hours Care at Berwick Lodge Primary School



Join in the fun at Berwick Lodge Outside School Hours Care!

At *Your OSHC* we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends. In any one week, children could be participating in science experiments, active play, creative expression and more.

Our exciting and varied *Rocketeer's* programs ensure that your child has the best school holidays. Any given day could see your child competing in a sport carnival, cooking up a storm, experimenting with science and getting hands-on with construction.

Visits Welcome

Please feel free to stop by the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.



Get to know Kelly with these 5 fun facts:

- I have 2 cats and 6 chickens!
- I am a big animal lover!
- I am wanting to create my own art small business.
- I love watching anime!
- I am a big lover of K-POP!

Your OSHC.

Tailored Out of School Hours experiences your children will love



ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures with Rocketeers



Registration is free

To register and book, visit us at www.campastralia.com.au and use the school finder on our homepage to search for @Model.PrimaryServiceName.

To attend *Your OSHC* or *Rocketeers*, you first need to register your child and book. We recommend families to register so that if you ever need us, we have all the information and documentation we need to best care for your child.

To register, visit campastralia.com.au

BUSINESS ADVERTISING



TERM 4 Enrolments

We welcome new members to Term 4. Enrolments are now open for our Tots class and is for pre kinder and kinder age children. A fun class to develop motor skills, balance, dance, social skills and build confidence.

Ages 3-5

Cost- \$10 per class
Saturday 9.15am-9.45am



0432 341 596
nwcstudio@gmail.com
www.narrewarrencalisthenicsclub.com



COMMUNITY NEWS



Parents Building Solutions Term 4 2023

FREE 6 Week program for mums who've been impacted by family violence to talk about their kids.

- Are you dealing with the after-effects of family violence?
- Does your child's anger or anxiety worry you?
- Can you identify the warning signs in a new relationship?
- Do contact visits unsettle your child?
- Do you feel alone?

DATES: Tuesdays - 17th October to 28th November (not Cup Day)

TIME: 9:30 - 11:30am

WHERE: Dandenong Location - Details provided at time of booking

COST: Free!



MISSION AUSTRALIA together we stand

Please scan the QR code to see Communities for Children Greater Dandenong's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/group/C4CDandenong>

The Communities for Children Initiative is supported by the Australian Government

All enquiries contact -

Sandra Phillips - 0438 161 844

Sandra.Phillips@anglicarevic.org.au

Erin Surrey - 0438 459 891

Erin.Surrey@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE



Walktober is coming!

Please share this newsletter with your leadership team, Health & Wellbeing teams and Year Level Coordinators.

Spring is here, Melbourne weather is improving - Let's get Active!

As October is fast approaching, it is time to think about how your school can Get Active! There are so many opportunities to start Term 4 with activities to promote and increase Active Travel among your students and families.

Historically, Walk to School was a major focus in October and now it is promoted all year round. However, with the improvement of our Melbourne weather over Term 4, we really encourage families to increase their Active Travel to and from school during October and leading into the warmer months ahead.

The key messages for families are:

- It doesn't have to be everyday - even just once a week will make a difference.
- Part of the way is **OK!**

In this newsletter, we have put together some helpful links that can assist you to share the active travel messages with families at your school.



COMMUNITY NEWS



During the month of October, the Safe Around Schools Team will provide weekly communication to all 97 schools in Casey on various Active Travel messages which you can easily share with your families.

We will also be launching an Active Travel competition for school families during the month of October across all of Casey to encourage all families to Get Active. This will also include "park & walk" and "part the way is ok", messaging to take the pressure off families, with great prizes on offer.

More information on the competition will follow.

Walk to School

Setting kids up for healthy, active lives.

A VicHealth initiative.



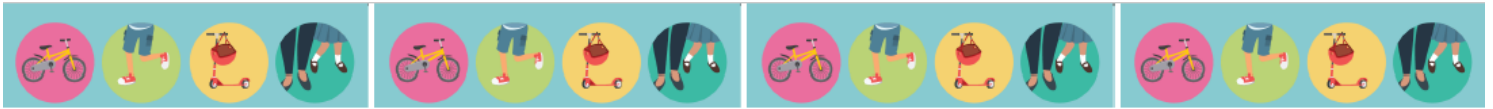
Walking, riding or scooting to school is great for children, families, health, traffic and the environment. Active travel to school encourages lifelong healthy habits, helps make the streets and drop-off zones around the school safer and less congested, and helps connect kids to their local neighborhood.

Schools can access the useful 'Strategies to encourage active travel to school' guide here: [WTS19-LGA-resource-guide.pdf \(vichealth.vic.gov.au\)](#)

Stay up to date with all the tools from Vic Health for Walk to School

[VicHealth's Walk to School campaign | VicHealth](#)

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



City of Casey – “Walktober” 2023 Competition

It’s that time of the year again, Spring is here, and we start talking more about walking and physical exercise!

Dear Families,

You are invited to **participate in Walktober** and enter the **competition draw**.

There are 50 x \$30.00 Gift Cards to win!

All families need to do is **try walking, riding or scooting** to/from school or **try ‘park and walk’** – Park further away from the school and enjoy the short walk to or from school.

We have placed a Safe Around Schools poster with a QR code in **2** locations that are on your school’s Walk To School Map. (Hint: Reserves and Parks are great ‘park and walk’ locations!)

Once you find the poster, scan the QR Code and complete the short Entry Form to enter. The competition runs during October and school-related hours only, with a random draw to determine the winners.

The more times that you **park and walk**, or **walk, ride or scoot** over the month, the more times you can enter the competition!

Remember, with active travel ‘part the way is ok’ and it doesn’t have to be every day!



All winners will be drawn 2/11/2023 and notified by details given on the entry form
All T&C located [Safe Around Schools](#) | [Casey Conversations](#)





Walking route map

Berwick Lodge Primary School

ADDRESS: 139-145 Mansfield St, Berwick VIC 3806
PHONE: 9709 6700
WEBSITE: berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au

Remember when crossing




STOP

LOOK

LISTEN

THINK

August 2023

ART COMPETITION

AT FOUNDATION LEARNING CENTRE'S

CARNIVAL!

**ART SHOW
SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN!
ALL ART STYLES WELCOME**

Under 12's Category
Open Category

THIS SHOW IS PART OF FLC'S CARNIVAL

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

4.00 - 7.00PM

Malcolm Court, Narre Warren

PRIZES TO BE WON!

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 13TH OCTOBER

Digital Submissions
daniella.maloney@flc.vic.edu.au

Physical Submissions
1 Malcolm Court, Narre Warren



COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

POP UP PLAYGROUP



Discover Learn Play

The City of Casey free 'Pop-up Playgroup' Term 4 2023

Come along and enjoy playgroup activities outdoors with your child, including block and imaginary play, music, art, reading and active play.

You can also pick up more information about Community Playgroups, Maternal and Child Health, Kindergarten and Youth Services.

Trueman Reserve Playground,

Bradman Drive & Trueman Street, Cranbourne West

<https://goo.gl/maps/Ea7UrLoVorR5G8n19>

Wednesday 4 October 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 11 October 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 18 October 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 25 October 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 1 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am

Livvi's Place,

Boland Dr, Lyndhurst

<https://goo.gl/maps/F2n2byC3nKa5Cri26>

Wednesday 8 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 15 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 22 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am
Wednesday 29 November 9:30 am – 11.00 am



Please note Pop-up Playgroup is an outdoor event. Please bring water, snacks, and spare clothes. No

bookings required.
Contact the City of Casey:

Web: casey.vic.gov.au
Email: caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
Post: PO Box 1000, Narre Warren VIC 3805
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren
Cranbourne: Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre, Cranbourne
ABN: 43 320 295 742



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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

