



# Berwick Lodge Primary School

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2ND NOVEMBER 2023

**LAST DAY OF TRADE FOR CANTEEN WILL BE  
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS

It is always wonderful when our students use their own initiative to do something positive for our school and this is exactly what two of our students, Trey and Josh from grade 5K did last week. Without being asked, they noticed that there was a lot of rubbish within our school grounds, they found a bag and collected the rubbish from around the school. It was a credit to them both that they value looking after our school grounds and the environment. Both Josh and Trey spoke at our whole school assembly on Monday about their reasons for picking up the rubbish. The power of one small initiative has since seen other students wanting to assist in looking after our school and without being asked, helping keep our grounds clean. These are our future leaders who do something positive without expecting anything in return. Well done to these students and I thank them for wanting Berwick Lodge to be the best school ever!

### CURRICULUM DAY MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November is a curriculum day for our school and no students will be in attendance. Our Out Of Hours School Care (OHSC) program will be operating. Families requiring this service will need to contact Camp Australia to book their child into this program.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon, we will hold a whole school assembly for our Remembrance Day service. Our school captains will host the assembly on the basketball courts (weather permitting) and all families are welcome to attend. We will publish the time in our newsletter next week.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



# ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Our enrolments are still open for 2024. If you have family or friends who are still considering a school for next year, please ask them to contact the office. We offer personal tours within school hours with a member of the principal class.

## PREP/GRADE 1/GRADE 2 ATHLETICS DAY – FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November our grade Prep, grade one and grade two students will be participating in an athletics day at school. We encourage all students to dress in their house colours and wear appropriate clothing and footwear to participate and the sport events.

## HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADORS

Our Helmeted Honeyeater ambassadors enjoyed their excursion to the Yellingbo Indigenous nursery on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October to learn about the plants which are grown to support the habitat for the critically endangered species. The Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater nursery is located at 1217 Macclesfield Road, Yellingbo. You can call the nursery on 0438 038 702. The nursery has over 150 species of trees, shrubs, grasses, herbs, lilies, sedges, groundcovers, climbers and aquatic/semi-aquatic plants available for sale throughout the year with tube stock costing \$2.50. The Nursery is open to the public at the following times:

- 9:00am – 3:00pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- 9:00am – 12:00pm 1st Saturday of the month (April-December).

## AMBASSADOR REPORT

Last Friday we visited the indigenous Yellingbo nursery where Michelle the manager of the Yellingbo nursery showed us how to sow seeds (plant seeds). When we arrived at Yellingbo we went into the igloos where the plants are sown (plants planted) until they are big enough to be separated which is what we did by grabbing the stems and digging a small hole and planting into trays.

Later that day we were walking past a creek, and we saw a heap of bubbles in a straight line. Fun Fact! When you see a heap of bubbles in a line it probably means that there is a creature under the water. We think it was a platypus as they live in the creek at Yellingbo.

When we were planting, I was picking up the containers and crawling on the container was a leech. They usually live around natural water sources. They are very feisty, and they suck your blood a lot. We had a great time at Yellingbo. Hudson, Sienna, Jackson and Jasmine.



## WORLD RECIPE

Thank you to Khat, one of our lovely office staff who has included a recipe in our newsletter this week. I hope families enjoy making the recipe together.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

**Q. If my child is not graduating this year but will be leaving Berwick Lodge next year, when should I inform the school?**

**A.** ASAP. We really appreciate early notification of children currently in grades P-5 who will be leaving us next year – this being very valuable in assisting us with our forward planning.

## QUOTABLE QUOTE:

*“Believe you can, and you are half way there.” Theodore Roosevelt*

*Sandra McCrum*

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## **DIARY DATES:**

JSC Crazy Hair Day	Friday 3rd November
Curriculum Day (No students at school)	Monday 6th November
Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)	Tuesday 7th November
Prep - 2 Athletics Day	Friday 10th November
Grade 4 Camp	Wednesday 15th Nov - Friday 17th Nov
Grade 5 Camp	Wednesday 22nd Nov - Friday 24th Nov
Grade 6 Camp	Wednesday 13th Dec - Friday 15th Dec
Grade 6 Graduation	Monday 18th December

## **NOTICES AND PAYMENTS DUE:**

Grade 6 Graduation Bear	Friday 10th November
Grade 6 Graduation Permission	Monday 13th November
Grade 6 Camp Dietary Requirements	Friday 17th November
Grade 6 Camp Balance	Wednesday 22nd November

## **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.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

## PREP

Prep B – Skye and Indy

Prep K – Lilliana and John

Prep N – Seb and Matilda

Prep S – Connor and Kaaya

## GRADE 3

3K – Hazel

3M – Oliver D

3V – Daniel H

## GRADE 4

4L – Mikhael H

4P – Hudson B

4W – Winston, Blake  
and Jay

**Congratulations** to the following students who received class awards recently.

Please note- only students with publicity approval will be listed in the newsletter.

# ICAS & MATHS COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Grade 3-6 students who participated in the *Australian Mathematics Competition* and the *ICAS English* competition last term.

This year a High Distinction was awarded to Jonoel V in the Australian Maths Competition.

Distinctions were awarded to Daniel H, Ruby C, Monica Z, Shayla B, Leo M, Athvithan N, Kenny W, Vishi G, Catherine C, Pheobe C, Jordi B, Shresta S and Samraat P.

In the ICAS English Assessment a Distinction was awarded to Daniel H.

Lia Whitelaw & Kerry Worthington  
ICAS & AMC Co-ordinators



# JSC NEWS



## We're having a Crazy Hair Day!

On **Friday 3rd November**, come to school with your craziest hair!

You can colour your hair, tease it, braid it, wear a wig, or create a masterpiece in it!

Please bring a gold coin donation to help us raise money for our school.



### JSC AWARD WINNERS

The JSC would like to congratulate the following students for their commendable behaviour in the playground last week.

Maleeka 3V  
Evelyn PN  
Bawindu 3M



# WORLD RECIPES

## AFGHAN SAMBOSA

### Ingredients:

1 kilo beef mince  
1 onion  
3/4 cup of frozen peas, corn and carrot mixture  
1 tablespoon (each) cumin, turmeric and coriander  
Salt and pepper  
1 egg (for egg wash)  
6 x sheets puff pastry  
Sesame seeds

### Method:

Finely dice onion in a pot with some oil. Add some salt to the onion to help the onion caramelise and to stop it from burning.

Add beef mince and start browning it with the onion. Once the mince has browned, add your spices, along with salt and pepper. Stir through well.

Add your frozen vegetables, stir through with your mince meat and place the heat on low. Place a lid over the pot and allow it to cook till your vegetables soften up.

Once the vegetables have softened up and beef mince has cooked through, take the lid off the pot and allow for the mixture to cool down.



Whisk one egg in a bowl.

Cut up one sheet of puff pastry into nine squares and once the mixture has cooled down, start placing approximately one tablespoon of the mixture in the centre of each square,

Fold each square into either a triangle or rectangle shape, and with a fork, you can seal the puff pastry.



Place some egg wash onto each sambosa to help brown the puff pastry in the oven, and add some sesame seeds on the top of the sambosa to give some extra flavour.

Place in oven on 180 degrees and cook till your sambosas are golden brown. You can accompany it with some Greek yoghurt - just add finely diced garlic, lemon juice and some mint to your yoghurt.

Enjoy, or as we say in  
Afghanistan, “noshe-jan”,

Khat :-)



# P.E NEWS

## **NOTE TO PREP-GRADE 2 FAMILIES**

On Friday 10th November we will be holding our annual Prep-Grade 2 House Athletics Day. This will be an all day event held at school where students will have the opportunity to participate in 5 athletics events (hurdles, 70m sprint, discus, long jump and butterfly grip relay) and 1 novelty event.

Students will run in their age group on the day. This is calculated by your child's age as of 31/12/2023.

Class teachers will advise your students prior to the day of their age group as some exceptions may apply.

Each student will earn points for their house in each event. 1st-4th ribbons will be awarded to students that place in the final of their running event as well as the longest throw/jump in the field events. The house that earns the most points for the day will be announced at an end of day assembly to be held between 3-3:30pm.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours (optional) to support their house team as well as apply sunscreen for the day. A best dressed certificate will be awarded for best dressed students in their age group.

Parents and families are more than welcome to come along to support the children on the day and must remain outside the event areas to spectate.



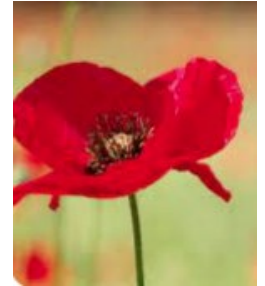
Thank you,  
Kylee Muccignat & Ali McArthur  
P.E teachers

# JSC NEWS

As part of the RSL's **Remembrance Day Appeal**, the JSC Representatives will be coming to classrooms at recess and lunch eating times from **Thursday 26th October** and will have badges, wristbands and keyrings for sale.

They range in price from \$2 - \$5.

All proceeds go the Berwick RSL and the Remembrance Day Appeal.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### BOOK DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the BOOK DRIVE. We have had around 200 books generously donated. These are currently being processed and will be ready for borrowing in the coming weeks. So many students are very excited to see what's coming.

### OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS:

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, we are asking for all families to find and return any overdue books please. The students receive a notice, during their library session, if they have anything overdue. Please check with your children and send the books in ASAP.

As always, please bring a library bag to keep our books safe and remember to return your books on time or re-borrow them if you need a little extra time.

HAPPY READING,  
Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor



## BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Orders for our latest book club will be distributed as soon as possible.

There will be one final catalogue before the end of term 4. This will also have the GIFT function enabled so we can keep your items a surprise for the holidays.





# SICKBAY NEWS

We would appreciate any donations of underwear in its original packaging for our sickbay. Please note, these must be brand new.

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.



# 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.





# 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

# Transition News



# St John's

REGIONAL COLLEGE



**DISCOVER YOUR  
CHILD'S PATHWAY**

**OPEN EVENING**

**Wednesday 22 November 2023 6pm**

Come along and discover the opportunities and pathways to unlock your child's potential. Join us for a College tour. Discover what St John's has to offer and find out about the new 2025 Academic Scholarship Program.

Register today at  
[www.sjrc.vic.edu.au](http://www.sjrc.vic.edu.au)  
or scan the QR Code



# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



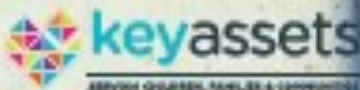
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Find out more about  
**foster care** and  
how **you** can **make**  
**a difference.**

## Could you be a Foster Carer?

We want to work with you to make a positive and lasting difference to the lives of children in your community.

As a Key Assets foster carer we'll provide you with 24/7 support, a dedicated social worker and on-going training. If you're looking to provide love, safety and care for a child we'd love to hear from you.



SERVING CHILDREN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES



# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



## Are you over 25 with a spare bedroom?

If you answered yes then you're already on your way to becoming a foster carer.

Victorian children and young people in your local community need a safe space to call home



## “Our carers Emma and Adam say...

There are so many children in need and so few people willing to take the risk.

I thank Key Assets for making a difference; the financial support means we can go beyond boundaries to give these children every opportunity to grow, develop and reach their potential.”

[canifoster.org.au](http://canifoster.org.au)  
(03) 9566 7800



## Berwick Neighbourhood Centre

### **MARKET / OPEN DAY**

Thursday 9th November

— 10AM - 1PM —

Come down to the Berwick Neighbourhood Centre, at Timbarra Community Hall to enjoy a lovely morning, supporting your local small business and see what our centre has to offer.

Scents, oils, skin care, bra experts, pre made meals, kids items, personalised items, home deco, dog products, handmade knitted goodies and much more.

Lots to see and support...

**Timbarra Community Hall  
26 Parkhill Drive, Berwick**

**admin@berwicknc.com.au  
9704 1863**



## BASIC MAKE-UP APPLICATION WITH APRIL FROM

# *SeneGence*

Learn how to choose the correct foundation to suit your skin tone, as April from SeneGence, guides you through a basic make-up session with quality products.

All participants will get to apply the products to make up their own face under guidance.

A fun and informative session.

**MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER  
10AM  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
TIMBARRA COMMUNITY CENTRE**



**LIMITED PLACES  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
admin@berwicknc.com.au  
or 9704 1863



# 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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# ROVING REFILLS

## HOME DELIVERIES ACROSS CASEY

Providing 20% off  
refills for skin, body  
and cleaning products  
to your door



**Deliveries Wednesday 15 November**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

To book a delivery email: [rovingrefillsfrankston@gmail.com](mailto:rovingrefillsfrankston@gmail.com)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## TEXTILE DROP-OFF DAY

City of Casey  
**GREEN LIVING IN CASEY**

**FREE ONE-OFF TEXTILE DROP-OFF DAY**

*Let's give our textiles a new life and keep them out of landfill!*



**SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER**  
**9.00 AM – 3.00 PM**  
**30 VESPER DRIVE NARRE WARREN**

## FREE ONE-OFF TEXTILE DROP-OFF DAY

Do you have household linens, clothes and shoes that are ready for a new home? Or are they at the end of their lives and in need of recycling? This National Recycling Week you can drop them off for free so they can be recycled or rehomed through a local charity.

Green Living in Casey is working with Give a Sheet® for the Planet and UPPAREL to recycle as many of these textiles as possible. We are also partnering with local charities to find your unwanted clothes in good condition a new home.



Please read the list of accepted items closely. Bookings essential, scan here.

Please note this event is for Casey Residents only. We will only be accepting drop-offs from households, no businesses or large quantities.



## SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS

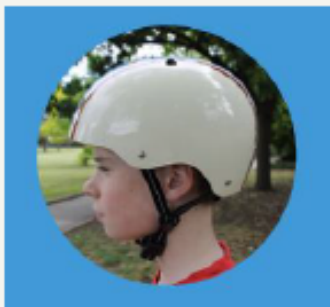


### Active Travel – How to fit a helmet safely.

As a community, we always love seeing children being active by riding, scooting, or skating in our neighborhood.

It is important your child always wears a helmet while on a bike, scooter, or skateboard to ensure they are not seriously injured. Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of head injuries by up to 74%.

Here is the correct way to fasten your helmet.



- ✔ Ensure your child's helmet is approved and carries the Australian standard AS/NZS 2063, which means it has been safety approved, legal and meets standards.
- ✔ When helmet is on ensure the helmet sits 2 fingers widths above the eyebrows
- ✔ Helmet straps must be correctly adjusted with no twists. The straps should form a V shape around the ears – see picture.
- ✔ Once the buckle is fastened, ensure you can place 2 fingers under the chin strap.
- ✔ If the helmet moves out of position easily, then your helmet is too loose and must be adjusted – either your straps are too loose, or your helmet is not the correct size.



#### Helmetts must be worn when riding:

- ✔ On roads and road-related areas
- ✔ On bike or shared paths in bike lanes
- ✔ In recreational parks
- ✔ In carparks
- ✔ On footpaths

This short video demonstrates how to fit your bicycle helmet correctly Take the time and watch this with your children <https://youtu.be/VyCNrC8RZD1>

#### Contact the City of Casey:

**Web:** [www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools](http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools)  
**Email:** [Safearoundschools@casey.vic.gov.au](mailto:Safearoundschools@casey.vic.gov.au)  
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## Tuning in to Kids

**Are you on the same wavelength with the children in your care?**

**Do you have children between the ages of 2-10 years in your care?**

**Tuning in to Kids is a 6-week program to help you tune into your children.**

Would you like to learn how to:

- Better tune into your child's emotions?
- Better understand your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their own emotions?
- Teach your child how to deal with conflict in their life?

Tuning in to Kids helps children:

- Calm themselves down when distressed
- Get along better with other children
- Express their emotions in more appropriate ways

**Cost**  
Free

**Date**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Oct – 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**  
No group 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Time**  
10AM – 12:30PM

**Venue**  
**Cranbourne West Community Hub**  
4 Flicka Blvd, Cranbourne West VIC 3977

Light refreshments will be served

**Get in touch**  
03 5990 8400  
Group Workers  
**Bookings essential**

**Uniting**

# 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

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**PARENTZONE**