



# Berwick Lodge Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 37

23RD NOVEMBER 2023

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

## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### FANCY DRESS FUN RUN – MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Our PFA Fancy Dress Fun Run is to be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November (weather dependent) with grades running/walking at the following times:

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| 9.45am – 10:00am  | Prep    |
| 10:00am – 10.15am | Grade 1 |
| 10.15am – 10.30am | Grade 2 |
| 10.30am – 10.45am | Grade 3 |
| 10.45am – 11:00am | Grade 4 |
| 11.45am – 12.05pm | Grade 5 |
| 12.05pm – 12.25pm | Grade 6 |

Parents are most welcome to attend and cheer on our students. The event is all about having fun and will take place on the grade 5/6 oval. We encourage all students to raise funds with some great prizes to be awarded including a Lenovo Tablet to the child who raises the most money across the school and a sports ball to the child who raises the most from each class. Thank you very much to Camp Australia for donating the prizes and Zooper Doopers this year. We look forward to seeing some wonderful fancy-dress costumes for our Fun Run. Please dress your child in appropriate footwear and SunSmart attire, including sunscreen.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



# ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## COMMUNITY AFTERNOON – MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

We look forward to welcoming our families to our Community Afternoon next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 3:00pm to 4.30pm. All classrooms will be open from 3:00pm and various activities will be within our school grounds including Zance in the court yard, games on the oval, grade 5/6 movies in the gym, origami in the BER and art activities in the art room. Please bring a picnic afternoon tea to enjoy within our school grounds.

## TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2024

I'm very pleased to introduce three newly appointed teachers to our school who will commence with us next year. **Sahra Eishold, Brodie Prout and Emily Willams.** They are graduate teachers who collectively bring a range of very strong capabilities to our school. In welcoming new staff members to our school, we also farewell several staff members – Jolien Van Der Knoop, Joanna Lee, Sharran Moore, Nancy Hoang and Ryan Anthony. I would like to thank these staff for their contribution to our school this year and we wish them every success in the future. Please remember we are not accepting requests for teachers this year, only friendship requests.

### Prep Team

Nicole Perfect, Alvina Seow, Sahra Eishold

### Grade 1

Trish Luke, Caitlin Reardon, Min Mao/Karina Barrett

### Grade 1/2

Sharyn King

### Grade 2

Nadine Giacotto, Brodie Prout, Rose Scavo/Alison McArthur

### Grade 3

Carla Conway, Emily Williams

### Grade 3/4

Kerry Worthington, Bernadette Kelly

### Grade 4

Rachel Perry, Julie Barry

### Grade 5

Rylie Bolton, Vanessa Stevens, Sharon Chandler/Laura Rawlings

### Grade 6

Nick Pryor, Lia Whitelaw, Ishleen Lamba

### Specialist Team

Visual Arts – Jo Zammit, Performing Arts – Lorraine Montgomery, Physical Education – Kylee Muccignat/Alison McArthur, Mandarin – Wen Tian, STEM – Robert Kelly, Tutor Learning Program – Jacqui Wilkie, Kearston Ives

## 2024 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Our 2024 parent payment arrangements outlining our fees for next year were emailed via Compass to all families this week. We do encourage parents to pay these when able, and thank you to those families who have already paid online.

## STUDENT BOOKPACKS FOR 2024

Apologies to everyone as there was an error in our notice and the actual due date for our book lists is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. The instructions for payment are included in the parent payment information.

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# ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## COMPASS

Please check your email regularly as we have many excursions and extra-curricular activities happening that require permission and payment. Notifications for these events and payment reminders are sent via email. Unfortunately, your child/ren will miss out on these fun activities if payment and consent hasn't been given via Compass on or before the due date.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### **Q. Can I park in the drop off/pick up zone?**

**A.** No. The drop off/pick up zone is specifically for just dropping off and picking up students. If you know you are going to walk to pick your child up from the classroom then you need to park in an alternative spot.

## QUOTABLE QUOTE

*"For things to change, you have to change." Jim Rohn*

*Sandra McCrum*

## DIARY DATES:

|                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Fundraising Fun Run                 | Monday 27th November                 |
| Community Afternoon                 | Monday 27th November                 |
| Prep Swimming Begins                | Tuesday 5th December                 |
| Grade 1 Chesterfield Farm Excursion | Friday 8th December                  |
| Grade 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion | Friday 8th December                  |
| Grade 6 Camp                        | Wednesday 13th Dec - Friday 15th Dec |
| Grade 2 Bricks4Kidz Incursion       | Thursday 14th December               |
| Grade 6 Graduation                  | Monday 18th December                 |

## NOTICES AND PAYMENTS DUE:

|                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Grade 6 2024 Jumpers                | Thursday 30th November |
| Grade 1 Chesterfield Farm Excursion | Friday 1st December    |
| Grade 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion | Friday 1st December    |
| Grade 6 Graduation Tickets          | Friday 1st December    |
| Grade 2 Bricks4Kidz Incursion       | Friday 8th December    |

## 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

## 2024 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

The formal 2024 Prep Transition program commenced on Tuesday this week allowing the kinder children to spend time joining in with activities within the prep classrooms. The children were provided with their bright, little yellow "I'm starting prep" t-shirts and the colour matched their enthusiasm! We look forward to seeing them return next week to join in with the specialist programs.

## PREP CRAFTPOWER WOODWORK INCURSION

On Wednesday, our prep students had the amazing opportunity to participate in a hands-on incursion developing their STEM, engineering, construction, and problem-solving skills whilst learning to build their own moving wooden cars. Anatoli Sirota, director of Craftpower, led an engaging and fun filled experience which had the students learning to use hammers, pliers, and nails very quickly. Without many thumbs being hit in the process, all the students and teachers agree it was an exciting incursion and all left with smiles on our faces, and a sense of accomplishment and pride at the vehicles created.

Rylie Bolton, Karina Barrett, Alvina Seow & Nikki Perfect – Prep Teachers



## GRADE 4 FOREST EDGE CAMP

Our Grade 4 students enjoyed a three-day camp at Forest Edge last week. All students enthusiastically engaged in the camp activities, making it a fantastic experience for everyone. A big thank you to our parent helpers, Kylie, Karin, Matthew, Andrew and Ruchi, for their invaluable assistance and support during the camp. Thank you also to Sue Weber for all your hard work.

### Here are some highlights from our camp:

"Camp was amazing! The Riddle Rogaine was my favourite activity because I got to explore camp." – Myles 4W

"I loved the flying fox. It made me feel happy!" – Abbey 4W

"Forest Edge made me love camps even more!" – Leo 4W

"It was a fantastic experience. The flying fox was great. I don't really like heights, but I did it anyway." – Quinn 4P

"Forest Edge is an amazing camp! The best activity was the flying fox. I felt scared the first time but then after I did it once I wanted to do it again." – Abbie 4P

"I really liked the flying fox. I was scared but it was fun!" – Tiger 4P

"I made all the teachers laugh at the Talent Show!" – Tilly 4W

Kerry Worthington, Ishleen Lamba & Rachael Perry - Grade 4 Teachers



Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

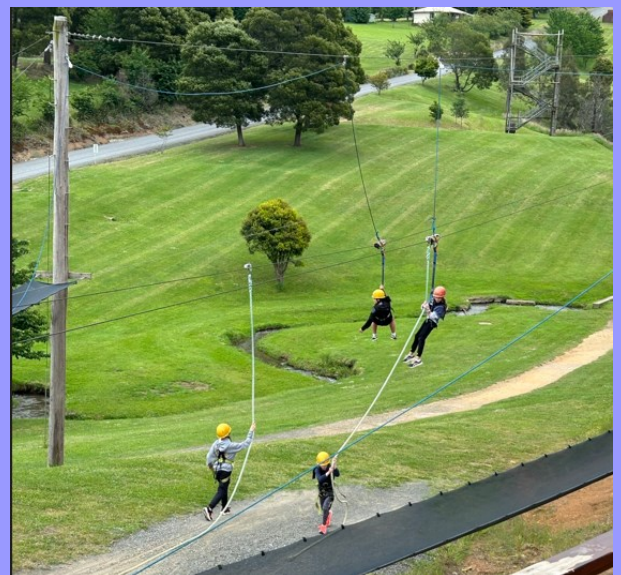
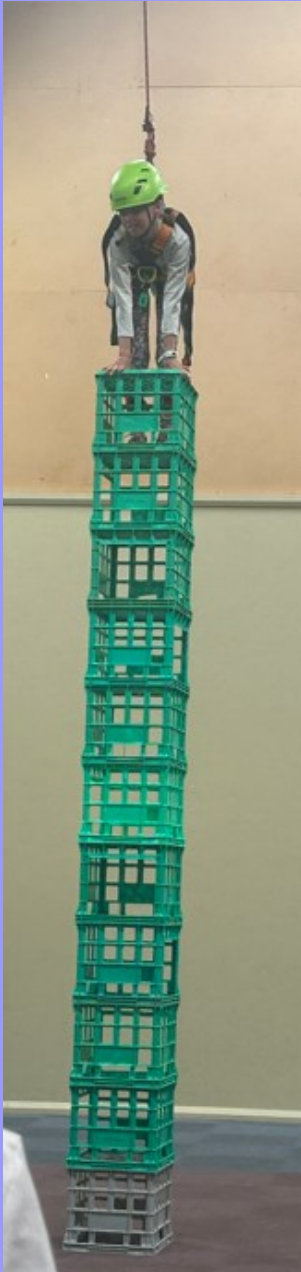


# GRADE 4 ADANAC CAMP





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# STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

## PREP

Prep B – Sophie and Darcie

Prep K – Oscar and Miranga

Prep S – Liam and Nikita

## GRADE 3

3K – Zoe and Andi

3M – Marcus P and Peyton

3V – Emelia S

## GRADE 4

4L – Avyukt M

4W – Lucas and Archie

# MATHS OLYMPIAD

This year, 25 students engaged in the Maths Olympiad, a competition tailored to inspire primary school-level students in the area of mathematical problem solving. Participants faced four contests, each featuring five questions. Our school placed in the top 40% among competing schools which is an amazing achievement.

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Maths Olympiad!

The following students placed in the top 25% of competing schools: Vishi G, Shresta S, Athvithan N, Phoebe C and Quinn S. Well done!

Jonoel V placed in the top 10% of all competing students across Australia and also achieved the highest score in our BLPS team. Congratulations Jonoel on a fantastic result!

Mrs Worthington  
APSMO Maths Olympiad Co-ordinator



# PFA NEWS

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

## B.L.P.S Fun Run

**Monday 27th  
November!**

Get ready for a day of colourful costumes and spirited fun! Join us at our school Fun Run, where kids can wear costumes or proudly display their house colors while raising funds for our school. It's an exciting opportunity to support our school community while having a blast!

Free Icy Poles will be provided on the day!

Forms have been provided to kick start the students' fund-raising efforts.



We would also appreciate any Parent Helpers on the day!

If you are available to help please contact

[PFA@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au](mailto:PFA@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au) with your child's name and grade





# JSC NEWS

Over the last few weeks our JSC Reps have been awarding raffle tickets to students in the playground that have shown kindness, care for the environment and great getting along skills.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to receive prizes at assembly:

Riley PN

Divijia 2C

Buwindu 3M

Jax 3V

Charlotte 2C

Janyn 5WH

Mr Pryor



# LIBRARY NEWS

Our Library is looking amazing with loads of new books currently being added to the shelves. Thank you to everyone who donated books this year, the students are really enjoying reading these new books.

We will be undertaking our annual stocktake during December. Please make sure that **ALL** library books are returned by the 24th of November. Stocktake will begin on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. This will allow time so we can scan, count and sort everything out for 2024.



We have some exciting new changes on the way...

# BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 8 is now available for ordering. This catalogue has lots of sequels to series', Christmas stories, non-fiction books, picture story books and lots of activities.

Have a look through to enter a **colouring competition**, complete a **word search puzzle**, find a **recipe** for a **MINECRAFT slice**, create your own **COMIC STRIP** and possibly **WIN** some **movie passes** to see Dream-Works TROLLS BAND TOGETHER!

All orders need to be placed before 3.30pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. These will be distributed to students asap.

The Gift Function is available for orders to be collected from the office for secret surprises.

Happy Reading,  
Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor.





# 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.



# 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



## MyTime Berwick

Friday fortnight  
10.30am-12.pm

## Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and  
share experiences  
with others who  
understand

### FIND US AT:

Berwick Community Centre  
26-28 Parkhill Drive  
Timbarra Way  
Berwick VIC, 3806

### CONTACT:

Bibi Azizi – My Time Facilitator  
bibia@mytimevic.com.au  
Mobile: 0466106201



[mytime.net.au](http://mytime.net.au)

# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

## MyTime term plan

mytime.net.au

| DATES                       | GROUP ACTIVITY  | CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Fridays fortnightly         |   | *activities may vary depending on group interests and ability.             |
| 20/10/2023                  | •Welcome families/ morning tea and craft activities           | •soft ball game / Story time.  |
| 3/11/2023                   | • <i>Get to know me and what I like</i><br><i>Play Spaces</i> | •Song time – and funny dance time lets we all can move nursery songs       |
| 17/11/2023                  | • <i>Learn about each other cultural shares and foods</i>     | •Colouring and sticking activities /developing their fine skills           |
| 1st/12/2023                 | • <i>Group communications learning from one another</i>       | •Painting/Dancing let's move our bodies /physical and emotions development |
| Final session<br>15/12/2023 | • <i>End of Year Celebration Lunch</i>                        | •Arts & Crafts. Make a holiday card for family members                     |



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Pre-school aged  
children are welcome



# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



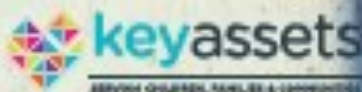
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Find out more about  
**foster care** and  
how **you** can **make**  
**a difference.**

## 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.



# 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



# 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

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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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## 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**