

## Berwick Lodge Primary School Mansfield St, Berwick

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**NEWSLETTER NO 39** 

## 7TH DECEMBER 2023

#### LAST DAY OF CANTEEN - FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 2:30PM

# ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### **SCHOOL DATES 2024**

Our staff return to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January to meet and plan with a professional development day on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. **Our first school day for 2024 is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January for our grade I to grade 6** students. Our **Prep students will begin school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. Our Prep students will have each Wednesday off on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February so their teachers can complete the mandated English on line assessments. Each prep student will have a booked time to work with their teacher on one of these Wednesdays.

#### PFA FUN RUN THANK YOU

Thank you to the wonderful PFA for organising the event and for our amazing office staff for working behind the scenes to support the fun run. It was wonderful to see our students enjoying themselves and many dressed up for the occasion. Thank you to Camp Australia for donating our prizes. Thank you to our families for sponsoring your child/ren and so far we have raised over \$6000! Our fundraising winners will be announced at our Monday morning assembly.

#### **SEMESTER 2 REPORTS**

Our student reports will be available on Compass after 4:00pm tomorrow. It is always wonderful to read student reports and celebrate their achievements. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

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# LEARNING FOR LIFE...

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#### **GRADE PLACEMENTS FOR 2024**

Our teachers have worked very hard placing our students into their 2024 grades. Friendship requests were taken into consideration but not all requests were met. Please do not interpret this as ignoring your request if this has happened in your case, but rather that other factors have had greater influence on our decision. The grades will be available for families to view via Compass on Friday afternoon from 4:00pm.

#### **ORIENTATION DAY – TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December is our orientation day. This is a very exciting day for our students as they get to meet their new teacher and classmates.

This program will operate as follows: PREPS: 9.45am to 12.45pm Grades 1-6: 9.15am to 12:55pm

#### FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – MONDAY 18th DECEMBER

Our final assembly of the year will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9am on the basketball courts. This will be a wonderful celebration of our year with grades performing songs and parents are most welcome to attend.

#### FINAL HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADOR EXCURSION

Our school has been involved with the critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater ambassador program for many years now, and on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November our four ambassadors – Jackson, Hudson, Jasmine and Sienna, all grade 4 students, went on their final excursion of the year to Healesville Sanctuary. They went behind the scenes to see the breeding program, meet the zookeepers and learn about the critically endangered species. They have been outstanding ambassadors this year and I have had the privilege to work with and learn from them during the year. They are our future carers for the environment and their enthusiasm to protect both flora and fauna is amazing to see! Please see their speech which they presented at assembly further in our newsletter.



#### HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADOR REPORT

Last Wednesday we went to Healesville Sanctuary and got to go behind the scenes where Eliza and Lisa showed us around with the Patch and Macclesfield Primary Schools.

After that we went into the platypus enclosure, we saw two platypus and they were eating yabby's we also saw a Murray cod. We came out of the enclosure and saw this lady who had a tracker in her hand, and we asked "What's that?" and she said this lady goes out every day to look for platypus if she finds one, she will put the tracker on its back, and it has nontoxic dissolvable glue and when it comes off, she goes fishing for the tracker. Next, we went into the tawny frogmouth enclosure and the tawny frogmouth was perched up on a log staring at us. Her name is Tiny and sitting on the nest was Kermet and they had a chick on the 27th of November. I suggested miniature for the name. Next, we went behind the scenes and saw the captive breeding program, but we couldn't get too close because it is mid breeding season, and the birds would be scared. Fun fact did you know that yellow tufted honey eaters are sometimes bred with the helmeted honeyeaters, but they are a sub species. Finally, we went into the wildlife hospital where we pretended to be vets and do fake surgeries on them but sadly, we had to get back to school. We dressed up as vets and had bandages, pretend medicine, and fake food. It was overall one of the best excursions we've been on.

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#### THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Laura and Leigh Caulfield for donating our lovely indoor plants for our school corridor and staffroom. We thank all parents who have donated their time or items over the school year. All things are greatly appreciated from our school community.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. What time does school finish on the final day this year – Wednesday 20th December?

**A.** All children are dismissed at 2.30pm. Please ensure that you have arrangements in place for your child/ ren to be collected at that time if they do not walk home by themselves.

#### QUOTABLE QUOTE

"You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending" C.S.Lewis

Sandra McCrum

### **DIARY DATES:**

Grade 1 Chesterfield Farm Excursion Grade 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion Grade 6 Camp Grade 2 Bricks4Kidz Incursion Last day of Canteen Grade 6 Graduation Last Day of Term - 2:30pm finish Friday 8th December Friday 8th December Wednesday 13th Dec - Friday 15th Dec Thursday 14th December Friday 15th December Monday 18th December Wednesday 20th December

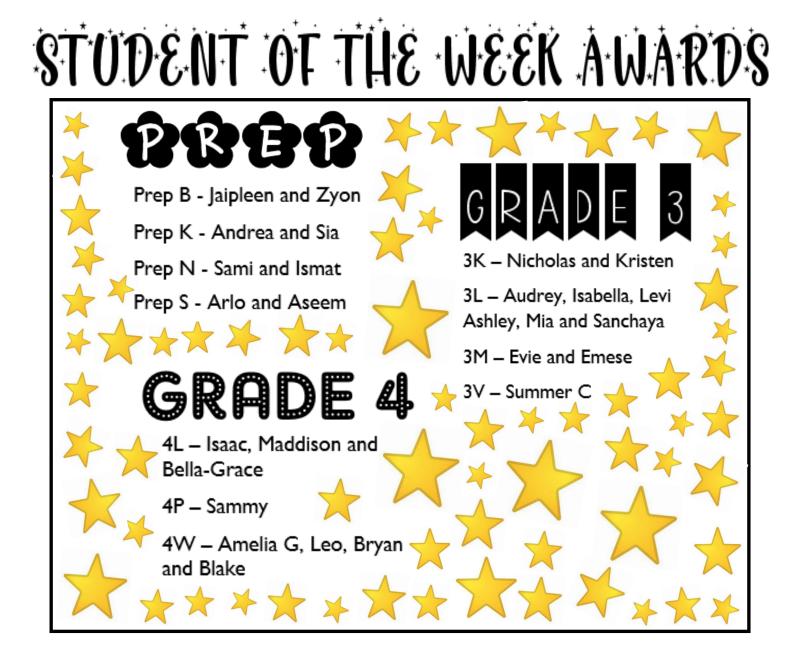
## **NOTICES AND PAYMENTS DUE:**

Grade 2 Bricks4Kidz Incursion Grade 6 Autograph Collection Permission

Friday 8th December Thursday 14th 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.



# 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





The PFA would like to thank the school community for their overall support this year. Without your generous uniform donations, and volunteering your time for all our special events, we know that these days would not be able to run smoothly, or go ahead at all.

The last day for ordering Second hand uniforms is the 12th December 2023, and all uniform orders need to be collected at the office by the 14th December.

In closing the PFA would like to wish our school community a happy and safe holiday and we can't wait to see you all next year.

Kind regards,

Bek and the PFA Team.



All books are now overdue, please return these to the library urgently. We need to add these into our end of year stocktake.



# **BOOK CLUB ORDERS**

Our final Scholastic Book Club order has closed. Families ordered \$726 worth of books which has given us \$108 to spend on new books for the library.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in Book Club this year. I hope you are all enjoying your lovely books.

Happy Reading, Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor

Thank you

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#### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

#### This term we will focus on the following sports:

✓Basketball ✓ Tennis

Soccer

💙 Ultimate Frisbee

This weekly program gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

#### For Prep - Grade 4 students.

\$119 FOR A 7 WEEK PROGRAM

Sign up anytime and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term

School: Berwick Lodge Primary School Day: Monday Start Date: 5th February End Date: 25th March Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm No session March 11th due to Labour Day Holiday

#### **BOOK EARLY & SAVE**

Book before January 2nd to save 10%!

 Website:
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 Contact:
 Paul Battershill or Natasha Kalweit

 Email:
 natasha@kellysports.com.au

 Phone:
 0413 080 025

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 Kelly Sports Metro South East Melb





#### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Programs run weekly for one hour.

#### This soccer program will have the following:

- Skills Practice
   Modified Games
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- 🗸 Suitable Equipment

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- 🗸 Teamwork 🛛 🖌 Ide
  - 🖌 Ideal for Beginners

This weekly program gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm and participation and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them increased confidence in the future.

#### For boys and girls in Prep - Year 4

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## **BUSINESS ADVERTISING**





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### CASEY STADIUM 10AM - 12NOON \$20.00 PER CHILD

Learning the skills of netball for children under the age of 14 years old. This is a great 2hr netball clinic for anyone wanting to join the new2netball program in 2024

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER





New 2 Netball is for children keen to start netball ages 8-14 years. This program is designed to provide opportunities for children wanting to develop the basic skills of netball. Our aim is to build confidence and knowledge in a weekly training envioroment before joining a local club team.

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MONDAYS AT CASEY STADIUM 4:30PM, 5:15PM, 6PM



FRIDAYS AT OLIVE ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX 5:30PM



For further enquires email Danielle@caseynetball.com.au

## COMMONINY ADVERMISING



Moonlit Sanctuary
 the best way to see Aussie animals

#### GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT MOONLIT SANCTUARY KEEPER CLUB

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. The day includes interactions with dingoes, pythons, feeding animals and food prep, and animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 8-14 years



Summer 2024 School Holiday Program Dates: 8:45am sign in - 9:00am start, 2:00pm finish

#### JANUARY DATES

Week 1: Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th Week 2: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th Week 3: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 | 9:00 am start - 2:00pm finish Bookings are essential as spaces are limited to 16 per day

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#### KEEPER CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM **GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

#### If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out Moonlit Sanctuary's Keeper Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, kids get up close to many animals including dingoes, cockatoos and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 8-14 Cost \$99m 9am-2pm See our website for more info.



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# CHRISTMAS

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WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER | 5.30PM-9.30PM NARRE WARREN YOUTH INFORMATION CENTRE, 52 WEBB STREET, NARRE WARREN OPEN TO AGES 12-25 YEARS | COST : \$12

LIVE MUSIC, KARAOKE, CHRISTMAS DINNER, MINI GOLF, Air Brush Tattoos, games, casey 360 bus and more. Registration:

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#### Week One

#### Bookings close Thursday, 11 January 2024

#### MONDAY, 15 JANUARY

Fun with Food - Cooking Workshop Venue: Lynbrook Community Centre Time: 11.00 am – 2.00 pm Cost: \$5 Transport Included (see back of flyer) BYO: water bottle

#### TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY Thrill Ride Summer at Luna Park

Venue: Luna Park Time: 11:00 am - 03:00 pm \$35 Cost: Transport included (see back of flyer) BYO: lunch and/or money, snacks, water bottle, sunscreen, hat & wear comfortable shoes.

#### WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY

Swim, Slide, and Splash Venue: Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre, Frankston Time: 10:30 am - 02.30 pm \$10 Cost: Transport included (see back of flyer) BYO: lunch and/or money, bathers, towel & water bottle.

#### THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY

Adrenalise Rush : Go Karts and Laser Tag Venue: Le Mans Entertainment, Dandenong South 10:30 am - 12.45 pm Time: \$40 Cost: Transport included (see back of flyer) Individual waiver forms required BYO: lunch and /or money, water bottle & wear comfortable shoes

#### FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY

Summer Fest Venue: Narre Warren Youth Information Centre Time: 01:30 pm - 05:00 pm Cost: FRFF Transport not included.

#### Week Two

#### Bookings close Thursday, 18 January 2024

#### MONDAY, 22 JANUARY

Game on (online game activity) Time: 10:30 am - 11.30 pm FREE Cost Online links will be provided after registration.

#### TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY

#### Splatball Showdown

Venue: World Series Paintball, Oakleigh Time: 10:40 am - 12:30 pm Cost \$33 Transport included (see back of flyer). Individual waiver forms required

BYO: lunch and/or money, snacks, water bottle, & wear closed toe shoes.

#### WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY

Gumbuya World Adventure Venue: Gumbuya World 10:30 am - 3.30 pm Time: Cost \$35 Transport Included (see back of flyer) BYO: lunch and/or money, snacks, water bottle, sunscreen, hat, bathers, towel & wear comfortable shoes.

#### THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY

Blockbuster Summer: Migration Venue: Cameo Cinemas, Belgrave Time: 10:45 am – 1.45 pm \$21 Cost Transport included (see back of flyer). BYO: lunch and/or money, snacks & water bottle (movie snack included)

#### Bookings are essential

#### visit casey.vic.gov.au/holidays

#### Contact the City of Casey

Web: casey.vic.gov.au/youth Phone: 9705 5200 NRS: 133 677 (National Relay Service) 131 450 (Translating and Interpreter Services) TIS: @caseyyouthservices Caseyyouth

#### Contact event organiser

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#### Week One

#### Transport

Monday, 15 January		
Cooking Workshop	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Endeavour Hills	09:40 am	03:15 pm
Doveton	09:50 am	03:05 pm
Narre Warren	10:05 am	02:50 pm
Cranbourne	10:25 am	02:30 pm
Hampton Park	10.40 am	02:15 pm
Tuesday, 16 January		
Thrill Ride at Luna Park	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	09:10 am	04:55 pm
Hampton Park	09:25 am	04:35 pm
Narre Warren	09:35 am	04:25 pm
Doveton	09:50 am	04:00 pm
Endeavour Hills	10.00 am	03:10 pm
Wednesday 17 January		
Swim, Slide, and Splash	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Endeavour Hills	09:10 am	04:00 pm
Doveton	09:20 am	03:50 pm
Narre Warren	09:35 am	03:35 pm
Hampton Park	09:45 am	03:25 pm
Cranbourne	10.00 am	03:10 pm
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Thursday, 18 January Go Karts and Laser Tag	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	09:10 am	02:00 pm
Narre Warren	09:35 am	01:40 pm
Hampton Park	09:45 am	01:30 pm

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#### Week Two

#### Transport

Tuesday, 23 January		
Splatball Showdown	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	09:10 am	02:55 pm
Hampton Park	09:25 am	02:35 pm
Narre Warren	09:35 am	02:25 pm
Doveton	09:50 am	02:10 pm
Endeavour Hills	10:00 am	01:00 pm
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Gumbuya World Adventure Cranbourne Hampton Park	09:10 am 09:30 am	05:00 pm 04:40 pm

#### Thursday, 25 January

Blockbuster Summer	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	09:30 am	03:00 pm
Hampton Park	09:50 am	02:40 pm
Doveton	10:00 am	02:30 pm
Endeavour Hills	10:10 am	02:20 pm
Narre Warren	10:25 am	02:05 pm

#### Pick up and drop off points

Narre Warren Youth Information Centre 52 Webb Street, Narre Warren

#### Cranbourne

Lyall Street Bus Stop, Cranbourne

Doveton Auturnn Place Shopping Centre, Paperbark Street, Doveton

Endeavour Hills

Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre Bus Stop, Endeavour Hills

Hampton Park Stuart Avenue Bus Stop, Hampton Park

#### Bookings are essential

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# MyTime Berwick

Friday fortnight 10.30am-12.pm

## Why MyTime?

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# MyTime term plan

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



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Professional support



Pre-school aged children are welcome

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## 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.



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## 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.

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