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NEWSLETTER NO 40 14TH DECEMBER 2023

LAST DAY OF CANTEEN - FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

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

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

YEAR IN REVIEW AND THANK YOU

What a very busy and exciting year we have had, and I am very proud of our students and staff for adapting to changes as they occurred, showing great resilience and positivity across the school. In reflection, we have had many valuable learning opportunities including grade 3-6 camps, swimming, State School Spectacular, Helmeted Honeyeater ambassador program, community afternoon and interschool sports with many students going on to represent our school at higher levels. Thank you to our Parents and Friends Association for organising many successful events this year including stalls and our school fun run. Thank you to all our parents and families for supporting the school in so many ways over the year including volunteering your time to assist in classrooms, on excursions and camps or with the PFA. Your assistance and support are greatly appreciated. A very big thank you to our amazing staff who give their time, energy, and dedication to the school to make it a great place for everyone. I personally would like to thank our whole school community for your contributions this year, have a happy and safe holiday break and I look forward to a wonderful 2024.

FINAL SCHOOL ASSMEBLY

On Monday 18th December our whole school assembly will be a celebration of the year with most grades presenting songs and many awards and certificates will be given out to our students. Our 2024 School and Vice captains and specialist captains will be announced. All parents and families are welcome to attend from 9:00am on the school basketball courts.

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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WONDERFUL STUDENT - CODY GRADE 5

We received a lovely message via our Berwick Lodge Facebook page from an elderly Berwick resident who had been walking near Wilson Botanic Park and they became unwell and one of our wonderful students, Cody from grade 5, assisted the lady, Kerrie, to a seat in the shade. Cody stayed with her until help arrived and then his family followed up later to see if she was alright. Kerrie posted a private message including saying, "Berwick Lodge Primary School, you are producing some wonderful citizens". It is these acts of kindness that can't be measured by tests but show how our students are fantastic members of the community. Well done to Cody, we are all very proud of you for going above and beyond to assist someone else in need.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Our grade 6 students are looking forward to a wonderful evening next Monday 18th December when they will attend their graduation ceremony at Berwick Church of Christ. Congratulations to all our grade 6 students and we wish you every success in the future.

SCHOOL START DATE FOR 2024

The first school day for our grade I to grade 6 students is Wednesday 3 I st January and our Prep students first day is Thursday I st February. Our staff return on Monday 29th January with the first two days for meetings and planning for the term.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs):

Q: What time does school close 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:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

Saudra McCrum

DIARY DATES:

Last day of Canteen Grade 6 Graduation Grade 6 Luncheon Last Day of Term - 2:30pm finish Friday 15th December Monday 18th December Tuesday 19th December Wednesday 20th December

NOTICES AND PAYMENTS DUE:

Grade 6 Luncheon Consent Friday 15th December

HAVEYOU 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

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On Tuesday this week, there was excitement and trepidation in the air as our students experienced the morning in their new grades, among their new classmates and teacher/s. We also welcomed some new staff members and students to join BLPS and our new 2024 prep students to enjoy the morning. We witnessed lots of smiles and enthusiasm, indicating a successful start to the transition process.

EXCURSIONS / INCURSIONS

★ Students have enjoyed some fun experiences as they wrap up the year in their classes. A
 ★ celebration of an amazing year together. There were visits to Chesterfield Farm, Moonlit
 ★ Sanctuary and Prep swimming, as well as a Brick4Kidz incursion.







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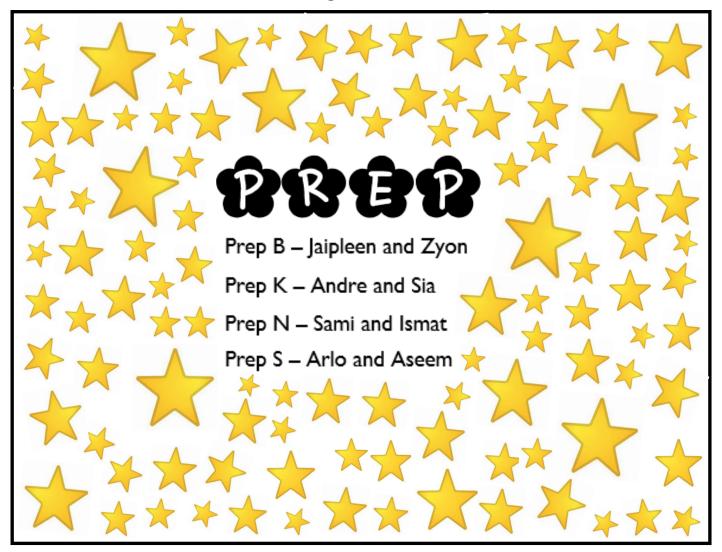
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We wish all families a very happy, safe, and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing our students back next year.

Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



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



PFA NEWS

Ready for some holiday fun?

We're having a

A CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY!

Wear your favourite Christmas clothes, or something red or green on the day.

> MONDAY December 18th

IN OTHER NEWS...

Congratulation to our grade 5 student, Trey Handler who has passed a Judo practical and knowledge test called a grading at the Endeavour Hills Judo Club.

This is no easy task and requires a great deal of practice. The grade is awarded by the presentation of a coloured Judo belt.

Junior Judo belts are in varying colours signifying age and expertise. Trey has been awarded a Junior Orange belt.

LIBRARY NEWS

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

BUSINESS ADVERVISING



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

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



Book before January 2nd to save 10%!

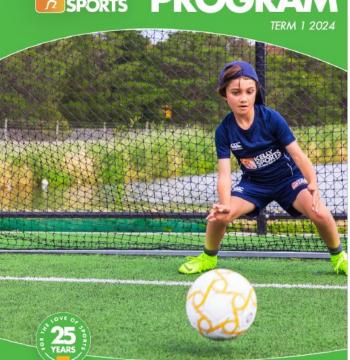
Website: kellysports.com.au/metro-south-east Contact: Paul Battershill or Natasha Kalweit Email: natasha@kellysports.com.au

Phone: 0413 080 025

Facebook: Kelly Sports Metro South East Melb







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INFORMATION

SOCCER **PROGRAM**

Programs run weekly for one hour.

This soccer program will have the following:

Modified Games

✓ Skills Practice Suitable Equipment ✓ Teamwork ✓ 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

\$119 FOR A 7 WEEK PROGRAM

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

Phone:

SCHOOL: Berwick Lodge Primary School

DAY: Mondays

START DATE: 5th February END DATE: 25th March

TIME: 3:40pm to 4:40pm No session March 11th due to Labour Day Holiday

BOOK EARLY & SAVE Book before January 2nd to save 10%!

kellysports.com.au/metro-south-east Website: Paul Battershill & Natasha Kalweit Contact: natasha@kellysports.com.au Email: 0413 080 025

Facebook: Kelly Sports Metro South East

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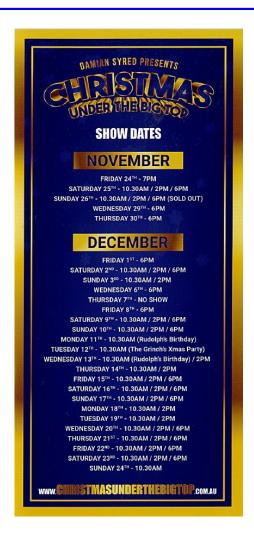
\$10+/Day with CCS



- Sports
- · Art & Craft
 - t & Craft Bumper C
- Laser Tag/Nerf
- Jumping CastlesBumper Cars
 - Facepainting

BUSINESS ADVERVISING











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

550 Tvabb-Tooradin Rd. Pearcedale | Phone 5978 7935 | www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au





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.





START YOUR FOSTER CARE JOURNEY TODAY

Have you been thinking about becoming a Foster Carer? Are you able to provide Aboriginal children with a positive and nurturing family life?

Are you excited to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

VACCA is seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding.

If you've ever considered becoming a foster carer, now is the time to start your foster care journey.

Visit our website to find out more: www.vacca.org



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CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATIONS



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:

https://www.trybooking.com/CMQJM









Week Two

Cost

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MONDAY, 22 JANUARY

Time: 10:30 am - 11.30 pm FREE

TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY

Time: 10:40 am - 12:30 pm

Individual waiver forms required

Splatball Showdown

\$33

closed toe shoes.

Game on (online game activity)

Bookings close Thursday, 11 January 2024

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

Thrill Ride Summer at Luna Park

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

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.

Email: tmcmanus@caseyvic.gov.au

Phone: 9709 9764 Mobile: 0448 564 032

Email: vstanley@caseyvic.gov.au

Phone: 9709 9682

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Contact event organiser

Tessa McManus

Veronica Stanley



City of

Casey

Week One

MONDAY, 15 JANUARY

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY

Venue: Luna Park

Time: 11:00 am - 03:00 pm

\$35 Cost:

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,

Bookings close Thursday, 18 January 2024

Online links will be provided after registration.

Venue: World Series Paintball, Oakleigh

Transport included (see back of flyer).

sunscreen, hat, bathers, towel & wear comfortable shoes.

BYO: lunch and/or money, snacks, water bottle, & wear

THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY

Blockbuster Summer: Migration

Venue: Cameo Cinemas, Belgrave Time: 10:45 am - 1.45 pm

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

133 677 (National Relay Service)

131 450 (Translating and Interpreter Services) @caseyyouthservices 1 caseyyouth

City of Casey Youth Services



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

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
Endeavour Hills	10:00 am	01:15 pm
Doveton	10.10 am	01:05 pm

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
Wednesday, 24 January		
Gumbuya World Adventure	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Cranbourne	09:10 am	05:00 pm
Hampton Park	09:30 am	04:40 pm
Doveton	09:40 am	04:30 pm
Endeavour Hills	09:50 am	04:20 pm
Narre Warren	10:05 am	04:05 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

Pick up and drop off points

Narre Warren Youth Information Centre 52 Webb Street, Narre Warren

Cranboume

Endeavour Hills

Narre Warren

Lyall Street Bus Stop, Cranbourne

Doveton

Autumn 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

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)

Contact event organiser

Tessa McManus

Email: tmcmanus@caseyvic.gov.au

Phone: 9709 9764 Mobile: 0448 564 032 Veronica Stanley

Email: vstanley@caseyx/c.gov.au

Phone: 9709 9682





10:10 am 02:20 pm

10:25 am 02:05 pm









For more information please contact:

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Phone: 9709 9764 Mobile: 0448 564 032



Why MyTime?

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

FIND US AT:

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

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

Mobile: 0466106201

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand



MyTime term plan

mytime.net.au

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
Fridays fortnightly 20/10/2023	Welcome families/morning tea and craft activities	*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	Song time — and funny dance time lets we all can move nursery songs
17/11/2023	•Learn about each other cultural shares and foods	 Colouring and sticking activities /developing their fine skills
1st/12/2023	• Group communications learning from one another	Painting/Dancing let's move our bodies /physical and emotions development
Final session		
15/12/2023	•End of Year Celebration Lunch	Arts & Crafts. Make a holiday card for family members











Find out more about fester 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.





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 (03) 9566 7800