



BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO 2

8TH FEBRUARY 2024

ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr APP

CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME TO BERWICK LODGE – MEET THE TEACHER COMMUNITY AFTERNOON: MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Monday 19th February is our “Welcome to Berwick Lodge – Meet the Teacher” community afternoon for families to informally visit the classroom and meet their child’s teacher between 3.30pm and 5:00pm. All classrooms will be open, and our specialist teachers have planned a few fun activities. Parents are not required to make an appointment but if you do need to share personal/private information, please speak to your child’s teacher, and organise a time to meet. All families are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy the activities in our school yard.

THANK YOU, PARENTS/GUARDIANS, RE: CANTEEN

Apologies and thank you to all families who ordered lunch from the canteen last Friday and then had to bring lunch into school due to an electrical fault which closed the canteen. We appreciate your support and understanding. The canteen is back up and running and is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

FOOD ALLERGIES

We have a few students within our school who are anaphylactic. We are not a nut free school, but we strongly encourage families to please support us in keeping everyone safe and save common nut products such as peanut butter and Nutella to have on the weekends. Even if there is no student in your child’s grade with anaphylaxis, all students share spaces across the school such as specialist classes and digital devices.

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BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MEET OUR PRINCIPAL TEAM

Our principal team includes Angela Maskery, Sharyn King and myself. Angela is our school wellbeing leader and coordinator of our education support staff and students. Sharyn is sharing the curriculum role with myself and is leading our school tutor program and working with our staff professional learning teams. As the acting Principal, I oversee all areas of the school including staffing, budgets/finance, our teaching and learning programs and community partnerships. Our doors are always open, and we welcome parents to make contact if they have any questions or concerns.



Sandra McCrum - Assistant Principal



Angela Maskery - Assistant Principal



Sharyn King - Assistant Principal

MEET OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM

The school office is a busy place! Having a front office that has an efficient system and positive culture has a tremendous impact on how a school operates. To help you put a face to a name, see our friendly office administration team below. They are always welcoming and happy to deal with any queries in person, via phone or email.



Julie Begley - Business Manager



Bree Collinson - Administration



Khatera Ahmadzai - Administration

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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PARENT HELPER INDUCTION

We welcome parents to volunteer to assist with school activities including excursions, camps and within classrooms. With our grade 3-6 House Athletics coming up, we do need parent helpers and this is a great opportunity to complete induction. All parents need to have a current working with children card which needs to be on file in our office and have completed our school induction prior to assisting at school.

Our next school inductions will be held on:

Tuesday 13th February at 9:00am

Tuesday 13th February at 3.15pm

Thursday 15th February at 9:00am

If you haven't already completed an induction and would like to do so, please contact the office to book a time.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. What do I do if my child is late to school?

A. All students need to come in via the front office if they arrive after 9am and be signed in by our admin team.

QUOTABLE QUOTE - "*The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.*" -Eleanor Roosevelt

Sandra McCrum

DIARY DATES:

Swimming Trials	Thursday 15th February
National Young Leaders Day	Friday 16th February
Meet the Teacher Afternoon	Monday 19th February
Grade 5/6 Summer ISS	Friday 23rd February
Grade 3-6 House Athletics Day	Thursday 7th March
Curriculum Day (No students at school)	Friday 8th March
School Photos	Tuesday 12th March

COMPASS CONSENT AND PAYMENTS DUE:

National Young Leaders Day	Tuesday 13th February
State School Spectacular Permission	Friday 16th February
Prep Working with Food Program	Friday 16th February
Grade 5/6 Summer ISS	Friday 16th February
State School Spectacular Payment	Friday 15th March

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



★ ENGLISH ONLINE

★ Our prep and grade one teachers and students have been busy completing the mandated English online testing. Well done to all the new students. We are impressed with how our Preps are settling into the school year.

★ READER/LIBRARY BAGS

★ All children are strongly encouraged to bring their blue reader bag from last year, or an alternative cloth bag to carry their reader, library books and notices to and from school each day. There is a limited supply of blue reader bags for purchase at the office for \$9.90.

★ SAFER INTERNET DAY

★ Mobile phones, computers, social media, and the internet are part of the daily lives of children and young people, including at school. At Berwick Lodge we recognise both the value and complexities surrounding the use of technology. Safer Internet Day is a global initiative to raise awareness of online safety issues. This Safer internet day we're encouraging our students to consider three simple actions when approaching online safety: **Connect. Reflect. Protect.**

★ **Connect** safely by keeping apps and devices secure and reviewing privacy settings regularly.

★ **Reflect** on how your actions online might affect others or your safety.

★ **Protect** yourself and others by visiting eSafety.gov.au to find out how to stay safe online and report online abuse.

★ To access more information regarding keeping your children safe online, please click on the following link: [Parents | eSafety Commissioner](#)

★ ANAPHYLAXIS

★ We do have several students who attend our school with severe allergies. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that occurs after exposure to an allergen. The most common allergens for school-aged children are nuts, eggs, cow's milk, fish, shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication. All staff are regularly trained in anaphylaxis management in line with the DET guidelines. To reduce the risk of a student suffering from an anaphylactic reaction at school we do the following:

- ★ • staff complete regular anaphylaxis training and updates
- ★ • staff and students are regularly reminded to wash their hands after eating
- ★ • students are not allowed to share food
- ★ • a general use EpiPen is stored in the sickbay for ease of access and each yard duty area has an additional EpiPen
- ★ • planning for off-site activities includes risk minimisation strategies for students at risk of anaphylaxis including
- ★ • supervision requirements, appropriate number of trained staff, emergency response procedures and other risk controls appropriate to the activity and students attending. Families are encouraged to not send products to school which may cause allergic reactions for students for example: nuts, peanut butter, or Nutella.

★ CSEF - CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSIONS and FUNDS

★ Applications are now open for all new families. If you have a new prep child with a sibling already enrolled at Berwick Lodge you must complete a new form. Please see the flyer included for more information. You must have a valid health care card. Please contact the office if you require a form.

★ *Angela Maskery and Sharyn King*



Assistant Principals' Report



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Photo Day



PHOTO DAY

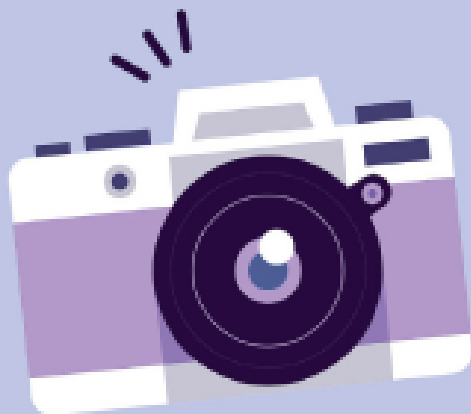
COMING SOON!

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

X3033EL52B



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Berwick Lodge Primary School

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM



Berwick Lodge canteen LUNCH ordering system called Qkr (pronounced Quicker) is available for canteen lunch orders

Qkr by MasterCard can be downloaded for **FREE** from Apple's App store for iPhones, iPhone app for iPads, or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

What families need to do TO SET UP ORDERING:

- Download the Qkr App to your phone or tablet.
 - Register
 - Find our School: Berwick Lodge P.S (from "Nearby Locations")
 - Register your child/ren – Select Student Profile
 - Order Meals (you can change, cancel or repeat orders)
 - Make Payment: Up to 5 cards can be linked.
- **To CANCEL an order:** Open the QKR app and tap Activity, scroll to order history, tap the red circle with the minus symbol to cancel. Cancelling needs to be done prior to close off at 9.00am for that day.

NO COST TO DOWNLOAD THE APP!!

NO FEES, NO ACCOUNTS, you pay as you go for food only!!

- Online orders must be placed / or cancelled by 9.00am, as the online order system will close shortly after.
- Orders can be placed online up to 2 weeks ahead.
- Make sure you link your child with the correct year level and home group.
- **HELP:** If you experience issues contact Anne from Bellbrook Catering on 0488 052 522. Please do not contact the school.

REMINDER

For all existing families please remember to edit your child's profile to their new homegroup/class for 2024.

This helps with the timely delivery of lunch orders.

MANDARIN



HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024

THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Monday 19th February 2024 on our School Assembly at 9.00 am

Join us to celebrate this year of the dragon with Berwick Lodge PS!

It will be a dress-up day, so please come dressed in red, yellow, gold, or traditional Chinese costumes.

P.E. NEWS

Welcome back to a great year in PE!

We have our upcoming swimming trials next Thursday 15th February at Kingswim. We wish all the students participating from grades 4-6 the best of luck.

Our annual Grade 3-6 House Athletics Day is to be held on **Thursday 7th March**. This will be an all day event (weather permitting). Further information will be distributed closer to the date. If you are a parent of a grade 3-6 student and would like to assist on the day and have completed the induction program and have an up to date Working with Children's check, please email the office at

berwick.lodge.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Thank you.

Kylee Muccignat and Ali McArthur
PE Coordinators

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to the Library 2024. We hope you had a lovely break over Summer and managed to fit in some reading.

All students will have one Library session per week where they can borrow books to take home. Prep students can take one book and all other students can have two books. These have a two week return but may be re-borrowed if you need to do so. Prep students usually borrow and return every week rather than keeping a book for two weeks.

Please make sure your child has a LIBRARY BAG for their borrowing. This can be the blue, school satchel, a tote bag, a large zip lock bag, plastic grocery bag or a large pencil case. This is to keep our books safe, clean and dry while travelling to and from home and school.



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Each term we have two issues of the Scholastic Book Club brochures. All ordering is done online then the books are delivered to school for distribution.

All parent orders over \$35 will receive a \$5 credit, you can start a new series from only \$3 and there are 50 bonus, BARGAIN BOOKS available online.

All orders need to be placed by Wednesday, 14th February by 5:00pm.

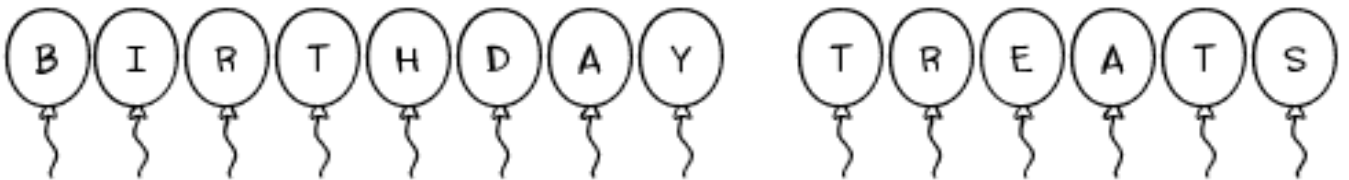
HAPPY READING EVERYONE,
Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor



SICKBAY NEWS

Thank you to all the families who have returned their medical forms back for this year.

We are still missing a substantial amount of forms so if your child has Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergies or requires medication at school, please complete these forms and return them back immediately. If you require these forms again, you can find them on Compass in the 'School Documents' tab under 'Parent Resources'.



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

Welcome back to the new year.

We hope you all had a great break.

We are planning our first PFA meeting this coming Monday 12th February straight after assembly in the staffroom.

Can you help us? All are welcome :)

You don't need any prior experience or specific expertise - just an interest in meeting other awesome BLPS parents and families, volunteering for the school or being a voice for other parents.

Some of the main reasons our team has joined the PFA is to:

- Help fundraise - We all know the costs of things that our kids need aren't always sufficiently government funded, like replacing the outdated and worn reader books, covering the Increasing IT costs associated with smart learning, installing new play equipment or having kids celebrate special events like the Grade 6 graduation. So being a part of the PFA helps bring these extra needed funds into OUR SCHOOL for OUR CHILDREN.
- The social aspect - you get to meet new local people, especially if you're new to the area like most of us were and learn more about how the school works behind the scenes.
- We wanted to show our kids that we value the people and places that help them to learn, by being a part of and positively contributing to where they spend over six hours a day.
- And the joy of seeing their beautiful smiling faces when we are there supporting their school.

**If you're interested in joining us for 2024 please come along to our next meeting this coming Monday 12th February 2024 at 9:30am in the Staffroom.
Or email us at pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.gov.au and we can email you a membership form.**

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

IN OTHER NEWS...

Program spotlight

Your
OSHC.











Berwick Lodge Primary School



Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At Your OSHC we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

What's coming up at Your OSHC this week:

5/2/2024 - 9/2/2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 All About Me (1.4) Who Am I! This is a fun and interactive way to do an all about me, while allowing other children to guess who the person is.	 All About Me (1.3) Pencil Craft Bulletin Let's welcome the new year with everyone making a Pencil and then sticking upon our display.	 All About Me (2.2) Put a finger down game Children ask questions and put finger down if they have done it. Let's see who has all fingers down first.	 All About Me (2.2) Puppet fun Children use hand puppets to create imaginary stories.	 All About Me (3.5) Milo ice blocks Instead of drinking Milo make cold Milo ice blocks.
 All About Me (1.4) Find a Friend Who... Join in this fun scavenger hunt with a twist. What will you find out about your friends? What will they learn about you?	 All About Me (1.4) Thinkat Boxes Decorate a thinkat box to take home.	 All About Me (3.5) Salad Sandwiches Let's make some colourful Sandwiches using Carrots, Capsicum, Cheese, Cucumber and Tomatoes.	 All About Me (1.1) Beaded Bracelets Children make beaded bracelets. They use colours or shapes to make a repetitive pattern.	 Back to School (1.3) Portrait Photo Frame Create a photo frame and add a photo of your first day back at Camp Australia.



Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now



Stop by and say hi!

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



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

Visit our blog

IN OTHER NEWS...



Thanks to feedback from our families, children and educators, Big Art is back and bigger than ever. It's not just here for a week or two, but it's here to stay – giving your child the chance to explore their creative individuality every week.

Big Art is all about providing the ultimate platform for your child to unlock their potential and showcase their artistic talents.

In 2024, we are expanding our Big Art program to feature weekly **Big Art Fridays** in After School Care, as well as **Big Art Days** every holiday season and a termly **Big Art Competition**, creating unmatched opportunities for children to shine, grow, and be recognised in their communities.

Unlock your child's creative potential and add a splash of colour to their days with Big Art. Register with Camp Australia to stay up to date with everything happening in Big Art 2024!



Big Art Fridays

Your OSHC.

On Fridays we pARTy!
Art-inspired activities every Friday in Your OSHC After School Care.



Big Art DAY

Adventures in creativity!
A full day of diverse art activities exclusive for Rocketeers holiday program.



Big Art Comp

9 Feb to 1 Mar

Show the world your true colours!
Showcasing children's talents on a national stage with awesome prizes.

OSHC Information Sessions

Discover everything you need to know about Your OSHC Before and After School Care, Rocketeers Extraordinary Holiday Program, our inclusive CARE program, and everything else in between.

From registration and bookings to billing and the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), the 2024 Info Sessions will cover everything families need to know about their journey with Camp Australia.

2024 Info Sessions

- Tuesday 13th February 7pm AEDT
- Thursday 15th February 12.30pm AEDT

campaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions

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