



BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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22ND FEBRUARY 2024

ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr APP

CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

It was a lovely morning assembly to celebrate Chinese New Year. Thank you to Ms Tian for organising the songs and to our two mandarin captains for their confident speeches and song.

CHINESE NEW YEAR AND MEET THE TEACHER COMMUNITY AFTERNOON - THANK YOU

It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the Chinese New Year assembly in the morning. Thank you to Ms Tian for organising the songs and to the students who sang and presented. It was great to see so many children wearing red/yellow/gold or a traditional costume. Our school meet the teacher community afternoon, was a lovely way to end the day and it was great to see families enjoying the various activities including the BBQ and sharing a picnic, visiting the classrooms and talking with teachers. Thankyou to our fantastic staff for making this afternoon very successful and thank you to those who bought a sausage to assist with our school fundraising. Thank you to our students who assisted with activities including ZANCE and games. We look forward to having other events like this throughout the year.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#). Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy on our school website, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

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BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION (CSEF) INFORMATION

Please be advised that CSEF Applications for 2024 are now open.

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. If you applied for the CSEF in 2023, you do not need to complete an application form in 2024 **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 in 2024 or you did not apply in 2023.

Changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2024. If you are unsure if you need to complete a new form or have any other queries, please contact the school office.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13th March 2024 and finishes on Monday 25 March 2024. Schools will schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week. Further information will be provided over the next few weeks.

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

Our grade 3-6 athletics day is scheduled for **Thursday 7th March**. To run this event, we require at least 8 parent helpers to assist on this day. If you are able to help, even for part of the day, please contact the office for further information.

CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 8th MARCH

There is no school for our students on Friday 8th March as this is our curriculum day. At this stage, Camp Australia will be operating and if there are any changes, we will let families know. On the day our teachers will be involved in professional development focused on Literacy and Numeracy.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. When are our school photos being taken?

A. Our school photos have been booked for Tuesday 12th March. Information about our school photos has been shared on Compass and in our newsletter.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you". BB King

Sandra McCrum

DATES TO REMEMBER

DIARY DATES:

Grade 5/6 Summer ISS	Friday 23rd February
SSS - Officer Secondary College	Monday 26th February
District Swimming	Monday 4th March
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:

District Swimming	Thursday 29th February
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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



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Twenty-two of the school captains enjoyed a fantastic day out at National Young Leaders Day on Friday last week. Angela Maskery, along with a wonderful parent helper and the students travelled on the train to the event. DJ Raf was the host and amongst the fun and games, we heard from 4 high-profile speakers talk about their own personal leadership journeys. The speakers included: Bryson Klein, a multiple Australian Ninja Warrior grand finalist. Jane Dunn, a highly accomplished meteorologist, and household name across Victoria as the 7 Network weather presenter. Melissa Barbieri, former Matilda's captain, and goalkeeper and finally Anastasia Woolmer, twice crowned the Australian Memory Champion! The students took note of the various leadership qualities these leaders had shown in their life and thought about the positive qualities they would like to develop as part of their own leadership journeys. It was a fantastic day!



MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOON



A big thank you to all the families who came to school on Monday afternoon to Meet the Teachers. We hope you enjoyed this afternoon! It was wonderful to see so many families around the school engaging in the activities and chatting to the teachers. Mrs McCrum, Mrs King and Ms Maskery were kept very busy on the sausage sizzle!

Angela Maskery and Sharyn King



Assistant Principals' Report

NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEARS 3 AND 5

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests for Years 3 and 5 students will be held between **Wednesday 13th March to Monday 25th March**. All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with special needs may qualify for special provisions which reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. A formal exemption may be granted for a student who has a significant intellectual disability or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background. While participation by all students is expected, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. A formal application for exemption must be received by the principal prior to the testing. Please have a discussion with your child's teacher if you have any questions about NAPLAN.

Below is a link to access information and test questions related to NAPLAN.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

The public demonstration tests show the types of questions students will answer and the functionalities that are available in NAPLAN tests.

SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS

Information about the Drop Off Pick Up zone.



The Drop off Pick up zone - What does this look like?

The Drop off Pick up zone is a special place to quickly drop off or pick up your child when you use your car.

Some schools have an internal school drop off area located within the grounds, whereas others are located outside the school grounds with this signage.

It is important to follow the rules in these zones, whether it is an internal or external Drop off Pick up zone.

What are the rules around an external Drop off Pick up zone?

You can only stay in this zone for **2 minutes** each time and you must stay with your car.

Move as far down the drop off pick up zone as possible to allow more cars to enter the zone safely.

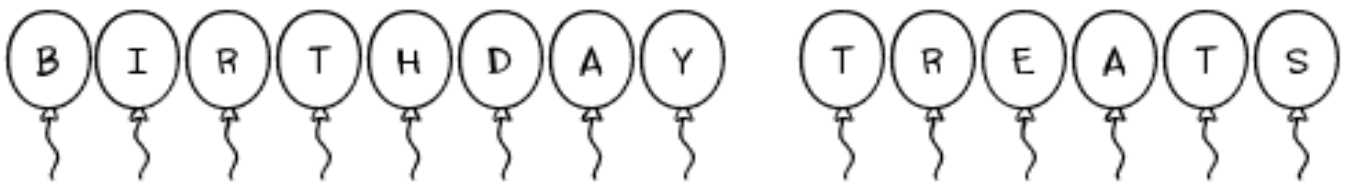
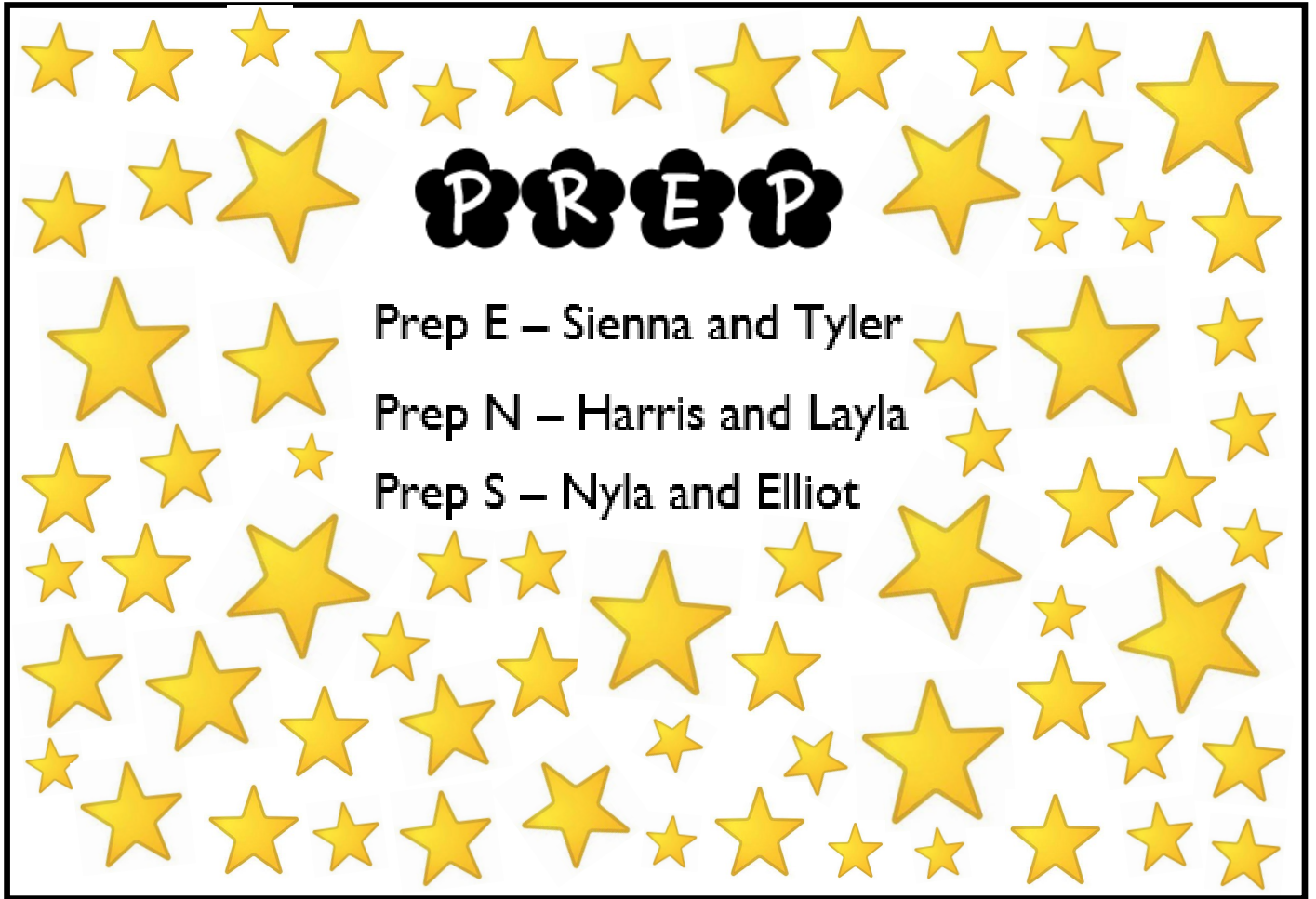
Arrive at least **3 minutes** after the school bell - children are not ready or in this zone before this time.

Do not arrive in this zone early and park - this stops this zone flowing and fines can apply.

If your child is not there yet? **Keep moving!**

Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



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.



Photo Day



PHOTO DAY

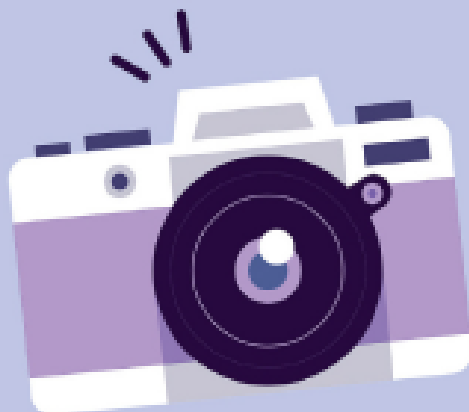
COMING SOON!

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



ORANGE

Berwick Lodge Primary School

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

P. E. NEWS

Congratulations to the 33 students who attended the Swimming trials last Thursday. It was amazing to see everyone try their very best in all the events they competed in. Well done to Evie 3/4W, Ayana 4P, Ebony 4P, Rui 4P, Vethuja 4P, Amrit 4B, Cooper 4B, Emese 4B, Ebony 5B, Kenara 5B, Quinn 5B, Shepley 5B, Matilda 5B, Elijah 5B, James 5CR, Mikhael 5CR, Ella 5CR, Aaliyah 5B, Hudson 5S, Leo 5S, Abbey 5S, Ruby 5S, Konstandina 6L, Halle 6P, Mackenzie 6P, James 6P, Harini 6P, Mehar 6W, Lucy 6W, Sanvi 6W and Kenny 6W.

A big congratulations to the 18 students who will represent Berwick Lodge at the District event on Monday 4th March. We wish these students the very best of luck. Amrit, Evie, Rui, Ebony K, Shepley, James, Leo, Elijah, Ruby, Ebony D, Halle, Aaliyah, Ella, Konstandina, Lucy, Sanvi and Mackenzie and Kenny.

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. We are still seeking parent helpers. If you 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.

RUGBY COME AND TRY CLINICS

The Melbourne Storm Junior rugby league are promoting a Club Come & Try evening promoting the Pakenham Eels in Officer. The confirmed date of the Come and Try is Wednesday 6th March at Comely Bank Reserve, Officer from 5:30-6:30pm. Please see the attached flyer for further information on how to register.

AUSKICK/SUPERKICK CLINICS

Tyler came and spoke at this week's assembly in regards to an Auskick program running at our school starting this **Friday 23rd February**. For any interested parents, NAB AFL Auskick is coming to Berwick Lodge Primary School in Term 1! AFL Victoria coaches will be coming down to run an introductory Auskick program for our students.

Here are the details for the program:

Dates: Feb 23rd, Mar 1st, Mar 8th, Mar 15th & Mar 22nd

Time: Fridays at 3:40pm-4:40pm

Price: \$50

Pack inclusion: Ball, pump and cards.

Use the link to register or scan the QR code on the flyer attached below:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/878f24>

There is also a Superkick program running for the older students. AFL Superkick in Term 1 is an AFL Victoria run program that will be delivered across Victoria to engage new participants in a Superkick program running in a non-traditional timeslot. Like all Superkick Programs, this program will be heavily focused on delivering a fun and engaging experience to football for kids aged between 8-12. Please see the attached flyer for this program also.

Please reach out to tyler.cabansag@afl.com.au if you have any questions about either of the programs.

Thank you,

Kylee Muccinat and Ali McArthur

COME & TRY CLINICS

TO REGISTER:

1. HEAD TO PLAYRUGBYLEAGUE.COM
2. ENTER YOUR POSTCODE INTO THE SEARCH BAR
3. SELECT YOUR PREFERRED 'COME AND TRY' CLINIC
4. LOG IN OR CREATE AN NRL ACCOUNT

P.E. NEWS

AFL **PLAY**

**FOR
the
KICKS**

**come
find your
awesome**

**BERWICK LODGE PS
AUSKICK CENTRE**

Berwick Lodge Primary School
Feb 23rd - Mar 22nd
3:40pm - 4:40pm



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**BERWICK LODGE PS
SUPERKICK CENTRE**

Berwick Lodge Primary School
Fridays, 3:40pm - 4:40pm
Starts February 23rd



play.afl/superkick

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.

ART NEWS

Please join me in congratulating Grade 6 student Kenny on his recent award for the Kentucky International Youth Art Competition, coming 1st and 2nd place for his painting "A little Fish's Dream". Well done Kenny from everyone at BLPS!

Thank you to all students who have bought an art smock for this year. These will stay in each classroom's art smock tub. Please have all smocks named. An art smock can be an old shirt from home, an old t-shirt, an oversized pajama top or even a cheap \$5 t-shirt from Kmart that you can decorate throughout the year! Be creative!

Please be sure to keep a lookout for new art making its way in the school corridors.

Keep Smiling,
Mrs Zammit
Visual Arts Teacher



LIBRARY NEWS

All grades have been coming to the Library with students borrowing and enjoying a huge amount of books. Please bring your Library Bag to each session so you can keep borrowing books to take home.

Tournament Of The Books:

The grade 1 and 2 classes have completed the first round of the tournament and '*There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Thong*' was the winner by a huge margin of 70 to 17.

This week the classes are reading, and voting on, their favourite between '*The Midnight Gang*' and '*The Gruffalo*'. The results will be in the next newsletter.



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club:

The items from book club have now been distributed for students to take home. Thank you to everyone who purchased books from the first catalogue. Purchases have raised \$135 for new books for the school Library, so look out for some great new editions in the near future.

Happy Reading,

Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor



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

BUSINESS ADVERTISING

67 INTREPID ST



KARATE BERWICK

BERWICK

OPEN DAY



SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY



CLASSES & TIMES

THUNDERBOLTS (5-7yrs)	9-9:30AM
YOUNG SAMURAI'S (8-13yrs)	9:40-10:20AM
YOUNG SAMURAI'S (8-13yrs)	10:30-11:10AM
CADET/ADULTS (14+yrs)	11:20-12:20PM

REQUIREMENT: COMFORTABLE ACTIVEWEAR + WATER BOTTLE

OPEN DAY SPECIALS AVAILABLE

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KARATE BERWICK

BERWICK

GIRLS ONLY
U8'S COMPETITION

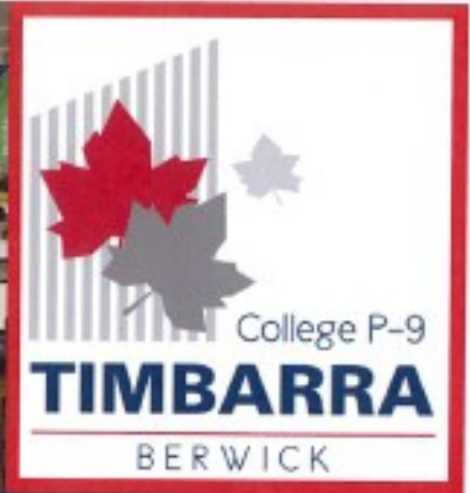
CASEY BASKETBALL
GIRLS ONLY U8'S COMPETITION

Join a team today!
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TO BE CONTACTED BY A LOCAL DOMESTIC CLUB!
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Transition News



YEAR 7 2025 OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH
5:30 - 6:30PM



Scan to
register your
interest.



COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUTH
COUNSELLING
& SUPPORT
SERVICE

City of Casey
YOUTH
SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING

What we do

We are a free and confidential service that provides ongoing support by appointment. We offer telehealth (phone and video) services in addition to face to face counselling.



Who we support

Youth Counselling

- Individual counselling for young people aged 13 - 25

Parent Support Sessions

- Adolescent parenting skills, strategies and mental health information

Parent Assisted Therapy

- Support for young people aged 10 - 12 with the participation of their parent or guardian

How to commence

For more information or to request a service:
Call 9792 7279 to speak to an intake worker or
Text 0417 347 909 with your name and number