



# BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO 5

29TH FEBRUARY 2024

**ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr APP**

**CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

## ASSITANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Students who are regularly absent from school are at risk of missing fundamental aspects of their educational and social development. The Victorian Governments "Everyday Counts" initiative promotes the fact that regular school attendance enables students to maximise their full potential and to actively participate and engage in their learning. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. Children with attendance of 80 per cent or less (that is, 40 days or more absenteeism per year) may be significantly disadvantaged in their learning. If you are having attendance issues with your child, please let your child's teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day. Our Wellbeing Assistant Principal or school staff will contact you if there are any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality. Remember **EVERYDAY COUNTS!**

### LATE ARRIVALS

Student punctuality is equally important. At the beginning of the day students are informed of the day's program, events and important instructions are often given. Students arriving late to school (after 9.00 am) also disrupt the class they are in, as they get organised and settled for the day. Your co-operation on this matter would be greatly appreciated. A student arriving late to school must sign in at the office and their late arrival will be recorded on the daily attendance roll. Parents/Guardians must provide a reason for their child arriving late to school.

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BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**LEARNING FOR LIFE**

# ASSITANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## **NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEARS 3 AND 5**

A reminder that NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 students will be held between Wednesday 15th March to the 24th of 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.

## **EMERGENCY DRILL - NEXT WEEK**

During next week, we will be conducting an emergency evacuation drill as we are required to do so throughout the year. These procedures can be quite confronting as all drills involve emergency warning sounds being activated and this can upset some children, particularly those in the junior grades. We will be explaining the procedures to the children to help prepare them for the occasion. You may also wish to do likewise at home.

## **CARE OF TOILETS BY CHILDREN**

**We need your assistance please parents.** We are experiencing a sudden spate of bad toileting behaviour by some boys and girls in both the junior and senior grades. Soiling toilets, urinating in wrong places, failing to flush toilets, and throwing wet toilet paper on the ceiling are the main ones. Then there is blocking toilets with rolls of toilet paper and locking the toilet doors. Our teachers reinforce appropriate behaviour in the toilets regularly and we will continue to be as vigilant as we can in supervising the children when using toilets, but there are privacy issues which do, quite rightly, limit us. I would be very grateful if you could speak with your children about the importance of appropriate use of their school toilets and if they are aware of any children who are not doing the right thing when using the toilets, could they please let their teacher know, in confidence.

## **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

This Sunday is Clean Up Australia Day. If you want to get involved most Rotary Clubs will hold an event. The Rotary Club of Berwick – here's the details to our Clean Up Australia Day event.

Event details:

Date: Sunday 3 March 2024

Time: 10am-11:30am (10am short briefing, then rubbish collection for approx. 1 hour, then a morning tea is provided)

Location: Buchanan Park, 74 Clyde Road, Berwick

Please bring gloves (there will also be a small supply available). Wear sturdy shoes, and dress for the weather.

If you are joining, please register on the following website: [Clean Up Australia - Buchanan Park, Berwick](#)

*Angela Maskery and Sharyn King*

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## **DIARY DATES:**

Grade 5/6 Summer ISS	Friday 1st March
District Swimming	Monday 4th March
Grade 3-6 House Athletics Day	Thursday 7th March
Curriculum Day (No students at school)	Friday 8th March
Labour Day (Public Holiday)	Monday 11th March
School Photos	Tuesday 12th 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.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

## GRADE 3 AND 4

3W – Muzzamil and Connor

3/4K – Max and Sarina

3/4W – Reyon and Sofia

4P – Zoe and Carter

4B – Lola and Darcy

Zance Award – Daniel 4P and Meika 4P



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**

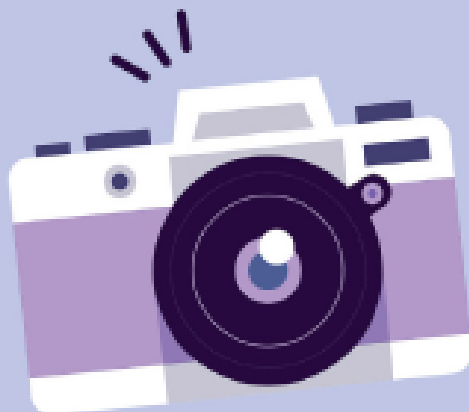
**COMING SOON!**

Tuesday 12th March 2024

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

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# Performing Arts News



## Victorian State School Spectacular 2024

Berwick Lodge Primary are once again involved in the Victorian State School Spectacular for 2024. 16 of our Grade 6 students will be performing in Mass Dance at the John Cain Area in September.

### Background of Event

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is one of the largest performing arts events in Australia. It is a professionally staged production performed annually to an audience of over 10,000 people. The Spectacular includes a cast of almost 3,000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria's government school students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a 2-3 hour scripted show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.



### Benefits for Students

The Spectacular promotes student engagement and educational outcomes by boosting motivation and student attendance, building confidence and self-esteem, leadership skills, cooperation, collaboration, forging friendships and a sense of belonging.



# Performing Arts News

Students who participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular are provided with a unique opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals across all disciplines, as well as the amazing experience of performing live in front of thousands of people.

On Monday 26th February the State School Spectacular students travelled to Officer Secondary College to participate in their first regional hub rehearsal. They were taught the choreography for the first 4 dances. This year, the songs include, Don't Stop Me Now, Happiness, Joy and Rapper's Delight and there is more still to come!

Over the rest of term we will be working on perfecting our dance moves and performance level. We already can't wait until our Round 2 rehearsal in May!

Lorraine Montgomery  
Performing Arts Teacher





# art NEWS



Students have been very busy using different mediums in the Art Room with Mrs Zammit. Here is a collection of the amazing artwork that is being produced.





## **ATHLETICS DAY GRADES 3-6**

Berwick Lodge's annual House Athletics Day for Grades 3-6 will be held on **Thursday 7th March** beginning at approximately 9:15am. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours for the day as well as clothing that is comfortable for them to participate in. Students will walk around in their age group (age as of 31/12/24) and compete in 7 events on the day.

As this is a whole day event, students must wear their hats and bring plenty of water to drink.

**It is advisable that students have sunscreen applied in the morning before school and bring their OWN sunscreen to school so that they can reapply this in the recess and lunchtime breaks.** Schools and teachers are not allowed to provide or apply sunscreen to students.

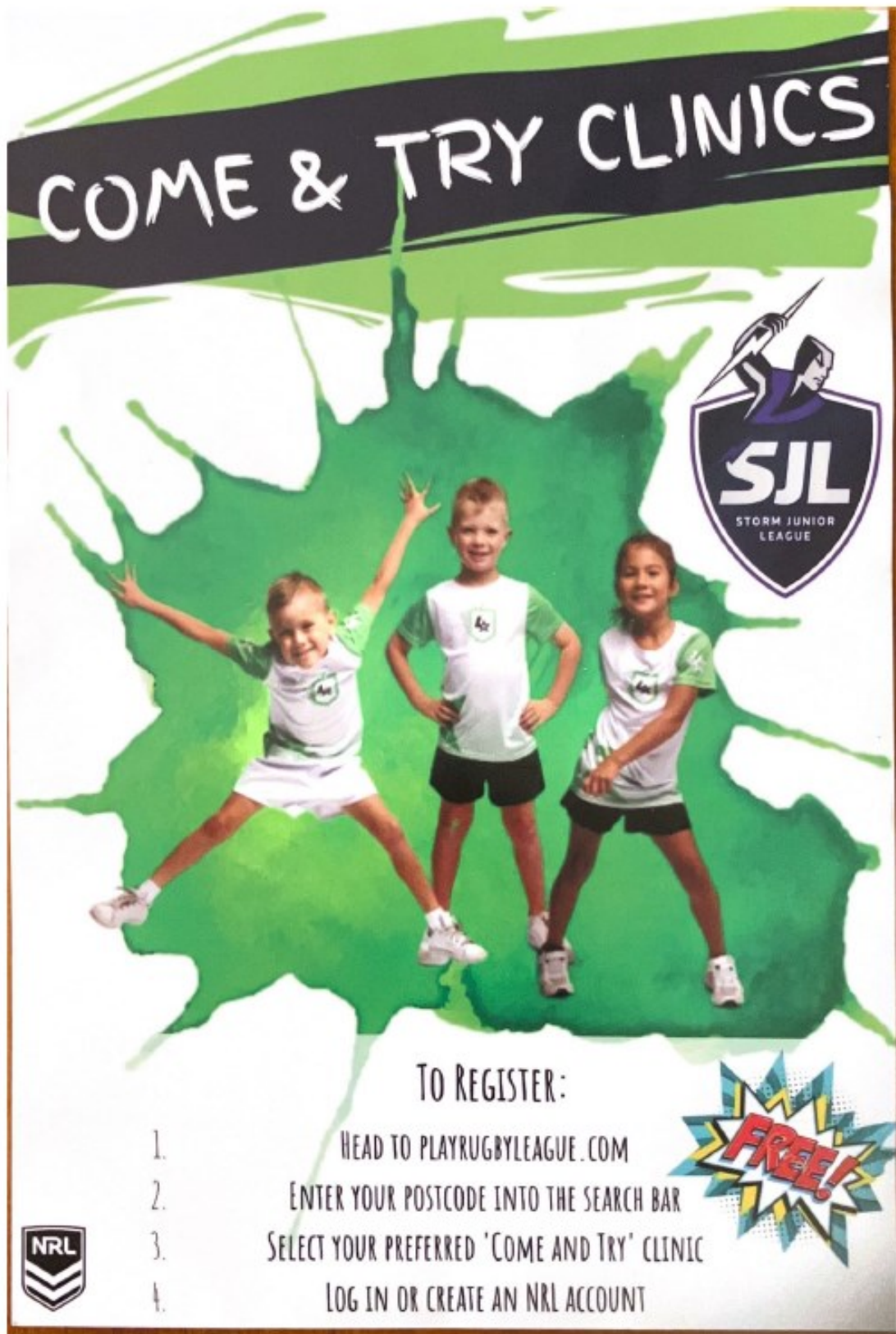
Parents are more than welcome to come and spectate but must remain out of the way of events and behind fenced areas to allow for the smooth transition and running of each of the events. **Parents must also leave the school grounds during recess and lunchtime breaks.**

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](mailto:berwick.lodge.ps@education.vic.gov.au).



Good luck to the 18 swimmers representing Berwick Lodge at the Edwin Flack District Swimming this Monday 4th March. Go Lodgers!!!!

## **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.





# COME & TRY CLINICS



**TO REGISTER:**

1. HEAD TO [PLAYRUGBYLEAGUE.COM](http://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



# CANTEEN NEWS

Unfortunately the Halal certified Mamee Hot Noodles (chicken and beef) that we have previous used in our canteens have been discontinued.

Moving forward we will be using Fantastic Cup Noodles (chicken and beef) however these are not Halal certified but we have been advised by supplier that they are Halal suitable.

These noodles will start to be rolled out in our canteens next week.

Qkr! will be updated accordingly, apologies for any inconvenience.

Please see below the updated Halal Certified food list.



## Bellbrook Catering Certified Halal Food

Angel Bay Beef Burgers

Cavos Chicken Burgers

Cavos Chicken Nuggets

Mrs Mac's Halal Beef Pie - not stocked in all schools

Alina Chef Vegetarian Fried Rice - not stocked in all schools

Fantastic Cup Noodles (Beef and Chicken) – not certified but suitable.

\*Not all Halal food is stocked at all canteens, this is subject to demand of items.

## 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.

# LIBRARY NEWS

All of our classes are enjoying their library sessions, with lots of diverse books being read and borrowed. Prep classes are reading SPOT books, Grade 1 students are reading Pamela Allen stories and participating in the Tournament of the Books, Grade 2s are reading some Allison Lester books and

enjoying the Tournament voting, Grade 3 and 4 are using Pig The Pug for some literacy activities, Grade 5 classes have been reading some Graeme Base stories and choosing books for reading in class and our Grade 6 students are getting quite involved with their class novels and borrowing their favourite books. As always, please make sure you return your books on time and bring your library bag to every session so you can keep borrowing.

Tournament of the Books:

Our Grade 1 and 2 students are really enjoying the process of reading and voting for their favourite book. Last week, they read 'The Midnight Gang' and 'The Gruffalo'. The winner of this round was THE GRUFFALO.



# BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue two of the book club brochure is out today. It is filled with some great books and fantastic offers. If you have a \$5.00 voucher from issue 1 purchases, don't forget to use it on this catalogue. This issue closes at 5.30pm on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March and books will be distributed before the end of term.

Happy Reading,  
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'.



# PFA NEWS

## Upcoming AGM Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am

**If you are interested in joining the PFA committee or want to sign up for a PFA office bearer position please send us an email on [pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au) and we can send you the forms to complete - Applications to be given to the office reception by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

Below is a list of the Positions and their roles and responsibilities.

All positions are declared vacant at the AGM and nominations are currently being taken to fill the office bearer roles. If there are multiple nominations for a role then the committee will vote on who will fill the role. We would particularly be interested in receiving nominations for the Secretary and Emergency School council Representative positions. If you are interested, please email us.

### **President:**

- Communicate with PFA members & Volunteers.
- Schedule meetings.
- Write the agenda, email to members before the meeting.
- Write updates for the school newsletter.
- To make final decisions on fundraising orders.

### **Vice President:**

- To assist in the role of the President.
- To fill in for the president when absent.

### **Secretary:**

- To work in unison with the President.
- To take minutes of meetings - take notes of the meetings.
- Distribute meeting minutes to members and school Office Manager.

### **Assistant secretary:**

- To fill in for the Secretary when absent.

### **School Council Representative:**

- Attend School Council Meetings.
- Present to Council current activities of PFA.
- Take notes and provide the PFA with an account of Council Proceedings.

### **Emergency Representative:**

- To Attend, if need be, when the School Council Representative cannot attend.



# 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:

26/2/2024 - 1/3/2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <b>Clean Up Australia Day</b> (25) <b>Sort the Trash</b> What goes Where? Can you sort out rubbish from recycle?	 <b>Clean Up Australia Day</b> (25) <b>Mixing Oil and Water</b> Oil and water don't mix well. But can they ever? Try this experiment and see how they help you clean dishes.	 <b>Community Helpers</b> (14) <b>Valiant Volunteers</b> Children create bookmarks to thank the volunteers at the school.	 <b>Autumn</b> (13) <b>I Spy with my little eye</b> Try to find all the hidden items.	 <b>Back to School</b> (13) <b>Name Tag Challenge</b> Create a unique name tag by following directions.
 <b>Community Helpers</b> (21) <b>Thank you card</b> Thank you card for teachers.	 <b>Community</b> (21) <b>Process Art (free drawing)</b> This experience is designed to bring all members of the community together. It is random art.	 <b>All About Me</b> (13) <b>All about ourselves!</b> Children will present their interests, likes, and dislikes. Children will share their thoughts with their friends.	 <b>Autumn</b> (11) <b>Bubble wrap painting</b> Bubble wrap painting is a form of an abstract art in which paint is dripped on to the bubble wrap shapes.	 <b>Back to School</b> (21) <b>Letter to School Cleaners</b> Create some beautiful thank you letters for our school cleaners.



### Register for Your OSHC

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

[Register now](#)



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What's coming up at Your OSHC this week:

4/3/2024 - 8/3/2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Lunar New Year (14) <b>Colourful Paper Lanterns</b> In this activity, children are making paper lanterns for Lunar New Year.	 Community (20) <b>Philosophy Review</b> We welcome children and families to contribute their insights and values as we assess and enhance our service philosophy.	 Community (10) <b>Expectations in OSHC</b> Together we will discuss what are the appropriate expectations for OSHC.	 Community (10) <b>Multicultural diversity</b> Investigate, share, and celebrate your family's multicultural diversity with your OSHC friends.	 Community (12) <b>Community Helpers</b> Explore our broader community and how we can help. Let's brainstorm some ideas to develop empathy, kindness and awareness.
 Friendship (14) <b>Friendship Bucket</b> Friendship bucket is a good way to get creative and allows children to identify positive attributes about one another.	 The World We Live In (11) <b>Goodbye around the world</b> exploring the wonderful world of culture through language during before school care group time.	 Community (22) <b>Hieroglyphs Creations</b> Learn the origin of Hieroglyphs from Ancient Egypt and then create our own. Write your name using the hieroglyphs.	 Circus Week (12) <b>Hula Hoop Hop/skip/throw</b> A circus inspired activity to develop children's gross motor skills and engage in some physical activities.	 Community (10) <b>AUSLAN Alphabet</b> Learn to communicate with AUSLAN.



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# Transition News



**Victorian  
Education  
Excellence Award  
Winners  
2016, 2017, 2018 & 2021  
Finalists  
2019, 2020, 2022**



**Basketball Academy**  
National Champions  
BOYS—Third straight  
State Champion title  
GIRLS -State Champions  
USA Tours

High Achievers' Program  
Instrumental Music



**2024 Parent  
Information Evening**  
**Wednesday 1st May**  
**6:00pm**  
**Elite Programs**  
**7:00pm**



**Dance Academy**  
State Schools  
Spectacular  
DanceLife Unite-  
National Champions  
New York Dance  
Study Tour

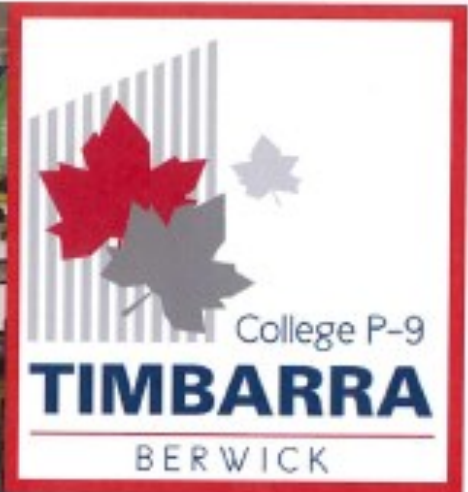


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Bookings essential via [www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au) Ph. 8768 1000



# Transition News



## YEAR 7 2025 OPEN NIGHT

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



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- Bubble soccer
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# 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