



BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO 6

7TH MARCH 2024

ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr APP

CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CURRIUCLUM DAY FRIDAY 8th MARCH – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY 11th MARCH – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Our curriculum day is being held this Friday 8th March and no students are required to attend school on this day. The teachers will be participating in professional development activities in Literacy, Numeracy, Data analysis and Wellbeing. We are looking forward to a very busy and collaborative day. Camp Australia will be open on this day. Please contact Camp Australia for further information.

NAPLAN

Next week NAPLAN begins for our grade 3 and grade 5 students. All tests are completed online except for the grade 3 writing test which is still handwritten. If parents have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please speak to your child's teacher or to Mrs. Sharyn King who is coordinating NAPLAN this year.

GRADE 3 -6 ATHLETICS DAY

Congratulations to all our grade 3 to 6 children who participated in our athletics day today. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm as children dressed in their house colours, cheered on their team mates and congratulated others. It was fantastic to see lots of parents come and watch their children. Thank you to Mrs Kylee Muccignat and Mrs Alison McArthur for organising this event. Students who were successful in the events will be notified by the teachers if they are progressing onto the district athletics day which is held later in the year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 12th March. Our back up day for photos will be held on Tuesday 19th March.

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BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the close of nominations, I had received a total of (4) nominations for the 2-year parent representative vacancies and (1) nomination for the 2-year staff representative vacancy. In both cases the number of nominations equaled the number of vacancies. Consequently, as the returning officer for school council elections, I declare all nominations for both categories duly elected. This means that a ballot is not required. Those newly elected are:

Parent category: **Rajkeerat Singh Sethi, Mel Dobric, Michelle Thompson and Alana McGlashan.**

Staff category: **Angela Maskery**

PFA nominee: to be confirmed

Continuing members:

Parent category: **Kieren Walker, Michelle Dobbin, Karin Keylock**

Staff category: Robert Kelly and Sandra McCrum (Ex- Officio)

Next Council Meeting and AGM will be held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 6pm

EMERGENCY FIRE DRILL

On Tuesday we had our first fire drill practice for the year. We are required to complete these regularly throughout the year. Our students and staff are to be commended on how calmly they exited the buildings to our assembly point as quickly as possible. Well done to everyone, especially our Prep students as this was their first drill for the year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. When are we starting school tours?

A. School tours have started, if you have family or friends with a possible enrolment for 2025, please ask them to make contact with the office and book a personal school tour.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.' Helen Keller

Sandra McCrum

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Day (No students at school)	Friday 8th March
Labour Day (Public Holiday)	Monday 11th March
School Photos	Tuesday 12th March
Divisional Swimming	Tuesday 12th March
NAPLAN - Grade 3 and 5	Wednesday 13th March - Friday 15th March
Grade 5/6 Gala Day	Tuesday 19th March
School Photo Make-up Day	Tuesday 19th March
Last Day of School (2:30pm finish)	Thursday 28th March
First Day of School	Monday 15th April

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

NAPLAN

A reminder that our grade 3 and grade 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests next week, starting on Wednesday 13th March. Our testing days are spread out over the two weeks with grade 3 and grade 5 completing the Writing test on Wednesday 13th March. The grade 3 writing test is on paper, with all other tests completed online for grade 3 and grade 5. Our grade 3 and 5 students will complete their Conventions of Language, Reading, and Numeracy tests by Monday 18th March, with catch up tests scheduled during the testing weeks.



We emphasize a “try your best” attitude towards NAPLAN, being mindful that we are providing a clear message that we are proud of the effort the students put in, more than the outcome. Please speak with the class teacher if you are concerned about your child completing NAPLAN or if your child is experiencing anxiety prior to the test, so we can provide additional reassurance.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY - Wednesday 8th March.

The United Nations has decided this year's theme as 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' is aimed at tackling economic disempowerment. International Women's Day (IWD) is all set to be celebrated this year on 8th March globally, focusing on recognizing women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements.



PLAYGROUND USE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

All students are aware of their designated play areas. We have noticed that a number of students are playing on the incorrect playground equipment before and after school. For example, grade one students playing on the grade three-four play equipment. Can parents please support us to ensure that the children play on the appropriate equipment. Thank you

HEADLICE

Could families please check their child's hair for headlice regularly to minimize the spread. We seem to have an increase in the number of cases. For more information on headlice please click on the link. [Head lice | healthdirect](#)

Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PREP

Prep E – Ava and Nithin

Prep N – Ruby and Jaxon

Prep S – Mia and Emma

GRADE 3 AND 4

3C – Adele and Bastian

3W – Harley and Olivia

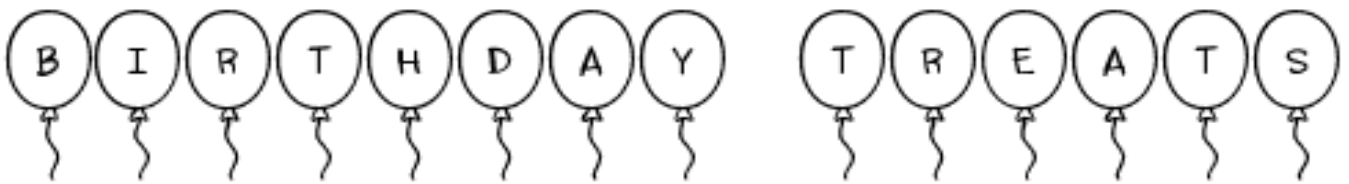
3/4K – Ruby and Jaxon

3/4W – Peyton and Muhammad

4P – Meika and Tate

4B – Lira and Oliver

Zance Award – Evie 3/4W and Darcy 4B



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

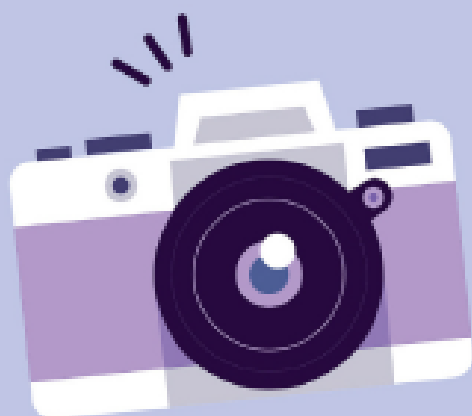
COMING SOON!

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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Berwick Lodge Primary School

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

P.E NEWS

MEET OUR 2024 BERWICK LODGE SPORTS CAPTAINS



Hi my name is Josh L and I'm your 2024 Berwick Lodge Sports Captain. I've been here at Berwick Lodge Primary School since prep. I also have a lot of hobbies which are playing sports like basketball and footy.

I've had 4 siblings that have come to Berwick Lodge and one of them was Buchanan House Captain. I love being Sports Captain because I like helping out with the preps in P.E, having fun with borrowing and helping Miss Mac and Mrs Muccignat.

Thank you.

Hi, my name is Tayla C and I'm your sports captain for this year!

I'm going to tell you about myself so readers get ready and I'll get started.

I've been at this school since prep and I've always wanted to be a sports captain. My brother has been at this school before and he started at this school in prep in 2014.

Anyway let's get to talking about me!

I play netball and dance. I started loving netball when we had the St Margarets netball competition.

I love being a sports captain because you get multiple chances to help with the preps and it's so much fun.

Thanks for reading about ME!

P.E NEWS

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Congratulations to the 18 competitors who competed as part of the Berwick Lodge swimming team at the Edwin Flack Swimming carnival on Monday 4th March. All swimmers should be so proud of their efforts. Our Berwick Lodge swimming team consisted of Amrit, Evie, Rui, Ebony K, Shepley, James, Leo, Elijah, Ruby, Ebony D, Halle, Aaliyah, Ella, Konstandina, Lucy, Sanvi, Mackenzie and Kenny.

Well done to the 11 girls, Halle, Ruby, Ebony and Aaliyah who finished 3rd in their freestyle relay. Congratulations to Ruby 5S who finished 2nd in the 11 girls freestyle and butterfly and Shepley 5B who finished 2nd in the 11 boys breaststroke. Both Ruby and Shepley will now progress through to the Divisional competition to be held next Tuesday, What a fantastic effort! We wish you both the very best of luck at this competition.

A big thank you to Kate for your assistance on the day.



AUSKICK - FRIDAY 08.03.24

For those who have signed up for Auskick on Friday afternoons, this will still go ahead this Friday afternoon, despite Curriculum Day.

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

The Tournament Of The Books for grade 1/2 students is well under way with some fierce competition happening.

Last week, the classes read 'Disgusting McGrossface' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' with 'Disgusting McGrossface' winning by a small margin. This book will be read against 'There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Thong', from round 1, when we progress to round two.

The classes have been reading 'Pig The Pug' and 'Diary Of A Wombat' this week so watch out for the results in our next newsletter.

Don't forget the library is open on Tuesday and Friday, during lunchtime. Come in for some fun activities, floor games or a quiet read. As always, please make sure you return your books on time and bring your library bag to every session so you can keep borrowing.



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 13th 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



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

LOST AND FOUND



If any of these items belong to you, please come to the

IN OTHER NEWS...



Tuesday 5th of March 2024

Dear School Community,

Store Closure for Labour Day Public Holiday

Please be advised that due to the Labour Day public holiday, **your local Beleza store will be closed on Monday 11th of March.** We'll reopen to our usual trading hours from Tuesday 12th of March.

To confirm your local store's trading hours, please refer to our Google Business listing for your local store.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that this closure may cause, and wish you all the best for the long weekend. We look forward to seeing you in-store again when we return!

All the best,

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T. (03) 9792 5461

5/121 Grices Rd, **Clyde Nth**, VIC. 3978

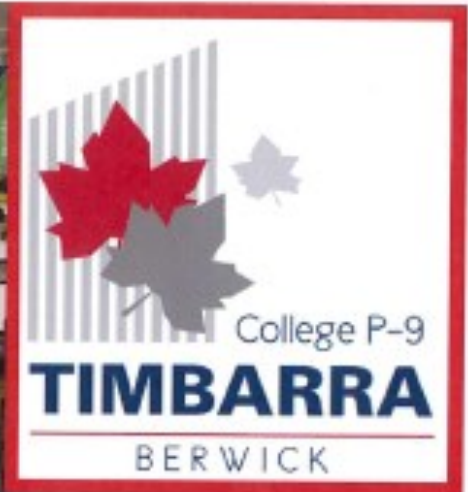
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Transition News



YEAR 7 2025 OPEN NIGHT

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



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Transition News



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



Basketball Academy
National Champions
BOYS—Third straight
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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
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DanceLife Unite-
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New York Dance
Study Tour



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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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.



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