



# BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO 11

24TH APRIL 2024

**ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr APP BY 9:00am**  
**CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### ANZAC DAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

On Monday morning our school captains proudly hosted our whole school ANZAC service. Athvithan, Konstandina, Jonoel and Tomoe, had researched and written excellent speeches outlining the background to and importance of Anzac Day to us all.

### STAFFING

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed 2 new members to our Teacher Aide team, **Rachel Spizzirri** and **Shiu Wati**. They will be commencing at our school next week.

### USE OF STAFF CARPARK

We have noted a marked increase in the number of parents without special permission using our staff car park to drop off and/or picking their children up. It is frustrating that this is again happening, given that we have spoken about this on numerous occasions and now have additional signage attached to the entry gates to the staff car park. Unless you have a permit to do so, please do not do this in future.

### MANAGING STAFF & CRT SHORTAGES

As you may be aware, all schools are still facing critical teacher shortages, this including casual replacement teachers (CRTs). On any given day we will have anywhere between 1 and 4 grades for whom our agency, ANZUK cannot provide us with CRTs. There are several ways that we are managing this shortage – including cancelling specialist programs and having specialist teachers take on class teaching for the grades that cannot be filled with CRTs when the class teacher is absent. We also split grades from time to time to assist us in managing the shortage of CRTs. Importantly, the curriculum for all grades and specialist programs is well planned by Area team members in the term before, and this certainly assists in delivering a consistent program across Area grades given the disruption that the CRT shortage causes.

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BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**LEARNING FOR LIFE**

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

We are required by the Education Department to have written confirmation if your child is absent for 3 days or more for whatever reason. I understand that everyone has a lot on their plate almost all the time, but recently we have had a spike in the number of cases where, for some reason or another, parents have failed to do so. To let us know, please send us an email via our Berwick Lodge email address. An example of this would be a family holiday. Another would be if your child is unwell for 3 days or more – and in such cases we would welcome a medical certificate for be forwarded to the office if possible.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

**Q. Does the Department of Education make up the shortfall in voluntary contribution funds that schools receive from parents?**

**A.** The Department of Education does not make up any shortfall in voluntary contributions schools receive. The level of contributions requested by schools of their parent community varies from school to school, so whatever the shortfall may be in any given school, will be different to that of other schools. In our case, we have so far received a total of \$50, 358.00 which is less than half of the notional amount we have requested. We are, of course very thankful for receiving that amount, knowing that under the current economic conditions, any families are suffering financial hardship. Nonetheless, voluntary contributions make a significant difference to what we can offer in the way of resources for all children. If possible, if you can make a voluntary contribution, we would be very appreciative.

## QUOTABLE QUOTE

*'Authenticity comes in many guises - speaking from your heart is one of the best.*

*Henry Grossek*

## DIARY DATES:

State School Spectacular - Aladdin	Tuesday 30th April
St. Margaret's Netball Competition	Thursday 2nd May
Winter ISS	Friday 3rd May
State School Spectacular Rehearsal	Tuesday 7th May
Mother's Day Stall	Thursday 9th May
Year 7 Applications Due Back	Friday 10th May
Open Afternoon (3:30pm-5:00pm)	Monday 13th May
Step into Prep Info Session (5:30pm-6:30pm)	Monday 13th May
Teeth on Wheels Begins	Monday 27th May

## PAYMENT AND CONSENT DUE

St. Margaret's Netball Competition	Friday 26th April
Winter ISS Consent and Payment	Monday 29th April
Mother's Day Payment	Tuesday 7th May
Teeth on Wheels Consent Form	Monday 20th May

## 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



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR CHRONICLE – You Can Do It!

As part of the **You Can Do It!** Wellbeing Program at BLPS, each Specialist teacher will be awarding 7 weekly student awards. One student from each year level, Prep - 6, will receive a Positive Attitude and Behaviour Chronicle entry through Compass. The specialist teachers will be focusing on the keys to success, **confidence, persistence, organisation, resilience and getting along**. They will be looking for students who demonstrate these qualities in their lessons. Students will be awarded a certificate through Compass, with an email notification to parents. We look forward to celebrating students and their keys to success.



## MOTHER'S DAY

Thank you to our fantastic PFA for organising the Mother's Day stall, which will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. There is still time to order a gift, which are \$5 each with a maximum of four gifts per student. A variety of beautifully packaged gifts will be available for selection. Please make your payments through Compass by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.



## PARENT HELPER INDUCTION DATES

If you would like to volunteer at our school you are required to have a current working with children's card and have completed our school induction. Our next induction dates are:

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 3.15pm and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9am.** Please contact the office to book.

## ANZAC SERVICE

Our school ANZAC service was held on Monday morning with our school captains speaking very confidently. Congratulations to Athvithan, Konstandina, Jonoel and Tomoe for writing a very informative speech to share with our community. Mr Grosseck also spoke about his parents' experiences during and after the war. A wreath was later laid at the cenotaph in Berwick on behalf of the school by Konstandina and her younger sister, Nikita.



## BLUE READER BAGS

The office has a limited supply of blue reader bags. If you require a new one, they can be purchased from the office for \$9.90.

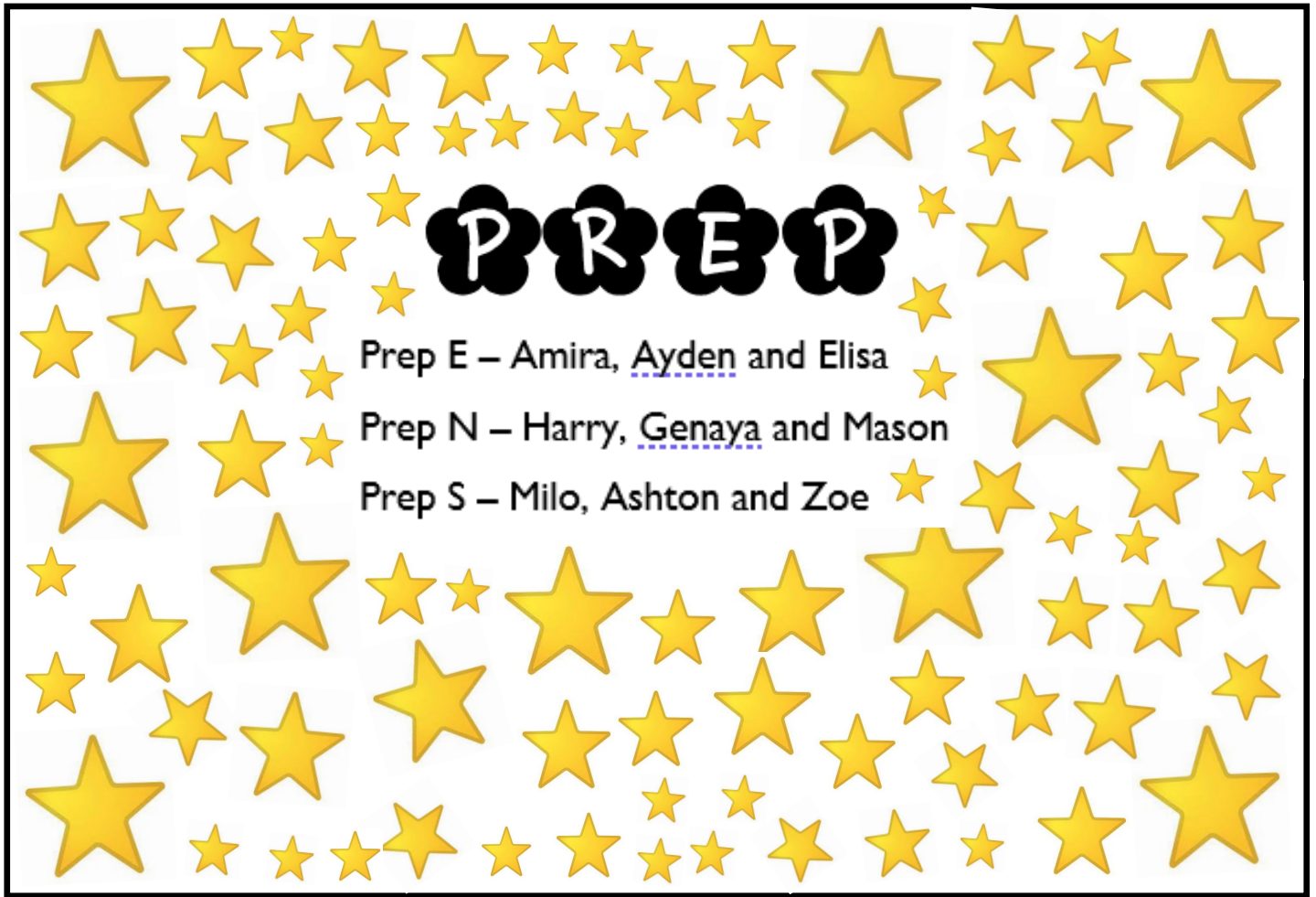
## WINTER CLOTHING

With the onset of the cooler weather, we thought it timely to remind all families of the need for students to wear appropriate clothing to school. Although the children may be warm in the comforts of their home, car and classroom they need to be rugged up when going outside to play. A warm, cosy jumper or jacket and named, weatherproof coat is strongly recommended at this time of the year. Please ensure all clothing is clearly named in order for any lost items to be returned promptly to the rightful owner.

*Sandra McCrum, Angela Maskery and Sharyn King*



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



## 2025 ENROLMENTS

### **School Tours and 2025 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](mailto:berwick.lodge.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



# OPEN EXTRAVAGANZA



## STEP INTO PREP INFO SESSION

5:30pm - 6:30pm  
In our school Library

**Meet our Principal  
Henry Grosseck & Prep Teachers!**

## OPEN AFTERNOON

3:30pm - 5pm

- Explore our classrooms
- Art activities
- ZANCE in the courtyard
- Games on the oval
- STEM activities
- Mandarin activities

Learn about...

- Prep transition
- School readiness
- Curriculum
- School programs
- 2025 Enrolments

*Out of zone enrolments taken if places available.*

**\*BOOKINGS FOR OUR STEP INTO PREP SESSION ARE ESSENTIAL.**

PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE ON (03) 9709 6700 TO REGISTER. PLACES ARE LIMITED.



# PFA NEWS

We would like to express our gratitude to the parents who have kindly volunteered to assist with our upcoming Mother's Day stall on

**Thursday, May 9th.**

For those of you who still need to undergo the school induction session before the stall, the school has scheduled two sessions for your convenience next week. Please secure your spot by booking a session with the office.

## **School Induction Sessions:**

**Monday, May 29th at 3:15 pm**

**Wednesday, May 1st at 9:15 am**

If you're interested in lending a hand at the Mother's Day stall, it's not too late to get involved! Simply reach out to the PFA by sending an email to [pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au)

Please note that a current Working With Children Check is also required for all volunteers participating in school events.

Payments for Mother's Day gifts can also now be made on Compass. Gifts are priced at \$5 each, and each child can purchase up to 4 gifts.

Your support and participation are greatly appreciated in making this event a success!

Carolyn Humphreys

PFA President



# 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



# LIBRARY NEWS

We still have a LOT of books that are overdue. Please remember to return these ASAP so others can borrow them. Books can be re-borrowed if you haven't finished reading them.

The grade 1/2 Tournament of the Books is going well. Last week, **Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy** narrowly beat **Thelma the Unicorn**. This week, the classes are voting on their favourite between **Magic Beach** by Alison Lester and **Kookoo Kookaburra** by Gregg Dreise. There will be one more set of books to vote on before the winners, from previous rounds, are read again for final votes.

Don't forget to come and visit the Library at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have some fun activities, colouring, drawing, reading and games on offer.

The Library has some fantastic new titles being added to our shelves, thanks to some lovely donations, however, we are currently unable to take any more at this time. Thank you to everyone who did donate and we will put a notice in the Newsletter when we will be taking donations again.



# BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 3 of the Scholastic Book Club is now available and is being distributed this week. There are some great new books on sale in this one, with many sequels, sets, Picture Story Books, Non-fiction books and loads of activities/accessories available.

EVERY order from this catalogue will receive a \$5.00 credit to use in Issue 4, later this term. If you have a credit from Issue 1, make sure you use it so it doesn't expire.

Orders must be placed before 5.30pm on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. These will be delivered to students once they arrive.

*"A Book Is A Dream That You Hold In Your Hands" Neil Gaiman*

Happy Reading,

Mrs Tsekouras and Ms Taylor



# SICKBAY NEWS

We would appreciate any donations of tracksuit pants for our sickbay.

Do you have any clothing that your child may have borrowed from sickbay?

If so, can you please wash and return these items as soon as possible.



# IN OTHER NEWS...

## EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Oral Health Education
- ✓ Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions



CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM



TeethOnWheelsAustralia



#teethonwheels

Phone: (03) 9338 1191

Email: [info@teethonwheels.com.au](mailto:info@teethonwheels.com.au)



TeethOnWheels  
a positive dental experience

Dear Families,

Your child's dental health is important to us, that's why Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our school starting on the **27/05/2024**.

**Click the link below or scan the QR Code above to sign your child up - IT MIGHT BE FREE!**

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

Teeth on Wheels are focused on providing **a positive dental experience** and specialise with working with children. They can provide check-up and clean appointments, as well as treatment onsite and will be able to advise you if your child is eligible to receive dental care for **FREE** under the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

Please complete your form today and the Teeth on Wheels team will be in contact to confirm and schedule your child's appointment. - Forms must be completed by **20/05/2024** for your child to participate.

# 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:

22/4/2024 – 26/4/2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <b>anzac poppy hanger</b> lets make a poppy hanger to commemorate anzac day	 <b>Crepes Paper Poppies</b> Commemorate ANZAC Day or Remembrance Day by making a crepe paper poppy	 <b>Anzac Day Cookies</b> Anzac Biscuits (Coconut Cut Cookies) Crisp and buttery coconut oat cookies Prep Time: 15minutes mins Cook Time: 15minutes min	No active rolls	 <b>Watercolor Poppies</b> As part of Remembrance Day use water coloured paint to paint some beautiful poppies
 <b>ANZAC Soldier Silhouette</b> Craft of ANZAC Soldier Silhouette	 <b>Anzac Ted- Story time</b>	 <b>Remembrance Day Wreath</b> Make a poppy wreath for remembrance day	No active rolls	 <b>Woven Wool Poppy</b> Use natural materials to craft a poppy-inspired God's Eye



### 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...



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2024

Dear School Community,

## **Store Closure for ANZAC Day Public Holiday**

Please be advised that due to the ANZAC Day public holiday, **your local Beleza store will be closed on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of April.** We'll reopen to our usual trading hours from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

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 public holiday. We look forward to seeing you in-store again when we return!

All the best,

Beleza School Uniforms

# Transition News



FOUNTAIN GATE  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

## 2024 OPEN NIGHT

Monday 29th April

5-7PM

Registration opens 5pm in the Gym.



Welcome for all prospective Students and Families to join us for our College Open Night.  
Explore and experience all that Fountain Gate has to offer.



Further details, please contact us at [fountain.gate.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:fountain.gate.sc@education.vic.gov.au) or call on 8762-6839

# Transition News

## BERWICK COLLEGE HIGH ACHIEVERS' PROGRAM



# 2025

Berwick College - Excellence in Learning

[www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au)

### SCHOOL TOURS — 9:30am

Bookings are essential. Please call **8768 1000** to make a booking or book online <http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au/enrolment/>

- Wednesday 21st February
- Wednesday 6th March
- Wednesday 20th March

### Wednesday 1st May—Year 7 2025 Parent Information Evening 6:00pm

High Achievers' Program, Basketball Academy  
and Dance Academy Presentations at 7:00pm

- Wednesday 8th May
- Wednesday 29th May
- Wednesday 19th June
- Wednesday 24th July
- Wednesday 21st August
- Wednesday 23rd October

#### A Year 8 HAP Student....

Why my learning has benefited from being part of the High Achievers' program...*Since I started high school, the high achievers' learning structure has changed me as a student in many positive ways.*

*It became a place where I am tested on my ability to work, learn independently and think creatively.*

*There are always moments where I would think of a brand new idea for a project and as always, couldn't wait to carry out the idea and make it come alive. In class, I know a group of people who think just like me.*

*We have deep discussions on learning topics and most importantly, we learn from each other.*

*Every single one of us are constantly helping each other to extend ourselves and strive to do our best. Now every time I walk into a classroom, I'm prepared to challenge myself...*

#### For further information please contact:

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Mrs Claire Hanley  
Assistant Principal  
Email: [claire.hanley@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:claire.hanley@education.vic.gov.au)



# Transition News



Maximising the potential  
of each student

Year 7 2025

## Transition Information Evenings

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Time: 4:15pm-7:00pm

Location: Kambrya College's Theatre

Kambrya College would like to invite prospective parents and carers of 2025 Year 7 students to attend **one\*** of our Transition Information Evenings.

The night will provide the chance for attendees to learn about the excellent education and opportunities the school provides to all our students. In addition, information will be provided on the exciting programs we have available for students in 2025.

Further information regarding the programs will be provided at the start of Term 3 on our website:

[www.kambryacollege.vic.edu.au/year7-transition/](http://www.kambryacollege.vic.edu.au/year7-transition/)

To attend one of the Transition Information Evenings - **Bookings are essential, each family member attending the session must have a ticket (up to 4 tickets per family)**

As spaces are limited, please carefully choose the date you wish to attend and **only book 1 session.**

Bookings can be made via our website and using this link: <https://compassstix.com/e/izowr1sqyp>

### Session Timetable:

4:15-5:00pm	School Tours
5:15-6:00pm	Formal Presentation
6:00-7:00pm	Program Presentations
	- Athlete Development Program (ADP)
	- Musician Development Program (MDP)
	- Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL)

### 2025 Kambrya School Zone

**(School Zones are subject to change by DE at any time in Term 1 each year\*\*):**

Priority enrolments are provided to students within our current School Zone\*\* as set out by the Department of Education. We foresee that students living within our school zone or with older siblings enrolled for 2025 will most likely bring the school to full capacity in Year 7 for 2025. Those living outside our school zone are still invited to attend the transition evening for more information, however due to our current Enrolment Implementation Plan, enrolment applications from outside our zone are unlikely to be successful. **This applies to all students, including those wishing to apply for specific curriculum/sporting/other programs (SEAL, ADP, MDP).**

For additional information please refer to the following websites:

<https://www.kambryacollege.vic.edu.au/zone/>

<https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>

**Grade 6 only school tours in Terms 1 and 2: Bookings are essential and places limited.** Please refer to our website for details:

<https://www.kambryacollege.vic.edu.au/school-tours/> or use this link to book: <https://compassstix.com/e/cllvzqin2>

\* As each session is identical please note you will only need to attend one session to gain all the required information.

# 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



BERWICK College commenced in 1977 with the motto 'Crescam', Latin for 'I shall grow', and today, through our strong emphasis on excellence in teaching and learning, our students enjoy a comprehensive curriculum and many career specific pathways.

**College Tours available Wednesdays at 9:30am**  
Bookings essential via [www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au) Ph. 8768 1000

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# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING





## OPEN DAY 2024

SAT 1ST JUNE  
11-1PM

*Our experienced educators and engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.*

- Discover our curriculum and learning spaces
- Meet our staff
- Family fun activities

 (03) 8725 0899

 [narrewarren@kindytown.com.au](mailto:narrewarren@kindytown.com.au)



# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



The Country Women's  
Association of Victoria Inc.

care empower contribute

Country Women's Association, Berwick Branch warmly  
invites you to a

## Mother's Day High Tea Luncheon

On Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Timbarra Hall, Timbarra Way, Berwick.

Starting at 11am – 2pm

\$40 per head, Strictly tables of 6.

<https://www.trybooking.com/1206360>



Queries – Kate Azzopardi, President. 0435 863 054

# 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