



BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO 12

2ND MAY 2024

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

LATE ARRIVALS

The number of children arriving late to school in the morning has significantly increased this term. Hopefully this will ease off as we progress through the term. Importantly, all children arriving late must report to the main office sign in before going to their classrooms.

LUNCHTIME EATING ARRANGEMENTS

Earlier this week I announced to all classes that we are making changes to lunchtime eating arrangements for the children. In future, children will be required to eat their lunches in their classrooms, with teachers extending the time that children can eat their lunch if necessary. This will be done by starting to eat their lunch a little earlier than 12.42pm as required. Some children do take quite a bit longer to complete eating their lunch and they will be able to finish their lunch outside their classrooms before moving off to play.

There are several reasons for this change. Firstly, some children do not eat their lunch when they take it outside – they simply throw it in the bins or on the ground. Many children who take their lunch boxes outside put them down somewhere and they get 'lost'. I understand that in term 4 of last year and term 1 of this year, the school received a significant number of calls from parents expressing concern over their child's 'lost' lunch box. It has been suggested that we place a large container outside every classroom with the plan being that children can then deposit their empty lunch box in the container and then collect it after lunch. That would cause confusion in cases where children have the same looking lunch box. Experience also tells us that for more than a few children they will simply forget to do so in the moment and will do as they have been doing to date and that is to simply leave their lunch box at the place where they finish eating, then run off and play with their friends.

Another matter of concern to us is the provision of metal forks with lunches for some children. Recently we had an incident which involved a child brandishing a fork in a potentially worrying manner, having found it in the playground during lunchtime. I have collected about a half a dozen forks after lunch from the school grounds just last week. Banning forks from being taken outside is, in my opinion, a valuable preventative measure.

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BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On another related note, despite our repeated educational and advisory programs and messages to the children, I am disappointed to note that the amount of lunchtime and canteen litter dropped by the children in the playgrounds has not reduced over time. For many years now I have been supervising litter pick up in our playgrounds on a regular basis every week. On my return I have noted that the situation has not improved.

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to forward me their concerns over the new lunch time eating policy and I hope this clarifies matters for you.

CHILDREN PRESENTING AS ILL TO SICKBAY

Please note, we are still following COVID guidelines with respect to children reporting to sick bay and displaying Covid-like symptoms.

CHILDREN'S LOST PROPERTY

This also concerns me. Every day a substantial number of school clothing items end up in our lost property bin, with children having simply left them in the school grounds wherever they took them off. Unfortunately, a lot of such clothing does not have any form of name tag attached or printed on the clothing and we can't identify the owner. By the end of every term, we have literally many bags full of children's lost clothing – none of which have any name tag ID. Please take the time to attach a name tag or written ID on your children's clothing item that they may take off at school.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY: FRIDAY 7 JUNE

We will be conducting our Professional Practice Day (PUPIL-FREE) on Friday 7 June. Please make alternative arrangements for the supervision of your child/ren on this day.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Why is our school uniform optional?

A. When our school opened in 1990, our inaugural school council made this decision on the basis that they strongly felt that, whilst the wearing of school uniform was highly desirable, making it compulsory would have the potential for it becoming a punitive measure with no contribution to our learning programs. Twice since then we have surveyed our parent body on the issue and both times a clear majority of parents were in support of the existing policy. In fact, almost all children do wear the school uniform every day without it creating other issues.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

'Poor of heart is poverty indeed.'

Henry Grossek

DIARY DATES:

Winter ISS	Friday 3rd May
State School Spectacular Rehearsal	Monday 6th May
District Cross Country	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
PPD - No Students at School	Friday 7th June

PAYMENT AND CONSENT DUE

Mother's Day Payment	Tuesday 7th May
Teeth on Wheels Consent Form	Monday 20th May

Assistant Principals' Report

MOTHER'S DAY

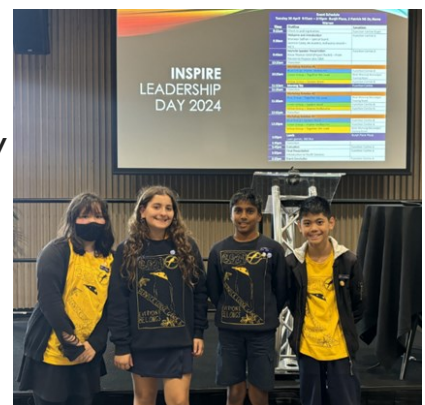
Thank you to our fantastic PFA for organising the Mother's Day stall, which will be held on Thursday 9th May. There is still time to order a gift, the last day for payments is Tuesday 7th May. Payments are made through Compass under "General Payments".

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.

INSPIRE – Student Leadership Day.

Angela Maskery had the pleasure of taking the school captains to participate in the City of Casey Leadership Day on Tuesday this week. The students attended various workshops throughout the day. They listened to inspiring presentations, networked with other school leaders, and joined in with the fun activities provided, such as Spoken Word poetry and improv acting. A valuable day was enjoyed by all.



ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY.

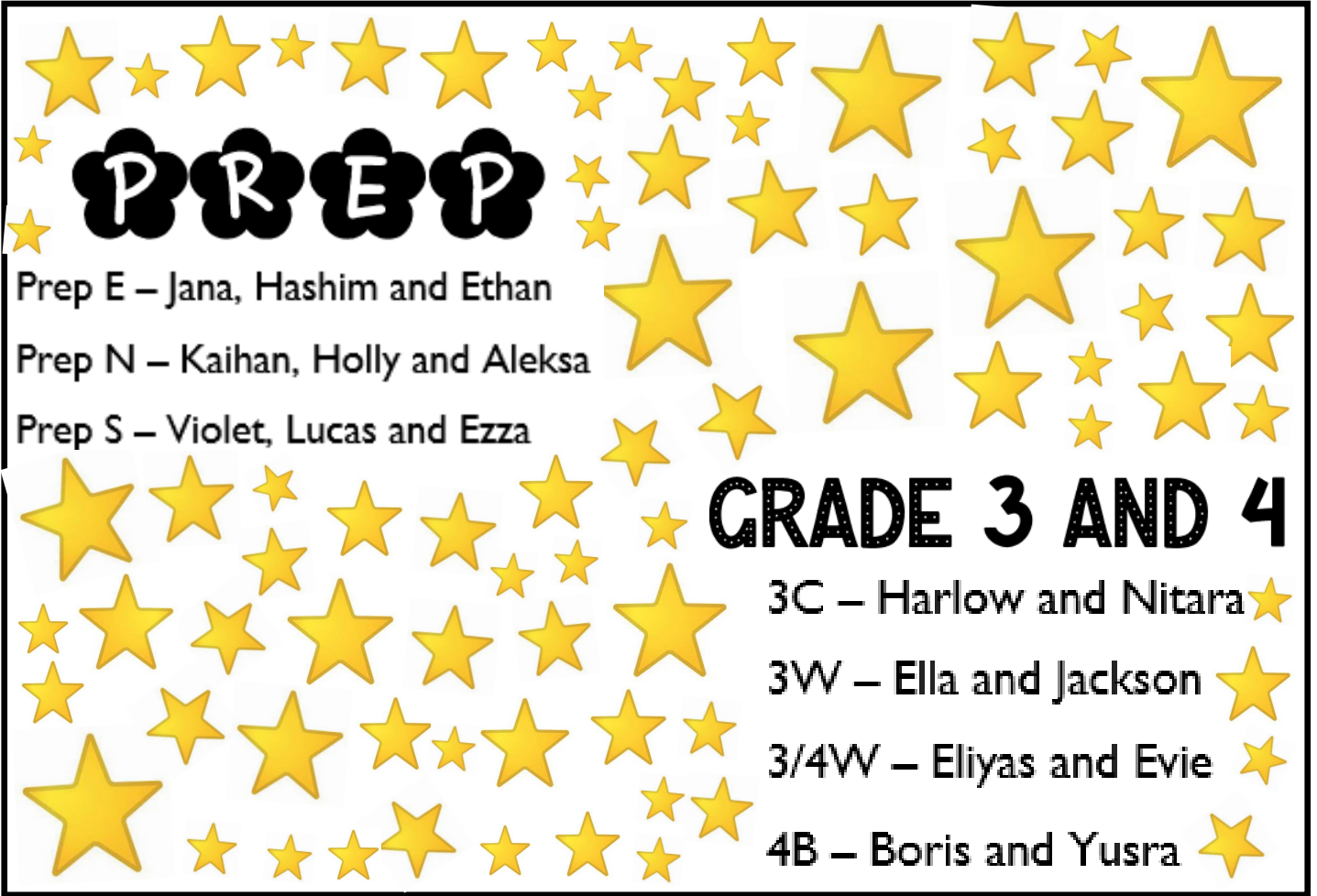
Next week, the grade 4, 5 and 6 students will complete the Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS). This survey is administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12.

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

Parents/carers can opt their child out, if they would prefer not to participate, please inform the school on Monday 6th May at the latest.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



PREP

Prep E – Jana, Hashim and Ethan
Prep N – Kaihan, Holly and Aleksa
Prep S – Violet, Lucas and Ezza

GRADE 3 AND 4

3C – Harlow and Nitara ★
3W – Ella and Jackson ★
3/4W – Eliyas and Evie ★
4B – Boris and Yusra ★

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



MON 13TH MAY

BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.



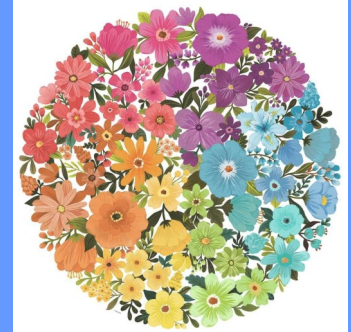
PFA NEWS

Parents and Friends Association



Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 9th May



Just a quick reminder that our Mother's Day Stall is almost here!

If you haven't already, don't forget to pre-pay for your gifts via Compass. Each child can choose up to four gifts for their Mum or Special Person in their life, priced at just \$5 each.

Payment must be received by Tuesday, May 7th.

- 4 gifts for \$20
- 3 gifts for \$15
- 2 gifts for \$10
- 1 gift for \$5

To make your payment, navigate to the Payment Centre on Compass, you will see a listing for Fundraising Activities which will have a default amount of \$20, adjust the total amount according to how many gifts you would like your child to choose and make your payment.

On the day, each participating child will be given a bag and guided to the stall with their classmates to handpick their special gifts.

Should you require any assistance with the payment process please contact our friendly office staff.

Carolyn Humphreys
PFA President

PFA NEWS

PFA Second Hand Uniform Shop: Your Solution to Lost School Jackets!

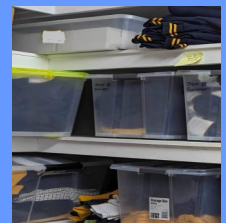
As the temperature drops, it's that time of year when we ask, "Where's your school jacket?" If you find yourself searching through bags, classrooms, and lost property, fret not! The PFA Second Hand Uniform Shop has you covered.

For just \$5 you can replace your child's missing jacket or jumper. Imagine snagging a jacket that retails for \$39 at a mere fraction of the cost!

Under the management of our Uniform Shop Coordinator, Amber, it couldn't be simpler. Each week, check the list in the newsletter to see available stock. Then, send an email to pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au with your order. Amber will have your items packed and ready for collection at the school office on Tuesday between 3:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

In 2023, we sold 539 items of uniform, raising an impressive \$2695 for our school. That's not just fundraising; it's also savings for families, buying these items new, at an average cost of \$30 each, would cost \$16,170.

But there's more! Our storeroom is overflowing with inventory, including over 40 Size 6 Bomber jackets ready for new owners. Let's help each other out and stock up. Consider grabbing one for each day of the week – just remember to label them with your child's name!



Don't let lost jackets dampen your spirits. Check out what's available at our Uniform Shop and keep your child warm this winter without breaking the bank!

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

"When in doubt, go to the library." J.K Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

Please remember to bring a bag to each Library session so you can borrow books to take home safely.

As we have a HUGE number of OVERDUE books at the moment, please make sure you are returning your books on time or re-borrowing them if you haven't finished reading them. If books have been lost or damaged, please contact the office.

All of our classes are currently reading books about Indigenous Culture. There have been many Dreamtime stories being told, research into famous Indigenous people and books by Indigenous authors being shared.

Our grade one and two classes are currently reading the last two, 1st round books in the tournament. These are 'Grandpa's Cardigan' and 'Yertle The Turtle'. Last week's overwhelming winner was 'Kookoo Kookaburra'.

From next week, the previous winners will be read again, voted on and finally an overall winner will be decided.



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue Four is now available. If you haven't received a catalogue, please come and grab a copy from the library.

Orders must be finalised by 5.30pm on Monday the 6th of May. **DON'T FORGET, EVERY ORDER RECEIVES A \$5.00 CREDIT TOWARDS A PURCHASE IN ISSUE 5!**

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



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Phone: (03) 9338 1191

Email: 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.

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INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Programs run weekly, one day a week, for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Rugby
- ✓ Athletics (1wk)
- ✓ Lacrosse
- ✓ Hockey

This weekly program gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

Each sport is worked on for 2 weeks before moving to the next.

For Prep – Year 4 students.

\$126 FOR 7 WEEKS!

Sign up anytime, and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term

School: Berwick Lodge Primary

School

Day: Monday

Start Date: 6th May

End Date: 24th June

Time: 3:40pm-4:40pm

No session June 10th due to King's Birthday Holiday

**Join amazing NEW coach,
Sara!**

Website: kellysports.com.au/metro-south-east

Contact: Paul & Natasha

Email: natasha@kellysports.com.au

Phone: 0413 080 025

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



City of Casey

KINDERGARTEN OPEN AFTERNOON

City of Casey delivers 3- and 4-year-old funded programs in each of our quality kindergartens. All council managed kindergarten programs are free.

Our open afternoons are a great opportunity to:

- Visit your local City of Casey Kindergarten.
- Experience our play-based programs.
- Meet the current teaching team.
- Explore a sessional kindergarten program with your child prior to the start of their kindergarten year.

For further information on our kindergarten programs please see:

 [KINDERGARTEN HANDBOOK](#)

 [WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN](#)



WHEN

Wednesday 15th May
1:30pm – 3:00pm

WHERE

To discover which of our Kindergartens are hosting an open afternoon, please visit:



[https://
www.casey.vic.gov.au/
w/find-kindergarten](https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/find-kindergarten)

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2025

To register please visit:

[https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/register-
kindergarten](https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/register-kindergarten)



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

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The Country Women's
Association of Victoria Inc.

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

Mother's Day High Tea Luncheon

On Thursday May 9th, 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