

BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO 16

30TH MAY 2025

ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE Qkr APP BY 9:00am

CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL - FRIDAY 6th JUNE AND MONDAY 9th JUNE

There is no school for students on Friday 6th June. Teachers will be working hard focusing on assessment data and writing semester I student reports. Camp Australia will be operating on the day. Please contact them for bookings. Monday 9th June is a public holiday, and no students will be at school on this day.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY/ RECONCILIATION DAY

Monday 26th May was National Sorry Day and this week is Reconciliation Week. Our school recognised Sorry Day with grades participating in a reflection walk around our grounds and reading messages. National Sorry Day is to acknowledge the stolen generation and reflect how we can all play a part in the healing process. National Reconciliation Week is held annually from the 27th May to the 3rd June. It's a time for Australians to learn about the shared histories, cultures, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to explore how each of them can contribute to

reconciliation. The week is dedicated to building respectful relationships and acknowledging the unique cultural heritage of Indigenous Australians.











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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

KINDER VISITS

Grade 5B and 5K students have enjoyed visiting our local kindergarten students at Mansfield Street and Timbarra kinder over the last two weeks. They read stories, played games and worked with the kinder children, some of whom may be coming to Berwick Lodge next year and our grade 5 students may become their grade 6 buddy in 2026. Thank you to our parent helpers for their assistance. Grade 5LS will have the opportunity to visit Headstart kinder next week.

DIVISIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CONGRATULATIONS

What an exciting week it has been for 7 of our students: Shepley P, Ruby M, Charlotte M, Kenara G, Archer T, Sabrina C and Ivy M who attended the Divisional Cross Country, representing our school. It was wonderful to hear how they all went, and we congratulate them all for making it this far. A few students were very successful and will now progress to the next level of the event competing at the upcoming regional competition. Good luck to everyone.

PREP ENROLMENTS OPEN

Our Prep 2026 enrolments are open and if you have a sibling who will be attending school next year, please follow the link to begin the enrolment application process. We encourage all families to enrol as soon as possible to assist us with our forward planning. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

2026 prep enrolment link: https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/

CANTEEN MONEY

It has come to our attention that a few students are bringing large amounts of money to spend at the canteen. We encourage families to provide no more than \$5 for spending on over-the-counter purchases.

MOBILE PHONES

We understand that some students carry a mobile phone to and from school, particularly if they are walking or riding to school. We ask all parents to remind their children if they are bringing a mobile phone to school, it must not be used on the school grounds and students should not be taking photos of other students. All phones are to remain in students' bags until they hand them directly to their classroom teacher at 9am for storage during the day and then returned by the teacher at the end of the day. Phones will be confiscated, and parents will be contacted if students are found using phones at school.

PREP ACTIVITIES

It has been a busy few weeks for our Prep students who have enjoyed having the Police and CFA visit the school to talk about keeping us safe. There was lots of excitement this week when the police officers put on the sirens and lights for our students.

HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM - GRADE 4

Last week our grade 4 students participated in a presentation to learn about our school logo – the Helmeted Honeyeater. Students learnt about the habitat of the critically endangered bird, where it lives, what it eats and how Zoos Victoria and the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater are working very hard to increase the numbers in the wild. Our grade 4 students all have the opportunity, if interested, to apply to be a 2025 ambassador and they have until Monday $2^{\rm nd}$ June to hand in their applications to their teachers. I look forward to meeting with the students and then with the classroom teachers, selecting our 4 ambassadors for this year. The ambassadors will have the opportunity to go to Yellingbo to learn firsthand about the habitat and protecting the species including an

excursion to Healesville Sanctuary to go behind the scenes to learn about the captive breeding program. Students applications will be displayed in the front office area over the next few weeks for all to see.

Warm Regards, Saudra McCrum

DIARY DATES

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Breakfast Club
5LS Kindergarten Visit
Grade 5/6 Chinese Cultural Incursion
PPD Day - no students required at school
Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)
Community Garden Working Bee 9:00-9:45am
SSS - Hub Rehearsal (Pakenham Springs P/S)
Book Club Issue 4 Closes
ISS Gala Day
PFA Meeting (OHSC building) 9:00am

Every Monday morning Monday 2nd June Thursday 5th June Friday 6th June Monday 9th June Monday 16th June Tuesday 17th June Wednesday 18th June Wednesday 18th June Monday 23rd June

CONSENT AND PAYMENTS DUE:

Grade 5/6 Chinese Cultural Incursion Payment & Consent Friday 30th May Grade 6P 'Wonder' Movie Permission Friday 6th June

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.

IN OTHER NEWS...



Dear families.

The Smile Squad team from Monash Health are planning to return to your school this year.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic

OR use the below QR code:

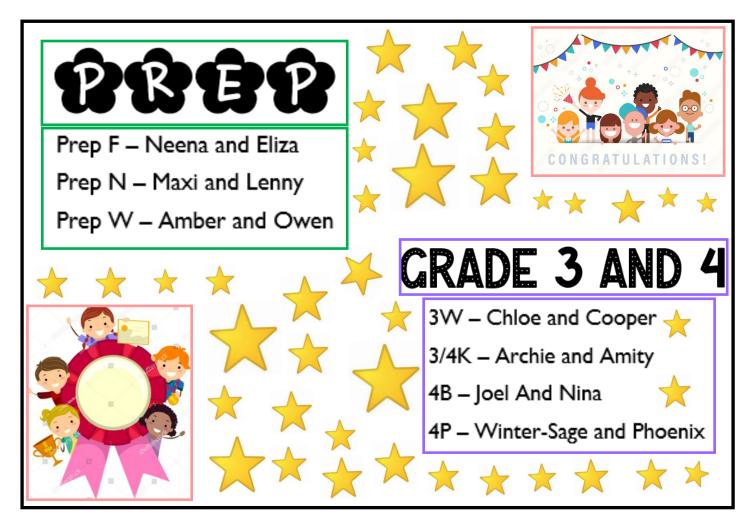


Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment for them to be seen at school. However, if you wish to attend you are welcome to make an appointment at your local community dental clinic.

The Monash Health Smile Squad team look forward to seeing your child soon.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



2026 ENROLMENTS

School Tours are now open!

Tours will be held on Mondays, 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



PREP NEWS

WELCOME TO PREP

This fortnight in prep land the preppies have been busy exploring all things patterns. We have made movement patters, patterns using natural materials and using blocks and beads in the classroom to create our own patterns. We have also spent time with our buddies building roads out of Lego and even went on a walk together for Reconciliation Week. Our highlights have been having the CFA and Police visit us at school and teaching us what to do in an emergency and how to stay safe!! Next week we have the School Crossing Officers coming to teach us how to be safe near roads!!



Reminders:

- Emergency Services Dress up Day Week 10 (Date to be confirmed)
- Emergency vehicles project (Recycled materials needed) As part of our inquiry unit, the students will be building an emergency vehicle out of recycled resources. We ask if you can please help your Prep find some recycled resources at home to bring to school to create their vehicle. These resources could include cardboard boxes, empty bottles, scrap paper/materials, paper towel rolls. Please do not send egg cartons, nut products or toilet paper rolls. Please send in what you can, when you can so we can start building soon!!

GRADE 1/2 NEWS



Grade 1 and 2



GRADE 1 PROJECT

Grade 1 students have been learning about moving toys and machines. We have discovered pulleys, levers, wedges, wheels and axels, screws and an incline plane. We will begin to design and make a toy of our choice in the comming few weeks.

LEARNING

LITERACY

This week, students have been working hard in their classrooms with our Phonics program. Grade 2s have been focusing on the ch making the 'k' sound and Grade 1s have looked at the ar and or letter sounds. We have also begun to look at persuassive writing.

NUMERACY

For Grade 1, our week has been filled with walks around the school discovering the many different shapes that make up our environment.

Grade 2s have been learning a variety of startegies to add and subtract.

GRADE 2 PROJECT

Grade 2s are off to a flying start with their Transport projects.

They have been researching their select form of transport and have designed their posters. We are working in class to make their posters and present a talk to the class.

RECONCILLIATION WEEK



Our school celebrated Reconciliation Week, by having a special Reconciliation walk on Monday. All grade 1 and 2 classes decorated a hand and visited reflection stations around the school. Our deorated hands were then placed on a display at station 2.





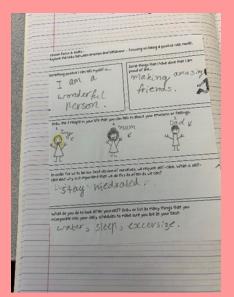
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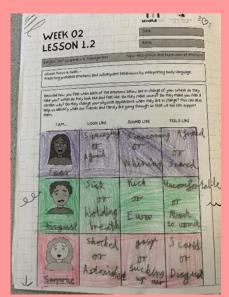
This term, our Grade 3 and 4 students have been participating in the Healthy Hearts and Lighter Minds program, developed by Mindfull Aus. This program is designed to help children understand and manage their emotions, build resilience, and develop empathy.

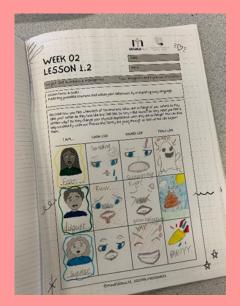
Recently, students have been exploring the positive role models in their own lives—people who show kindness, courage, and care in everyday situations. These conversations have encouraged students to reflect on the qualities they admire and how they can bring those traits into their own actions.

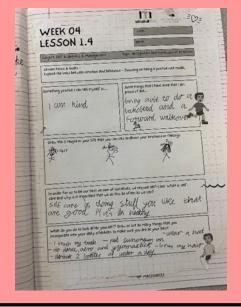
Have a look at some of their wonderful work below.

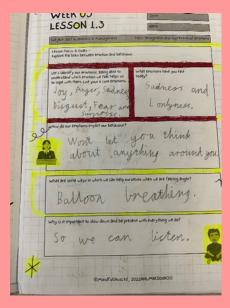
Rachael Wren on behalf of the 3/4 team.











GRADE 5/6 NEWS

Last week, 5B kicked off our Kinder Connections program with a visit to Mansfield Street Kindergarten. Students spent time reading with the kinder children, playing sports games, doing puzzles, and engaging in a variety of fun activities. It was wonderful to see our Grade 5s stepping into mentoring roles and demonstrating positive role modelling.

This initiative is designed to foster the leadership skills of our Grade 5 students- our future school leaders- while also building strong community connections. It helps support a smooth transition for kinder children who may be joining Berwick Lodge in 2026.

A big thank you to Rachel C, our wonderful parent helper, for joining us on this visit. Without the support of parent volunteers, we wouldn't be able to offer these fantastic opportunities to our students.

We plan to visit local kindergartens once per term throughout the year, deepening the relationships between our Grade 5s and the early learners. 5K and 5LS are eagerly looking forward to their upcoming visits to Timbarra Kindergarten and Headstart Berwick Early Learning Centre.













DIVISIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 28th May, Berwick Lodge had 7 students represent the Edwin Flack district at Division Cross Country at Toomuc Reserve. A huge effort to these students for making it through to this level of competition. We are so proud of you all. The results were as follows:

Ruby (6CR) - 1st - 12/13 girls 3km Kenara (6P) - 9th - 12/13 girls 3km Shepley (6CR) - 5th 12/13 girls 3km Ivy (5B) - 3rd 11 girls 3km Archer (4P) - 9th - 9/10 boys 2km Charlotte (4B) - 15th - 9/10 girls 2km Sabrina (4B) - 20th - 9/10 girls 2km

Congratulations to Ruby, Shepley, Kenara, Ivy and Archer for progressing through to the Regional event to be held on Wednesday 18th June. We wish these students the very best of luck. Go Lodgers!



















What does family mean to you?

Use your creative and artistic skills to be part of the 2025 Family Week celebrations, and win!

The National Families Week Art Competition is open to children and young people under 18, who live in Victoria and Tasmania. Winners across three age groups will win a Hoyts family movie pass.

Entries close 30 June 2025

Use the QR code to download worksheets and sumbit your entry, or visit www.cfecfw.org.au/art







National Families Week

Art Competition

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare's Children's Art Competition for National Families Week

What does family mean to you? Use your art skills to be part of the celebrations, and win.

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare (the Centre) is hosting a Children's Art Competition to celebrate National Families Week.

National Families Week is in May each year and is a time to celebrate family. This year, National Families Week runs from May 12 - 18.

WHAT IS THE COMPETITION?

We're asking children and young people to use their creative skills to show us, "What does family mean to you?" Children and young people can create their artwork digitally or by hand, but entries must be their original work. Entrants can also use the worksheet to tell us about their artwork and explain in words what family means to them. We'll display their words with their artwork, where possible.

WHAT CAN I WIN?

Entries will be published on the Centre's website, and entrants will be in the running to win a family movie ticket. Prizes will be awarded to the top five entries in three age categories. Winning entries will also be printed and framed for display at events run by the Centre. Any information that might identify the child or young person won't be publicly released.

HOW DO I ENTER?

This art competition is open to children and young people under the age of 18, who live in Victoria and Tasmania. Children and young people will need permission from a parent or primary caregiver to enter. An adult will need to submit entries on their behalf. Entries close on June 30, 2025. Entries are submitted at www.cfecfw.org.au/art. The Centre will contact winners in July 2025. Competition Terms and Conditions are available on the Centre's website.



National Families Week

Art Competition

Use the space below to show us:

What does family mean to you?



My name is

and I am _____ years old from suburb





PFA Working Bee - Monday 16th June

Many hands make light work!

Join us for our next Community Garden Working Bee on Monday 16th June at 9:00am (weather permitting). We'll work together for approximately 45 minutes, with gloves and equipment provided. Younger children are very welcome to come along and enjoy the garden while we work.

PFA Meeting - Monday 23rd June

Q: When is the next PFA meeting? A: Monday 23rd June at 9:00 AM.

Q: Where is it held?

A: In the Camp Australia building, perfect for little ones to play while we chat.

Q: What's on the agenda?

A: We'll be planning some exciting Term 3 activities... and here's a hint...

Q: What do you call an evening filled with fun, friendly competition, and brain-busting questions?

A: You guessed it - a trivia night! ☐ (More details to come!)

Q: Who can attend PFA Meetings?

A: Everyone's welcome! The more families involved, the better.

Come along, get involved, and help make Term 3 one to remember!

PFA Second Hand Uniform Shop

With the cooler weather settling in, now's the perfect time to pick up a spare school jacket or jumper, especially if your child has a knack for losing theirs!

The PFA Second Hand Uniform Shop offers school jackets and jumpers for just \$5. Under the guidance of our Uniform Shop Coordinator, Amber, the process is simple:

- Check the fortnightly list in the newsletter for available stock.
- Email your order to pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au
- Amber will have your items packed and ready for collection from the school office on Tuesdays between 3:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

PFA NEWS

PFA Second Hand Uniform Shop

The PFA Second Hand Uniform Shop has incorporated an online ordering system. Below you will find what we currently have in stock. If you would like to purchase items please email through your request to pfa@berwicklodqeps.vic.edu.au.

Orders will be ready for collection at Reception on Tuesday from 3:30pm - 4pm

Donations are currently being accepted at the office. Thank you for your support!

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Top Blue Sports	\$5		7	0	5	3	0	7	4	1
Top Yellow Short Sleeve	\$5		3	3	4	8	6	6	1	3
Top Yellow Long Sleeve	\$5		2	0	3	1	2	6	3	0
Jacket Bomber	\$5		4	0	14	12	10	4	0	4
Jumper Crew Neck	\$5		4	13	9	4	8	3	1	3
Jumper Fleece Rugby	\$5		0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0
Trackpants	\$5		0	2	1	0	5	0	0	0
Trousers	\$5		0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Sports Shorts/basketb all shorts	\$5		1	0	1	5	5	3	0	1
Shorts - Thinner Fabric	\$5		0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Shorts - thicker fabric			0	2	10	1	4	5	0	2
Shorts Pleated - girls	\$5		0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
Skirt Netball	\$5		2	0	0	1	4	1	0	0
Skirt Sports Skort	\$5		0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0
Dress Summer	\$5		6	2	3	2	12	1	3	0
Dress Winter	\$5		0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Backpack \$5 2										

PFA NEWS







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

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Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand

FIND US AT:

26 Haverstock Hill Close, **Endeavour Hills** Fortnightly Tuesday 9.30-12:30pm

CONTACT:

Belinda

belindac@mytimevic.com.au

0466105825



mytime.net.au

MyTime term plan

mytime.net.au

Tuesday's fortnightly Term 1

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY			
22 nd April 2025	Welcome back morning tea	Cars and Trainset			
6 th May 2025	Bunnings visit – wellbeing session/craft session	Building/Construction toys			
20 th May 2025	Coffee and catch up	Games			
3 rd June 2025	Outing- meet at a café for brunch TBC	Gross motor activities			
17 th June 2025	Guest speaker from Carers Vic: Caring for yourself including the importance of planning and using an emergency plan	Activities of Choice			













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FIND US AT:

The Hunt Club Children's Centre 40 Broad Oak Drive

Wednesdays Fortnightly, 9.30am - 12.30pm

CONTACT:

Belinda - Facilitator

Email: Belindac@mytimevic.com.au

Mobile: 0466 105 825



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Wednesday's Fortnightly

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
30 th April 2025	Welcome back morning tea	Creative Play
14 th May 2025	Guest speaker from Carers Vic: Caring for yourself including the importance of planning and using an emergency plan	Car Land
28 th May 2025	Art and Craft session with Bunnings	Playdough Creations
11 th June 2025	Morning tea and catch up	Mask Making
25 th June 2025	End of year term celebration – Outing brunch	Sensory Bottle Making

Activities may vary depending on group interests and ability.









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Circle of Security Parenting™ - Clyde North

Empower Your Parenting Journey

An eight-session course designed for parents of children aged 4 months to 6

Are you ever puzzled by your child's behaviour, unsure of how to respond to their needs? Imagine confidently understanding and addressing what your child is truly seeking from you.

The Circle of Security Parenting™ program offers a transformative opportunity to strengthen your parent-child relationship, grounded in decades of research.

Through this program, you

Decode Your Child's Emotions: Learn to interpret and respond to your child's emotional cues effectively.

Foster Emotional Resilience: Equip your child with the tools to manage their emotions successfully.

Boost Self-Esteem: Support your child's confidence and self-worth.

Trust Your Parental
Instincts: Embrace your natural
wisdom and commitment to
your child's security.

Free

DATES Wednesdays

May: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

June: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

TIME 10:00am until 12pm

VENUE
Orana Community Place
16 – 18 Playwright Street
Clyde North VIC 3978

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential ENQUIRIES P: 9704 8377 oupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

REGISTER







Tuning in to Kids

An engaging six session program designed for parents and carers of children Aged 2-10 years

Based on an easy-to-follow five step emotional coaching approach, Tuning in to Kids empowers families to build stronger relationships and support children's emotional wellbeing.

By participating, you'll learn how to:

- Understand and nurture your child's emotional intelligence
- Confidently coach your child through big feelings by tuning in to their emotions
- Equip your child with tools to manage emotions, solve problems, and navigate challenges
- Teach your child healthy ways to handle conflict and build resilience

DATE: Thursdays - 8th May to 12th June

TIME: 10:00am - 12:30pm

WHERE: Uniting Narre Warren Office 55 Webb Street, Narre Warren

COST: Free!

Erin Surrey 0438 459 891 or email: erin.surrey@anglicarevic.org.au

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