

BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK

I hope all our families enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. It was lovely to see all the smiling and eager students' faces on Monday morning as they caught up with their friends in the school yard. It was with great excitement that I was able to announce during the holidays my official appointment as Principal of Berwick Lodge Primary School. My connection with our school began in 1999, when my eldest of four children started Prep. As a parent, and a teacher on family leave from another school at the time, I chose Berwick Lodge knowing it was an outstanding school—and it wasn't long before I wanted to contribute professionally as well. In 2004, I joined the staff when my youngest child started Prep that year. Since then, I have taught across various year levels and was proud to be appointed Assistant Principal in 2015—a role that has provided a strong foundation for stepping into the principalship. I am deeply passionate about our school and committed to building on its strong foundations. I look forward to working in partnership with our dedicated staff, wonderful students and supportive families to continue fostering a positive, inclusive and thriving learning community where wellbeing and achievement go hand in hand. My door is usually open, and I welcome people to call past and say hello.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the parents and guardians who have already met with our teachers to discuss your child's progress. It is a great opportunity to celebrate everything our students have achieved and raise any concerns, if any, with your child's teacher. Our interviews continue next Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th July after school.

COLLECTING STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If families are having grandparents or other relatives collecting students during school hours, please phone the office ahead of time so we are aware of the change in who is picking up the student. If the adult collecting the child isn't on the emergency contact list, then they do need to provide photo ID as well before we will release the student.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADORS

Our four Helmeted Honeyeater ambassadors were announced at our final term 2 assembly. There were many outstanding applications and all students who applied will have the opportunity to plant around the school as a part of Planet Ark Day activities. Our four ambassadors for 2025 are: Sofia 4P, Renette 4B, Oscar 4P and Samuel 4P. I look forward to working closely with the students and sharing their experiences with the school as they learn about the critically endangered species which is also our school logo.









Kind regards, Saudra McCrum

DIARY DATES

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Breakfast Club
Grade 6 Swimming Program Begins
Planet Ark Day - Nature Inspired Dress-up Day
Soccer Division Finals
Grade 4 Swimming Program Begins
Grades 3, 5 and 6 Author Visit
District Athletics Competition
Book Character Dress-up Day
Grade 5 Camp
PFA Trivia Night - all are welcome

Every Monday morning
Monday 21st July - Friday 25th July
Friday 25th July
Friday 1st August
Monday 11th August - Friday 15th August
Monday 11th August
Tuesday 12th August
Friday 22nd August
Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th August
Saturday 30th August

CONSENT AND PAYMENTS DUE:

ICAS Assessments Consent Grades 3, 5 and 6 Author Visit Consent & Payment District Athletics Consent & Payment Grade 5 Camp Balance Due Book Club Orders Due Monday 28th July Monday 4th August Tuesday 5th August Friday 8th August Friday 8th August

Asststant Principals' Report

Berwick Lodge Primary School is a proud Respectful Relationships school.

Respectful relationships education is part of the Victorian Curriculum and delivered by all Victorian government schools. It supports students to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed for respectful relationships and helps to build respect and equality across the entire school community.

Our school uses the Department of Education's evidence-based teaching and learning resources to teach our students about Respectful Relationships from Foundation to Grade 6.

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships resources have 8 topics that teach students about $\stackrel{\checkmark}{\sim}$ emotional literacy, personal and cultural strengths, resilience, problem-solving, stress-management, $\stackrel{\checkmark}{\sim}$ help-seeking, gender norms and stereotypes and positive gender relations.

This term we are working on Topics 7 and 8:

Topic 7: Gender norms and stereotypes helps students consider the influence of gender norms on attitudes, opportunities and behaviour, and to learn about gender equality, inclusion, human rights and the importance of relationships that respect people of all genders.

Topic 8 Positive gender relationships help students develop an age-appropriate understanding of gender-based violence, safe and unsafe behaviours and consent. Students also develop self-care, peer support and help-seeking skills they can use in response to situations involving gender-based violence.

★ If you have any questions about Respectful Relationships education, you can contact the classroom teacher
 and/or visit the Victorian Government's Respectful Relationships page:

https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA OF SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disabilities in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process.

The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

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Assistant Principals' Report

NADIOC WEEK

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This week our students have been involved in activities and discussions relating to NAIDOC week. The acronym

NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islander
Day Observance Committee with the theme this year
being "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy".
Each year, the NAIDOC week highlights matters of
importance, creates awareness and recognises the
achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
peoples.



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PLANET ARK SCHOOLS NATIONAL TREE DAY - Friday 25th July.

On Friday 25th July we will be participating in the Schools Planet Ark National Tree Day. On this day some students will be planting seedlings donated by the City of Casey and learning about the environment within their classrooms. The City of Casey will also be holding a planting event on Sunday 27th July from 10am to 1pm at Calais Circuit Cranbourne West. Please follow the link to register if interested and for further information. https://nationaltreeday.org.au/site/10031365



Kind regards,

Angela Maskery and Sharyn King

FRIDAY 25TH JULY PLANET ARK DAY

Dress Up

Dress up in something inspired by NATURE. You could wear clothes with flowers, animals, trees or even just dress in green - anything you think is inspired by nature!



Nude Food

Try not to bring any rubbish in your lunch box. The grade with the least items of rubbish will get 15 minutes extra recess!



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.

BOOK WEEK

Berwick Lodge Book Week Dress UP Day! Friday 22nd August

Exciting News for Book Week!

2025 is a milestone year, for the Children's Book Council of Australia as they are celebrating **80 years of Children's Book Week**.

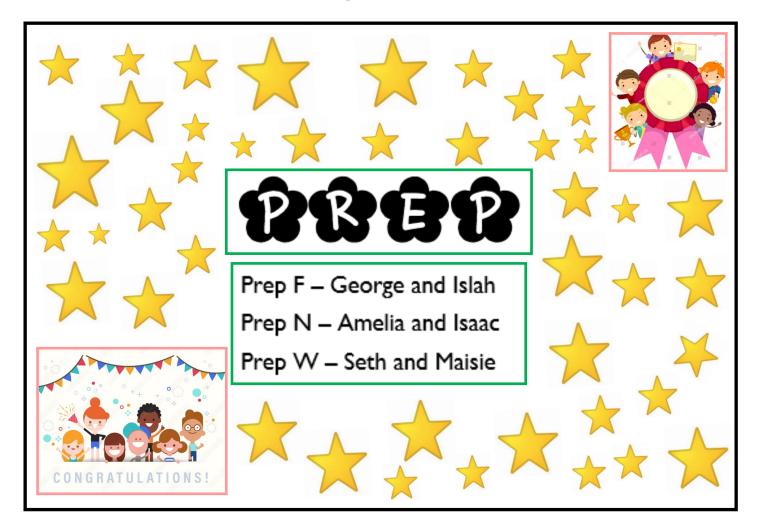
Our 'Book Week Literacy Festival' is a special time for us to come together and celebrate the joy and magic of reading. To celebrate, we are hosting a Dress-Up Day on Friday 22nd August. We warmly invite all our students to come dressed as their favourite characters and share their incredible costumes with their peers.



Children's Book Week



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 back!

We hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing break! It has been so lovely to welcome our Prep students back to school for Term 3. We're looking forward to a term filled with learning, growth, and fun!

Here's what we're learning this fortnight:

Phonics & Literacy:

We are learning to read, write and spell the sounds th, ck, and wh. Students are also revising previously learned sounds and sight words to strengthen their skills. In writing, they are continuing to construct simple sentences, and we are continuing partner reading to support <u>fluency</u> and comprehension.

Mathematics:

Our focus in Maths is patterns! We are exploring different types of patterns and identifying how many times the repeating element occurs. Students are using hands-on materials to build and extend patterns in creative ways.

🤲 Inquiry - "Moo To You"

This term, we are beginning our new Inquiry unit called "Moo To You", where students will be investigating farms and farm animals. We will explore where our food comes from and the important role farms play in our daily lives.

🎉 100 Days of School Celebration – Friday Ist August

We are so excited to be celebrating IOO Days of School! This is such a special milestone for our Prep students, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved so far this year. We can't wait to see their creative projects and fabulous costumes as they dress up as if they are IOO years old!

On behalf of the Prep teaching team, thank you for your continued support.

We're looking forward to another wonderful term ahead.

Warm regards,
Mrs Belinda Felix
On behalf of the Prep Teachers

GRADE 1/2 NEWS



"I'm excited for our science inquiry"

Science Ruby 1R

Welcome Back for Term 3!

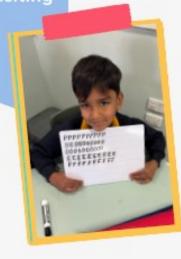
It has been wonderful to welcome our enthusiastic Grade 1 and 2 students back for the start of Term 3. The children have settled in quickly and jumped straight back into their learning routines with a fantastic attitude. From writing and reading to solving number problems, it's been a busy and productive start to the term!

This week, we also took the opportunity to recognise NAIDOC Week, exploring the rich history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As part of our learning, students discovered the significance of Aboriginal dot painting. It was a meaningful way to celebrate First Nations culture and connect with stories told through art.

We're looking forward to another exciting term of learning and growth!

The Grade 1/2 Team





ERADE 3/4 News

Grade 4 Property Unit: Future Real Estate Agents in Action!

At the end of last term, our Grade 4 students became property experts in our *Property Unit*. They designed eye-catching real estate listings for real life and/or Minecraft properties and created detailed floor plans for their dream homes. Students explored persuasive devices and descriptive language to "sell" their houses. They learnt how to use wow words to highlight unique features and convince buyers to purchase their properties. We loved seeing their creativity, problem-solving and teamwork shine throughout this unit!



Thank you,

Mrs Julie Barry

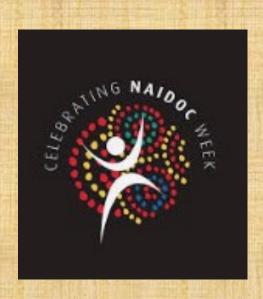
GRADE 5/6 NEWS

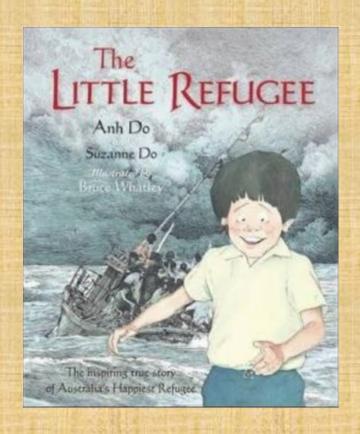
Welcome back! It's been a fantastic start to the term, with both our Grade 5 and Grade 6 students returning from the holidays full of energy, enthusiasm, and curiosity.

Our Grade 6 students have quite literally dived straight into the term! They've been doing an outstanding job in their swimming sessions, showing great determination, improvement, and encouragement towards one another in the pool.

Meanwhile, our Grade 5 students have kicked off the term with some truly thoughtful learning experiences. As part of NAIDOC Week, they've been engaging in rich, meaningful discussions about Indigenous culture, heritage, and the importance of reconciliation. It has been fantastic to see how they have linked the prior knowledge they learned while reading *Black Cockatoo* as part of last term's text-based literacy unit and have come up with some very insightful questions.

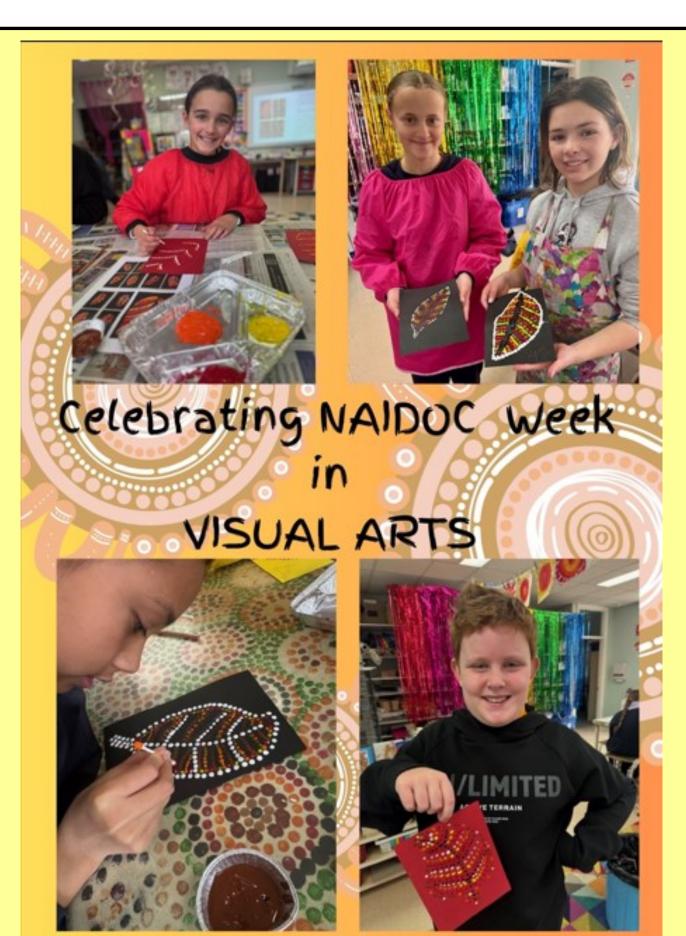
In literacy, Grade 5 has also begun their new text-based unit focusing on *The Little Refugee* by Anh Do. This powerful story has already sparked deep conversations about resilience, empathy, and the experiences of refugees and migrants that arrive in Australia.























Celebrating NAIDOC Week VISUAL ARTS





LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the Library for Term 3. We have so many exciting things happening this term, including: BOOK WEEK, reading and voting for the Children's Book Council of Australia awards, Book Week Dress Up Day, very special visits by some much loved authors and a Scholastic Book Fair! Keep an eye out on the newsletter for further details and dates as these exciting events are approaching.

CBCA Shortlisted Books - Early Childhood category:

This year, each grade will read the six shortlisted picture story books from this category. After reading all six, everyone will have the chance to vote for their favourite book and we will compare the Berwick Lodge votes with the CBCA winner. Lots of classes are doing special activities to celebrate these stories as well. Please follow the link to see which books we will be reading, https://cbca.org.au/2025-shortlist/

OVERDUE BOOKS and LIBRARY BAGS:

Please note that any books borrowed before the school holidays are now overdue. Make sure you return these during your library session and feel free to re-borrow if you haven't quite finished reading them. Make sure you bring a library bag to every session as well, this way our books are protected as they travel to and from school and home.

NEW BOOKS:

Come in and check out our display of new books, there are Picture Story Books, Non-Fiction books, Graphic Novels and other Fiction books now available for loan. This is always a great place to start if you are unsure of what you would like to read next or are waiting for the next instalment of your favourite series.

LIBRARY CLUB:

Don't forget to come and join in the Library Fun on Tuesdays during lunchtime. Everyone is welcome and we have lots of great activities planned for this term including colouring, craft, reading, floor games, a Where's Wally style challenge and some new drawing games as well.

Happy Reading.

Mrs Tsekouras

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB:

Issue 5 of the book club is out now. These have been distributed this week and contain loads of great books and other fun items. Don't forget to use your previous promo code for \$5.00 off your order if you have one. There is also a competition to win costumes for Book Week, the information for this is on the back page and entries are via the Scholastic website, https://scholastic.com.au/bookweek All orders are due by 5.00pm on FRIDAY the 8th of AUGUST and these will be handed out as soon as they arrive at school.

All purchases go towards rewards that we can spend on new books for the Library so this is a great way for us to add to our wonderful collections.

PFA NEWS

Our Trivia Night needs you!

A huge thank you to the families who have already generously donated towards our Trivia Night!

We're still on the lookout for more contributions. If you have a service or product that could be used as a silent auction item or prize on the night, we'd love your support.

All donations help make the event a success and raise valuable funds for our school community.

Please get in touch with us at <u>pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au</u> if you're able to help, thank you!



PFA Meeting - Monday 11th August at 9am

Join us for our next PFA meeting on Monday 11th August in the Camp Australia building. Whether you're a current member or just curious about what the PFA is all about, we'd love to see you there. Younger children are always welcome.

Costume Swap - Book Week Made Easy!

The Berwick Neighbourhood Centre Timbarra's Costume Swap will now be held on Saturday 9th August between 9am - 11am.

Costumes can still be dropped off at their office from 9am - 12pm Monday - Friday until the 1st August. Get a voucher for each costume you donate or costumes can be purchased on the day for just \$5.

Don't miss out on this is a simple, affordable and sustainable way to get your child ready for Book Week in August!

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	1	4	4	
Top Yellow Short Sleeve	\$5		3	3	8	8	4	6	1	
Top Yellow Long Sleeve	\$5		2	0	4	1	1	6	3	
Jacket Bomber	\$5		5	0	15	22	10	1	1	
Jumper Crew Neck	\$5		6	15	11	4	2	3	3	;
Jumper Fleece Rugby	\$5		0	2	0	0	0	2	0	(
Trackpants	\$5		0	2	2	0	5	0	1	(
Trousers	\$5		0	1	1	0	1	1	0	(
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Shorts - thicker fabric			0	2	10	1	4	5	0	
Shorts Pleated - girls	\$5		0	3	0	5	0	0	0	
Skirt Netball	\$5		2	0	0	1	4	1	0	(
Skirt Sports Skort	\$5		0	1	0	1	0	3	0	
Dress Summer	\$5		6	2	4	2	12	1	3	
Dress Winter	\$5		0	0	0	3	0	0	0	

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

BUSINESS ADVERVISING





COMMONITY ADVERTISING





Parenting Adolescents

Narre Warren

This 6-week program offers an opportunity to reflect on parenting and adolescents, and how you can support your child in having the experiences you hope for as they grow. It is suitable for parents and carers of children aged 10 to 17 years.

The Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Adolescents program supports you as a parent or carer to:

- explore your parenting style.
 learn more about brain development during the adolescent period and its influence on the adolescents thoughts,
- explore new ways of communicating with your adolesc
- discover ways to take care of yourself, practice self-compassion and how to find support when needed.



his program is designed for caregivers residing in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and reater Dandenong. Please be aware that children cannot attend the sessions, and childcare ervices are not provided.

DATES Every Monday gust to 8th Septe

TIME 10:00 am - 12:30 pm VENUE Uniting Narre Warren 55 Webb St, Narre Warren VIC 3805

Bookings Essential

REGISTER



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Tuning in to Kids™ Doveton

This engaging six session parenting program is designed for parents and carers of children aged 2-10

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 well-being.

Join us and make a lasting impact on your family's well-being!

Anglicare Victoria PARENTZONE

- Equip your child with tools to manage emotions, solve problems, and navigate challenges.
- Teach your child healthy ways to handle conflict and build resilience.

Understand and nurture your child's emotional intelligence.

Confidently coach your child through big feelings by tuning in to their emotions.

By participating, you'll learn

VENUE The Doveton Library 28 Autumn Place, Doveton VIC 3177

ight refreshments will be serve **Bookings Essential**

DATES Tuesdays 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th August and 2nd September 2025 [6 weeks]





Parenting Groups.

Join a parenting group for practical strategies and support.

We can help if you are looking for support to:

. Develop your parenting skills

· Build confidence as a parent

We offer free group programs to provide support and information to strengthen parent-child relationships and provide practical knowledge and skills development to support you with the challenges of parenting.

Our groups create a safe space for you to build connections with other parents. Engaging with others through parenting groups and sharing common issues with other parents can help to build on your support network and reduce any feelings of isolation.



