



# BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO 12

30TH APRIL 2026

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

We hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break. It was lovely to see all the students back and ready to learn in term 2. We have many exciting things planned for this term including a grade 4 camp day, St Margaret's netball tournament, CFA visit for our Preps, and many other excursions and incursions across the school.

### 2027 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Our Prep enrolments for 2027 are now open. Please contact the office if you have a child who will be eligible to start school next year so we can include you on our email list of information. The enrolment process is completed online for families, and the office will be able to provide further information.

### GRADE 5/6 SOMERS CAMP

Our grade 5/6 students had a wonderful time at Somers camp for the first 3 days of the term. They were very well behaved and wonderful ambassadors for our school. The students enjoyed the giant swing, BMX riding, flying fox and many other activities. A very big thank you to our staff – Mr Pryor, Ms Lamba, Mrs Worthington, Mr Kerr, Miss Nazif, Mrs Weber and Miss D'Elsini for all their hard work in making this a very successful camp. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers Kylee P, Jenny G, Joe R, Carly B, Michael P and Ben N who without their assistance, our camps would not be able to be run. Well done everyone!

### OPEN MORNING MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY – EDUCATION WEEK

This year we will be celebrating Education Week with the theme of "Showcase Your School" on the morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Classrooms will be open from 9:15am to 10:30am and we look forward to seeing many families visit and see our teaching and learning programs in action. **Visitors will be required to sign in at the front office prior to visiting any classrooms.** School tours will be available, and we look forward to celebrating our wonderful school.

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April our grade 6 captains – Lira, Boris, Kayden and Hannah were outstanding presenters when sharing information about ANZAC day with our school. They spoke very professionally and are to be congratulated on their outstanding speeches which were confidently presented. Mr Bill Rogers, a returned Vietnam Veteran and representative from the RSL spoke to our students about how we are all humans and there is always two sides to war and everyone has family and loved ones who they miss and remember. On ANZAC day, both Kayden and Hannah attended the service in Berwick to lay the wreath on behalf of the school. Lest we forget.

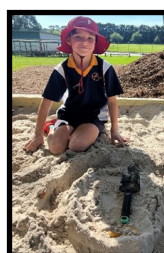


## NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AND MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

Students will not be required to attend on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June as this is a staff professional practice day and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June is the King's birthday public holiday. CAMP Australia will be open on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June for bookings.

## NEW SANDPIT FOR GRADES 3-6

There was great excitement on the first day back of this term when our grade 3-6 students realised there was a new sandpit to play in near the Community Garden. Many students have been enjoying building sandcastles, roads, moats and creatively making wonderful things.



## FUNDRAISING FOR BLPS - CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME – VICTORIA

Our school is registered to receive fundraising donations from “Return It” when 10c plastic bottles and cans are recycled at their facilities. Families can select to donate to the school with all money raised being utilised within our school environmental and educational programs. **If you wish to donate, please search for Berwick Lodge Primary School or use the ID code: C2000021153**

## HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM – GRADE 4

The Helmeted Honeyeater is our school logo, and we have been involved as an ambassador school with the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater since 2016. Recently our grade 4 students participated in an incursion to learn about the critically endangered bird. Students who were interested, have applied to be an ambassador and the four selected students will be announced tomorrow (weather permitting) at our school assembly. The selected students will visit the Yellingbo Nature Reserve to learn about the bird in the wild, propagate and plant seedlings and visit Healesville Sanctuary to see the breeding program. All the amazing student work is now on display in the front foyer. I look forward to working with our ambassadors again this year.

## GRADE 4 DAY CAMP TO THE BRIARS

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May our grade 4 students will participate in a day camp excursion at The Briars. We look forward to hearing all about the fun and activities the students participate in when they return to school.

## STAFF CARPARK

The staff car park is only for our employed staff or those who have permission to park in the disabled bay. The staff car park is not a walking thoroughfare for students. Please drop your child in the designated places around the school and have them enter via a school pedestrian gate.

## IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Over the school holidays we had grass turf laid around the new junior basketball court, covering the bare dirt edges. Thank you to our hard-working PFA and our school community fundraising, which has contributed towards the completion of this wonderful play space for our students. The final section of the retainer wall in the courtyard, opposite the canteen, was replaced over the holidays. We now have additional seating as well which will be wonderful whenever we have activities or events within this space. On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May our new grade 1/2 playground construction will commence. During the construction time, our students will be playing in the Sensory Garden and junior oval areas. We look forward to seeing the new space take shape over the next few weeks.

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our Community Garden is looking wonderful with a big thank you to Mr Kerr and our students for planting, weeding, watering and caring for this garden space. There are many vegetables and fruit growing including pumpkins, corn, figs, herbs and flowers.



## STAFFING CHANGES

Last week we farewelled Mrs Julie Barry who resigned from the Department of Education and we welcomed a new staff member – Mr Nathan Hunter who has taken over the teaching responsibilities of grade 4B which is now 4H. Mrs Hayley Ward, an Education Support staff member has also resigned this week to spend time with her family. We thank them both for their contributions to Berwick Lodge and we wish them all the best.

Kind regards,

*Sandra McCrum*

# DIARY DATES

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Breakfast Club	Every Monday morning
Mother's Day Stall	Wednesday 6th May
Grade 4 Briars Day Camp	Thursday 7th May
St Margaret's Netball Competition	Thursday 7th May
Book Club Orders Due at 5:30pm	Friday 8th May
District Cross Country	Tuesday 12th May
Open Morning 9:15am - 10:30am	Monday 18th May
Grade 5/6 Winter District Gala Day	Wednesday 20th May
State School Spectacular Hub Rehearsal	Monday 25th May
PPD Day - No Students at School	Friday 5th June
King's Birthday - Public Holiday	Monday 8th June

## CONSENT AND PAYMENTS DUE:

Mother's Day Gift Payments	Thursday 30th April
District Cross Country Consent & Payment	Friday 1st 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



## WELCOME BACK

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break. The first week has been full of sunshine and it's wonderful to see all the happy faces return and feel the enthusiasm of students and staff.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At Berwick Lodge, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, or schoolwork, please encourage them to come to school and discuss this with the class teacher, or wellbeing staff. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see [Attendance and Missing School](#).

Remember, **every day counts**.



## RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS



Developing positive and respectful relationships is an important part of a student's emotional and social development. Our Respectful Relationships program supports the children to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

The topics covered in the RR program this term: Positive Coping and Help Seeking.

*Positive Coping:* Students will explore healthy ways to manage emotions and face everyday challenges. They will be encouraged to build resilience and apply calming strategies, positive self-talk and problem solving.

*Help Seeking:* Students will learn to recognise when they need support and how to seek help. They will identify trusted adults and develop confidence in reaching out when needed.

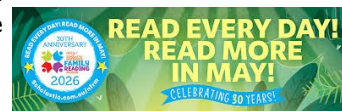
## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club runs every Monday morning from 8:45am – 9:00am. The breakfast club operates from the conference room, which is part of the main building, opposite the canteen. Students can grab some cereal, a vegemite or honey toastie, popcorn, fruit cup or choose from a selection of fresh fruit. All students who attend breakfast club will need to be marked off our register, so we can ensure they have permission, and any food allergies are checked. If you haven't given permission for your child to have access to the breakfast club, and wish to do so, please contact the office.

Thank you to all the families who have already enjoyed a breakfast snack to start their day.

## NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH

May is **National Family Reading Month** and encourages families to read together on a regular basis to create strong reading habits. Most of us know how important reading together is and its long-term value to our children's success in school and in life. However, we also know it is not always that easy to put into practice with our busy schedules and increasing competition with screen time. We believe that all children, with the help of their families and reading role models, can benefit from a lifelong love of reading. We encourage families to make reading together for at least 10 minutes every day a focus, to create positive, long lasting reading habits and lifelong readers!



## LOST PROPERTY



There are many lost property items that have been sorted and now line the main corridor. Named items have been returned to their owners, but there are still many unnamed items left for collection. If your child has missing items, please check the main corridor. Any un-named uniform items that have not been collected will be washed and given to the second-hand uniform shop. Any un-named non-uniform will be sent to the charity shop.

Angela Maskery and Sharyn King



# Showcase your school EDUCATION WEEK

Open Morning  
**MONDAY**

18th of May  
9:15am - 10:30am

We welcome all families to  
Berwick Lodge Primary School.

The school will be open and  
families will have the  
opportunity to observe  
learning in action in our  
wonderful classrooms.

All visitors will be required to  
sign in at the office.



# PREP NEWS



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### Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Stall - 6<sup>th</sup> May  
CFA Visit - 13<sup>th</sup> May  
RFDS visit - 29<sup>th</sup> May  
RSPCA visit - 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### Our Work



### In Prep this week

We have been exploring the fundamentals of addition and subtraction in our numeracy lessons.

We started our 'I'm okay' topic in Inquiry and read the story of ANZAC Ted to commemorate ANZAC Day.

In Literacy we have delved into the world of fairy tales, identifying heroes and villains and looking at the structure of stories having a beginning, middle and end.



### Reminders

- Preps should only be playing on the Prep playground after school.
- As of Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> May hats will no longer be required for students to wear outside until September. This might be a great chance to take your child's hat home and give it a good wash.

# GRADE 1/2 NEWS



## GRADE 1/2



### TERM 2

Our Grade 1 and 2 students have settled beautifully into Term 2 and have continued their learning in phonics, text studies, literacy skills, and place value.



### WILSON'S EXCURSION & HOUSE COLOURS DAY

At the end of Term 1, our Grade 1/2 students went on an exciting excursion to Wilson's Botanic Park, where they took on the role of 'Park Explorers' and had so much fun learning about volcanoes, local birds, fossils, and teamwork.

We also took part in some house challenges on the House Colours Day, including charades, puzzles, and a water race, to name a few. All the students had a fantastic time with their friends from the same house.



# GRADE 3/4 NEWS



## 3/4 NEWS



We have had a busy start to Term 2.

In Inquiry, Grades 3 and 4 students are strengthening their geography skills. In Grade 3, we have been enthusiastically learning all about Australia. In Grade 4, we have been learning about the world around us, and this week we explored continents around the world.

In Mathematics, both grades have been deepening their understanding of fractions, we have explored both unit and non-unit fractions. In Literacy, our focus text has been *The Mess That We Made*, which has been inspiring us to make changes to help save our seas.

It has been a busy and rewarding two weeks, and we are looking forward to another great term!



# GRADE 5/6 NEWS

## SOMERS CAMP

Our Grade 5/6 students had a fantastic start to Term 2 as they headed off to Somers Camp for the first three days of the term!

Throughout the camp, students challenged themselves, showed resilience and worked together as a team while participating in a wide range of exciting activities. Some of the highlights included abseiling, climbing, high ropes, bike education, archery, bushcraft, beach games and a memorable night walk.

It was wonderful to see students step outside their comfort zones, encourage one another and make the most of every opportunity. They represented our school exceptionally well, demonstrating respect, responsibility and a positive attitude throughout the entire camp experience.

The Grade 5/6 team is incredibly proud of all students for the way they embraced each challenge and created lasting memories with their peers.

We would also like to sincerely thank the parents who attended and supported the camp. Your time, care and assistance helped make this experience such a success for our students.



## School Chats Podcast

**School Chats** is our Berwick Lodge Primary School podcast, created to celebrate student voice, share learning and give our school community a fun way to hear what is happening around the school.

The podcast gives students the opportunity to step behind the microphone and share their ideas, stories, questions and creativity. Episodes may include student discussions, interviews, special segments reflections on school events, creative storytelling and our student radio play series, What Happens Next? Through these experiences, students develop important communication skills such as speaking clearly, listening carefully, taking turns, asking thoughtful questions and working together as a team.

It has been especially exciting this semester to have students from the junior school visit the studio during lunch breaks to record their own segments with Mr Kelly. These sessions have been a fantastic way for students to build confidence and experience what it is like to record a real podcast. Students are learning how to use their voices effectively, how to prepare ideas for an audience and how to contribute to something that can be shared with families and the wider school community.

One of the most exciting parts of School Chats has been seeing students bring their own creativity to the project. Some students have even continued their podcast work at home. For example, Willka from 2SM created his own soundtrack with his dad, and we now use it as the intro music for some of our podcast episodes. This is a great example of how School Chats is growing beyond the studio and encouraging students to take ownership of their ideas.

Podcasting is a valuable learning experience because it allows students to communicate in a different way. Not every student feels confident speaking in front of a large group, but the studio provides a supportive space where students can practise, have fun and gradually build their confidence. It also gives students a real audience, which makes their learning feel purposeful and meaningful.

### How to Listen

Families can listen to **School Chats** online by visiting:  
[schoolchats.edublogs.org](http://schoolchats.edublogs.org)

Episodes can be played directly from the website. Simply open the page, choose an episode and press play. New episodes and student segments will continue to be added as students record and produce more content throughout the year.

We encourage families to listen together and enjoy hearing the wonderful voices, ideas and creativity of our students. You might like to ask your child what they enjoyed about the episode, what they noticed about the speakers or what kind of podcast segment they would like to create themselves.

Thanks for listening!



# 2027 ENROLMENTS

## School Tours are now open!

Tours will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to TERM 2 in the Library.

We have some lovely new books available for loan this term and these are being borrowed rapidly. There are a few new series of books, graphic novels, some new Picture Story Books and some great Non-Fiction books as well. Come and have a browse to see if you would like to try any of these new books.

Our classes have been reading Picture Story Books about ANZAC Day and these have been very interesting. The grades have had some fantastic conversations about the ANZACs and how they, and their families, were affected by the war. We have had many Indigenous stories being read as well as lots of class novels for our senior students.

Library Club is currently running on Thursdays during lunch time. Please come along and read or join in some great activities that will be on offer this term.

Later this term we will be celebrating National Simultaneous Story Time with a reading of **LUNA ROO, the Kangaroo Baller** by Adam Jackson, Adrian Lloyd and Jake A Minton. This story is about two, Australian animal Football (soccer) Teams who face off against each other in a thrilling game. Will Luna Roo find her inner strength to lead her underdog team to victory?

*Please remember to bring your library bag and books to every session so you can borrow and enjoy new books. If you have anything overdue, please remember to return these items next week.*



## BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 3 of the Scholastic Book Club catalogue is now available with orders closing on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. There is a huge range of great items on offer in this issue with lots of sequels, graphic novels, picture story books, novels, non-fiction and stationery available to purchase. Don't forget to use your \$5.00 voucher if you have one from issue 2. There is also another \$5.00 offer available from this brochure too.

All orders help us to raise funds for new library books so please consider purchasing if you are able to. This helps keep our library fresh and inviting for all year levels.

Happy reading everyone,

**Karen Tsekouras**



# PFA NEWS

## Mother's Day Stall – Wednesday 6 May

The PFA is excited to be holding our annual Mother's Day Stall next week. We have a wonderful group of parent volunteers ready to help with preparations and on the day, ensuring a special experience for all students.

Gift payments can be made via Compass until **4:00pm today**. A Compass notification with purchasing instructions was sent earlier this week.

Gifts are **\$5 each**, with a maximum of **four gifts per child**.

If you miss the Compass cut-off, please contact the school office as soon as possible to arrange card payment. Students will attend the stall in class groups, and payments must be finalised by the end of the week for children to participate on the day with their classmates.

For students unable to attend on the day, or for late payments, a selection of gifts will be available at the school office.

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## Anglicare Parentzone – Tuning into Kids Program

BLPS will soon be hosting the 6-week Tuning into Kids program, facilitated by Anglicare Parentzone.

This **free program** provides a supportive environment for parents and carers to strengthen connections with their children and build skills to support emotional intelligence, an important foundation for healthy relationships, resilience, and wellbeing.

### **Program details:**

**Dates:** Monday 11 May – Monday 22 June (no session King's Birthday)

**Time:** 9:15am – 11:15am

**Location:** Camp Australia building (next to the basketball courts)

To register, please use the link below. Walk-ins are welcome at the first session; however, pre-booking is preferred.

<https://events.humanitix.com/tik-berwick-lodge-ps>



# 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@berwicklodgings.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@berwicklodgings.vic.edu.au).

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

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

Place Order Email: <a href="mailto:pfa@berwicklodgings.vic.edu.au">pfa@berwicklodgings.vic.edu.au</a>										
Collection & Payment from Reception on Thursday 3:30-4pm										
	Price	#	Size 4	Size 5	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16
Top Blue Sports	\$5		2	2	2	5	0	5	1	0
Top Yellow Short Sleeve	\$5		0	0	4	7	2	7	1	2
Top Yellow Long Sleeve	\$5		1	0	4	5	3	9	3	0
Jacket Bomber	\$5		3	0	9	24	11	0	4	3
Jumper Crew Neck	\$5		1	6	9	7	3	4	3	3
Jumper Fleece Rugby	\$5		0	1	1	3	3	5	1	0
Trackpants	\$5		0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0
Trousers	\$5		2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0
Sports Shorts/basketball all shorts	\$5		0	0	1	7	7	5	0	3
Shorts - Thinner Fabric	\$5		1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1
Shorts - thicker fabric			9	1	2	3	3	4	0	2
Shorts Pleated - girls	\$5		0	4	4	6	2	0	1	0
Skirt Netball	\$5		1	0	1	0	4	2	0	0
Skirt Sports Skort	\$5		2	0	0	2	0	3	0	0
Dress Summer	\$5		1	0	1	4	6	1	1	0
Dress Winter	\$5		0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

# 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

# IN OTHER NEWS...

Outside School Hours Care

## Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Berwick Lodge



Your  
OSHC.



At Berwick Lodge CA last week we focused on Earth day and related sustainable activities. We explored bees and the impact they have on the environment around us. We also made some poppies to commemorate Anzac Day, the children were all very respectful and understanding

Activities coming up

- Mothers day
- World Bee Day
- Biggest Morning Tea

### Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now



### Activities

- Bubblewrap printing
- Painting bees
- Flower vases
- Anzac poppies
- Bird feeders

Thank you

# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Hosted by Different Journeys

## Casey Carers Cuppa



Join Us on Selected Fridays  
10 AM - 12 PM

**LOCATED IN BERWICK**  
Old Cheese Factory  
34 Homestead Rd, Berwick VIC 3806



Come enjoy a cuppa on us at the Old Cheese Factory. Meet other carers and talk to our carer peer support team who all have lived experience. Ask us about what services and supports are available and together we can explore opportunities in a safe and supported environment. We are specialists in the neurodivergent space.

No bookings necessary - free drop in event  
**Enquiries - 0490 774 068**

These events are supported and funded by the following organisations



*We Support Celebrations*  
*We Provide Connections*  
*We Create Communities*

## TUNING INTO KIDS

### Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

**PARENTING IS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST JOBS YOU WILL EVER DO...WITHOUT ANY TRAINING!**

**DATE:** Mondays, 11<sup>th</sup> May - 22<sup>nd</sup> June (six-week program - no session on King's Birthday)

**TIME:** 9.15 - 11.15 a.m. (after drop-off)

**WHERE:** Berwick Lodge Primary School  
139 - 145 Mansfield Street  
Berwick

**COST:** FREE!


Would you like to learn to:

- Be better at talking to, and understanding, your child/ren?
- Help your child/ren manage their emotions?
- Address and/or prevent behaviour problems?
- Teach your child/ren to deal with conflict?

If your answer is "yes" to any of these questions, this six-week, Tuning in to Kids program helps you to help your child/ren to develop emotional intelligence.

**Use the QR code or this link to register:**  
<https://events.humanitix.com/tik-berwick-lodge-ps>

**For more information, contact:**  
Carey Cole - 0437 428 281  
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**PARENTZONE**

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