



BERWICK LODGE NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER NO 14

14TH MAY 2026

ALL CANTEEN ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE VIA THE QKR APP BY 9:00am
CANTEEN IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
FRIDAY JUNE 5TH - PPD DAY. NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EDUCATION WEEK: OPEN MORNING

We look forward to welcoming families to our Open Morning on Monday 18th May from 9.15am to 10.30am. All visitors are required to enter via the office, sign in and receive a name sticker. We will have school tours with our grade 6 captains and leadership staff. Visitors will be able to visit classrooms and the specialist programs. Teachers will be teaching their normal programs and will not be able to speak directly to visitors whilst they are instructing the class. Visitors will be able to quietly observe the lessons but won't be able to take workbooks out of tubs or remove their child from the classroom to visit other areas. Please remember to exit via the front office and sign out. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our school in action whilst we "Showcase Our School" during education week.

EXPLORE STEM ACTIVITIES

On Monday 25th May we will hold our first 'Explore STEM' session for our 4-year-old kindergarten students. This is a great opportunity for families to visit our school and see us in action and for our kindergarten children to experience something different. Parents are required to contact the school to make a booking. Sessions will also be held on Monday 1st June and Monday 15th June. Thank you to Mr Kelly for running these sessions for our kindergarten students.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2027 NOW OPEN

Our enrolments for 2027 are now being taken, especially for our Foundation (Prep) students who will start school next year. If you have a sibling who will be starting school next year and haven't already contacted us, please do so as soon as possible so we can include you on the email list for information. If you have friends or family with a 4-year-old who will start school in 2027, please encourage them to book a tour and speak to the office for enrolment information.

COMPASS

If any of your personal details such as address or email address has changed, please contact the office to update these as soon as possible.

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BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EMERGENCY DRILL NEXT WEEK

Each term we are required to practise our Emergency Drill procedures. This will occur sometime next week. Please reassure your child that it is a practise, to assist us in knowing what to do if there was ever a real emergency.

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: C200021153**



SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

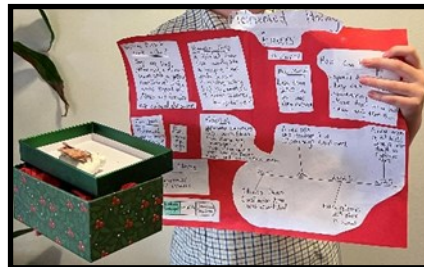
Our teachers are currently busy teaching and assessing our students in preparation for writing our Semester 1 reports which will be available to parents on the last day of term via COMPASS. On Friday 5th June our staff will be working on analysing data and writing reports. There is no school for our students on this day.

NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY 5th AND MONDAY 8th JUNE 2026

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

HELMETED HONEYEATER AMBASSADORS 2026

Congratulations to our four Helmeted Honeyeater Ambassadors for 2026 are Mary 4H, Kaidyn 4H, Sophia 4H and Harry 3/4W. I look forward to working with them during the year and sharing their experiences and what they have learnt with the school community.



NEW GRADE 1/2 PLAYGROUND

There has been a lot of excitement from our students who were able to watch the new grade 1/2 playground being built. It is nearly ready to be opened and once we have completed the final inspection and top up of mulch next week, we will then allow our grade 1/2 students to play within this space.

FANTASTIC FRIDAY'S

This year again we are providing an opportunity for our grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students to participate in a range of activities as a part of our Fantastic Friday's program which runs for four weeks commencing tomorrow Friday 15th May. If parents would like to assist, please contact the office for further information. All parents are required to have completed our school induction and have a current working with children card.

Kind regards,

Sandra McCrone

DIARY DATES

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Breakfast Club	Every Monday morning
Fantastic Fridays Begins for Grades 3-6 Students	Friday 15th 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
Divisional Cross Country (select students)	Wednesday 27th May
Prep RFDS Incursion	Friday 29th May
Prep RSPCA Visit	Wednesday 3rd June
Professional Practice Day - No Students at School	Friday 5th June
King's Birthday - Public Holiday	Monday 8th June
Prep CFA Visit	Friday 12th June

CONSENT AND PAYMENTS DUE:

Prep 2026 RFDS Incursion Consent & Payment Due	Friday 22nd May
Casey Netball Tournament - Expression of Interest Due	Friday 22nd 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



★ National Walk Safely to School Day, Friday, 22 May 2026.

★ Next Friday our Walk to School Day which has been organised by our JSC. Walk to School Day is Now in its 27th year, this initiative of the Pedestrian Council of Australia encourages primary school children to build healthy habits by walking, riding, or scooting to school, promoting road safety, physical activity, and reduced. We encourage all students to wear their active wear and if possible, walk, ride or scoot to school. Families who drive may be able to park further away and walk a few streets to school. Being active is great for our health and also the environment.

★ Click on the link for more information and resources: [Walk to School Resources | VicHealth](#)



★ Stand-Up Program- Grades 5-6

★ We are excited to introduce The Stand-Up Project (SUP), a whole-school initiative focused on promoting respect, inclusion, and student wellbeing. The program aims to reduce bullying, harassment, and discrimination by empowering students to take on peer leadership roles and support a positive school culture.

★ On Tuesday 19th May, the Grade 5 and 6 students will attend a presentation and briefing to learn more about the project. Following the session, selected students will become SUP leaders and work alongside the SUP team and Mr Pryor to promote positive messages and inclusive practices across the school. Through participation in SUP, students will build important skills such as empathy, teamwork, and leadership, while families are encouraged to support these values through ongoing conversations at home. We look forward to working together to create a safe and supportive environment for all students.

★ Lost Property

★ Please note that any unclaimed clothing remaining after Friday 15th May will either be donated to local charity shops or washed and added to our second-hand uniform collection. To help return items promptly in the future, we kindly ask families to ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly named. Thank you for your support.

★ *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.

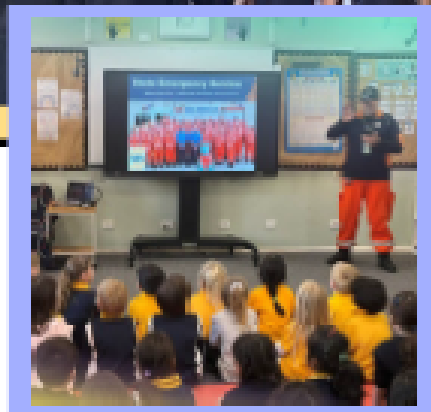
The school will be open and
families will have the
opportunity to observe
learning in action in our
wonderful classrooms.

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



PREP NEWS

Prep newsletter



SES VISIT

Our students recently participated in an exciting session with the State Emergency Service (SES), learning about emergency safety and the important role SES volunteers play in helping the community during storms and emergencies. Students enjoyed the hands-on activities and gained valuable safety knowledge.

IN THE CLASSROOM

The Prep classrooms are a hive of activity, with students busily taking part in a range of fun and engaging assessments. There has been a wonderful buzz of excitement as students eagerly showcase their learning through hands-on tasks, games and interactive activities. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm, confidence and willingness to challenge themselves while celebrating their achievements along the way.

REMINDERS

Monday 18th May -
Showcase our school
9:15 - 10:30
Friday 29th May -
RFDS visit
Wednesday 3rd June -
RSPCA visit
Friday 5th June -
Curriculum day
Monday 8th June -
King's birthday holiday
Friday 12th June -
CFA visit

Now is the time to be entering your child's books into Premiers Reading Challenge.
Happy Reading!

GRADE 1/2 NEWS

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Our grade 1's and 2's have been working hard these last few weeks, here is a snapshot of what they have been learning!

Literacy

Last week we completed our big write on the topic of 'A Stormy Night'. The students worked hard on creating their narratives and it was great to see everyone giving it a go. We would like to send a big thanks to parents and families who discussed the write with their kids and helped them create some really amazing story ideas. The teacher can't wait to get reading!

Numeracy

In numeracy grade 1's and 2's focused on measurement. We used informal measurement tools such as straws, paperclips and blocks to measure lots of objects, distances and even our classmates. Student's really enjoyed these practical activities and getting to discover the real life uses for measurements.



Our new playground!

The students have been excitedly watching the progress on the new grade 1/2 playground. Some students while other students can't wait to head down the slides. The new playground has certainly become a big topic of conversation in our classrooms, and students are looking forward to being able to use it soon.

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

YEAR 4 DAY CAMP



BRIARS DAY CAMP 2026

Our Year 4 students had an amazing day at Briars Camp! Despite the cold and rainy weather, students showed fantastic enthusiasm, resilience, and behaviour throughout the day. They challenged themselves by stepping outside their comfort zones on the giant swing and flying fox, while also enjoying archery, orienteering activities, and a walk to the bird viewing area. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, teamwork, and encouragement throughout the day. The weather certainly didn't dampen spirits, and the students should be very proud of the way they represented our school! 🚚 🌿



GRADE 5/6 NEWS

This term the Grade 5/6 classes have been looking at Australia's system of government. We recently had a visit from the Parliament Education Office. During this session we roleplayed a session of parliament, debating, amending and passing a law.

We were controlled by the speaker of the house and had a great time shouting 'hear, hear' and 'Shaaaaaaame' when the members were speaking.

Luckily the Sergeant-at-arms didn't have to escort any of our members out!



DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday the 12th of May, our District Cross Country team competed at Sweeney Reserve. Our students were up against 7 other schools and they represented the school with great enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see the persistence they displayed. Well done to the following students who participated: Aliyas 5/6N, Jackson 5/6W, Carter 5/6P, Ryder 5/6P, Boris 5/6L, Aarush 5/6W, Ivy 5/6L, Hannah J 5/6K, Meika 5/6L, Maleeka 5/6K, Hannah A 5/6P, Zara 5/6P, Laylah 5/6P, Ayana 5/6P, Archer 5/6N, Raihan 5/6W, Harrison 5/6K, Hayzen 5/6K, Advik 5/6N, Oscar 5/6W, Talha 5/6W, Avin 5/6K, Charlotte 5/6L, Adele 5/6N, Lola 5/6W, Mackenzie 5/6P, Sandy 5/6W, Winter 5/6N, Zaylee 5/6P, Trinity 5/6W, Jet 3/4K, Noah 3M, Adam 3/4W, Oliver 3B, Ayrton 3/4W, Landon 3/4W, Harry 3/4W, Ranveer 4S, Willow 4S, Zendaya 5/6L, Ariana 3/4K, lyla 4S, Ellie 3B, Matilda 3B and Quinn 3/W.

Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 10 and have qualified for the Divisional Cross Country event to be held on Wednesday 27th May. We wish you all the best at the next level of competition.

Ivy (5/6L) - 1st - 12/13 girls - 3km
Charlotte (5/6L) - 1st - 11 girls - 3 km
Archer (5/6N) - 3rd - 11 boys - 3 km
Aliyas (5/6N) - 9th - 12/13 boys - 3km
Meika (5/6L) - 10th - 12/13 girls - 3km
Raihan (5/6W) - 10th - 11 boys - 3km
Adele (5/6N) - 4th - 11 girls - 3km
Zendaya (5/6L) - 5th - 9/10 girls - 2km
Willow (4S) - 6th - 9/10 girls - 2km
Oliver (3B) - 8th - 9/10 boys - 2km
Jet (3/4K) - 9th - 9/10 boys

Thank you to our parent helpers on the day Kylie, Emma and Kasie for marshalling around the course as well as Miss Lamba and Mrs Weber for helping on the day. Your help was very much appreciated.

Thank you.
Kylee Muccignat
P.E Coordinator



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.



Parents may bring in food treats to celebrate their child's birthday.

However, this treat **must be** individually commercially packaged with ingredients listed (ie: fun-size chocolate) and distributed to students at the end of the school day.



LIBRARY NEWS

Please remember to bring your Library bag to every library session so you can borrow new books to take home and read.

Over the past fortnight we have had lots of activities happening in the Library. Classes have been reading class novels, picture story books, Dreamtime stories and lots of information texts. Some classes have been doing research projects, author studies, creating personalised bookmarks and other literacy activities.

Students have been enjoying reading some of our new books, books in series and picture story books from our rotating display. It is so wonderful seeing so many students engaged when they are choosing books to take home and we always love hearing about the books you have read.

This year we are putting students' names into the newsletter once they have read 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 books. There were quite a few last term and lots achieving these milestones this term. Well done to everyone who is borrowing and reading regularly. This really helps set up a lifelong love of reading.

Library Club is also running during lunchtime on Thursdays. Please come along and join in with some activities, chat with your friends or do some quiet reading.

Don't forget to return your books on time so you can borrow something new.



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Orders have been placed for Scholastic Book Club – Issue 3. These items will be distributed once they arrive at school. We sold \$323 of books from this issue which has given us \$47 in rewards to purchase new books.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting book club. It is wonderful to receive your exciting books and also helps us provide new books for everyone to enjoy.

There will be one more catalogue out this term so there is still plenty of time to purchase if you would like to.

HAPPY READING EVERYONE,

Mrs Tsekouras



LIBRARY - READING REWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS ON READING 10 BOOKS

Wynter C - 3M	Michaela D - 34W	Salar A - 3M
Alfie D - 3M	Sami M - 3M	Sabrina C - 56W
Tyler B - 2MS	Tilly S - 4H	Kaidyn C - 4H
Skylah B - 4H	Adelaide P - 34K	Bronte N - 2MS
Mina Z - 2MS	Ella S - 4S	Zyon M - 3B
Lily P - 3B	Parker T - 3B	Edward T 4H
Mary Q - 4H	Sophia H - 4B	Charlotte E - 3M
Ashleigh A - 3M	Seth A - 1P	Sanchaya - 56W
Clare R - 34W	Kiara D - 2D	Ethan M - 2 D
Willow V - 3B	Tobias Y - 3M	Roan C - 3M
Isla A - 34W	Oliver H - 34W	Ivy G - 12W
Amber C - 12W	Rui W - 56N	Eleri F - 2D
Jana P - 2D	Leila B - 2 D	Jya Chee - 56W
Edie B - 12W	Jaipleen K - 3M	Liliana G PRM
Rylie G - 3M	Finn H - 34K	Archer J 34K
Dylan W - PB	Evelyn G - 56K	<u>Jovan D</u> - 3M
Cooper H - 4H	Hugo W - 2D	Firas E - 4H
Maia R - PRM	Madeline - PRM	Alexia - 34K
Madden PB	Phoenix - PB	Maverick - PB
Vivienne - PB		

CONGRATULATIONS ON READING 20 BOOKS

Ava N - 2D

PFA NEWS

A very big thank you to all of the parents who assisted with the PFA Mother's Day Stall last week. We hope all of the special people who received gifts enjoyed the thoughtful selections made by the children. It is always such a fun and rewarding day watching the students carefully choose gifts for the important people in their lives.

A special thank you to Aimee, Alicia, Amber, Ange, Bek, Bethany, Carolyn, Emma, Hayley, Jenny, Kate, Kim, Kylie, Rav, Steph and Tara for volunteering your time and support in preparing for the stall and on the day itself. Events such as these would not be possible without the wonderful help of our parent community. Importantly, fundraising events such as the Mother's Day Stall raise valuable funds that directly support our school and students.



We Need Your Support...

On Saturday 1st August, the PFA will once again be hosting a Trivia Night. If you attended last year's event, you will know it was a fantastic evening filled with fun, laughter and plenty of friendly competition!

Further information, including ticket sales, will be shared closer to the date, however we are currently seeking support from our school community to help make the night a success. Donations for our silent auction, games and winner prize bags would be greatly appreciated.

If you own a business, large or small, or have contacts who may be able to assist with donations, we would love to hear from you. Businesses that support the event will receive promotion through the school newsletter, our social media pages and at the event itself.

Please reach out to us at pfa@berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au if you are able to assist or have any questions.

Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser for our school community.



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

BUSINESS ADVERTISING



GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

**CASEY THUNDER ALL GIRLS
TERM 2 AUSKICK CENTRE**

Starting May 21st (5-weeks)

Thursdays from 5:30pm

Hunt Club Oval, Cranbourne East



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

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TUNING INTO KIDS

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

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

DATE: Mondays, 11th May - 22nd 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>

Did you know? Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

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PARENTZONE

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