NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2

Friday, 6th March 2015

DATE       KEY EVENTS
Monday 9th March   Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 12th March  School Tour 9:30am & Kenny Day—Students can wear one item of non uniform red clothing
Friday 13th - Saturday 14th March  Relay For Life
Monday 16th March  Year 7 Camp 1 (Chisholm, Dunlop, Frost, Kenny)
Wednesday 18th March  Year 7 Camp 2 (Monash, O’Donoghue, Flynn, Hollows)
Monday 23rd March  Year 7—9 Immunisation
Thursday 26th March  Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews—4:30—8:00pm
Friday 27th March  Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews—9:00am—2:00pm
Monday 13th April  First Student Day Term 2
Tuesday 14th April  Berwick College Athletics Day—Casey Fields Note: Year 12 Classes run as normal
Wednesday 22nd April  World Challenge 2016—Parent Information Evening 6:30pm
Friday 24th - Saturday 25th April  Camp Gallipoli
Tuesday 28th April  School Tour 9:30am & Grade 6 2016 Parent Information Evening 7:00pm PAC
Thursday 30th April  School Tour 9:30am & Chisholm Day—Students may wear one item of non uniform blue clothing

OFFICE HOURS

FINANCE OFFICE:  Monday to Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE:  Monday to Thursday: 8:15am—4:30pm
Friday: 8:15am—4:00pm

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BERWICK COLLEGE NEWSLETTER
Berwick College notifies parents by email when newsletters are published. Newsletters are published three times per term. Newsletters can be accessed on the Berwick College website. Please keep up-to-date with all College news by reading the Bulletin and following up with the appropriate Home Group Teacher if you have any concerns.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Open: Thursday: 5:15—6:00pm
Contact: Diane: 9707 2605
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

When we have the courage to serve and lead, we can make a positive difference both to ourselves and the world around us.

This week was the induction of School Captains and the official recognition of the new Learning Team Captains. I asked the question, “Do you believe you are a leader and that you can make a difference?” Young people show courage every day, here at school, at home, on the sporting field or even in getting up and speaking or performing in public. When we have the courage to serve and lead, we can make a positive difference both to ourselves and the world around us.

I encouraged all the students to step into the many opportunities that present themselves at this College. Thank you to Mr Brad Battin MP and Mr Roger Hall, School Council President for assisting in presenting our 2015 leaders with their badge and certificate.

We also recognized our Swimming Champions and the Dux of each year level for Semester 2, 2014. The trophy was presented to Chisholm for the fifth year running as winners of the Swimming Carnival. Well done to all who were recognised at our assembly.

We have also been progressing through our Learning Team Celebration of Achievement assemblies over the last few weeks. School Captains ran the assemblies where students were recognised for their academic achievements, their outstanding application, their outstanding attendance and also for great efforts including participating in the swimming sports. Some students who struggled to reach the end of the pool were still willing to participate to help their team gain points. Congratulations to these exceptional young people, I am very proud of you.

In 2014 we participated in the Relay for Life at Akoonah Park, and this year on the 13th and 14th of March we will once again join the Casey community to raise money for the fight against Cancer. Last year it was fantastic to have staff, students, ex-students and families joining together to raise over $9,000 and this year I am sure it will be even more successful. Perhaps you will join us? We would love to have you as part of our team. Details are in this newsletter.

Our swimming sports were held on 19th February; the rain cleared and it was a perfect day for being in the pool. Year 7 students had their Wellbeing Day on 19th February and it was a great success. Starting with a Brainstorm Production on Cyber Safety in the morning, the follow-up activities were held at Akoonah Park, where plenty of fun was had and many, many sausages were cooked and consumed.

Grade 6 teachers from our local feeder schools were invited to meet with our Year 7 teachers to discuss our newest students and some very productive discussions were held regarding the transition into secondary education. We have also met with our new Timbarra students who joined us in Year 10 and we are very happy with their transition too. Our meet the Homegroup teacher evening was very successful, with parents and guardians able to meet the Homegroup teachers of our new students or alternatively, meet a new Homegroup teacher. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make each of these events such a success.

As we are well into the term, students should be very focussed on their learning, ensuring all work is handed in for assessment as interim reports will be written shortly and the Year 7’s will be preparing for their upcoming camps.

I am very proud of our school and its students, its staff and its achievements. The support of parents and families is the reason our students are doing so well. If you have not considered becoming a member of the Berwick College School Council and joining our wonderful team it is not too late. Nomination forms are available from the Administration office and must be lodge by 4:00pm Monday 9/03/2015.

We look forward to meeting our parents in the upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews and to continuing to build on the positive relationships and partnerships with our school community.

Ms Kerri Bolch
Principal

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YEAR 7 WELLBEING DAY

The fourth annual Year 7 Wellbeing Day, held on Wednesday February 11, 2015, was a great success. The day began with a performance about cyber safety and cyber bullying by two young actors from Brainstorm Productions. Our students were very engaged and very well behaved during this performance and hopefully came away equipped with new perspectives and information.

After recess we walked the 13 Year 7 classes down to Akoonah Park, where they enthusiastically participated in a range of activities. The class groups rotated through tug of war, vortex game, pony express, bombardment and were introduced to the City of Casey van.

Our Wellbeing Team spent over two hours cooking 600 sausages and many veggie burgers for our hungry students. The students were very polite as they collected their lunch and cold bottles of water.

The enthusiasm of the students, despite the heat, was very infectious and everyone involved had a great day. This day could not be successful without the help of the Wellbeing Team, the Assistant Learning Team Leaders and the other teachers who helped with their allocated classes to run the fun sessions.

We hope this helped our new Year 7 students start the year on a positive note and we hope they have a great year at Berwick College.

Ms Lauren Kenny Mr James Doble
Junior School Leader Assistant Principal

Berwick College @ the Berwick Show

On the 28th of February Berwick College participated in the Berwick Show. The Year 12 VCAL class collected wood chips and in return received a donation of $1,000 toward the Relay for Life Team.

Also, local schools were invited to display their artwork. We showcased the artwork of our talented students with a Pop Art inspired display. There was String Art by our Year 9 Sculpture, stencil printed cushions by our Year 8 Art Textiles class and paintings by our Year 8 and 10 Art classes. We received an encouragement award for our display.

I would like to thank Kate Sekiya and Danni Vitalich for their help in setting up the display.

Filomena Henderson
Art Coordinator
TRANSPORTATION

As many of you would be aware there are times when transporting students to and from Berwick College can be problematic due to the restrictive nature of schools physical layout with regards to vehicle access. This has increased in recent weeks due to the commencement of the redevelopment of the Berwick Athletics track which has seen metal fencing put up limiting available car parking spaces.

In order for effective traffic management to occur, and to minimise the risks to students and other patrons who use the facilities on the College’s grounds, the following points should be observed.

- **Under no circumstances** should students be dropped off in front of the College’s top driveway on Manuka road. There is no visibility from traffic ascending the hill from the Princess Highway traffic lights.
- Cars should not park on the main driveway into the College to drop students off as this creates a back log of traffic onto Manuka road and poses a risk to students exiting from vehicles.
- Traffic is not permitted to park in the yellow chevron box outside the Berwick Leisure Centre due to this creating a back log of traffic from all areas of the main car park.

Should you have any concerns or require further information, please free to contact either myself or the City of Casey [Contact Customer Service](#) on 9705 5200.

Mr James Doble
Assistant Principal

Pakenham Bus – overcrowding

Parents of students who catch the Pakenham bus will be aware that on some afternoons the bus is full and as such not all students can board the bus.

We have been working with the Bus Company, Cardinia Transit, and Public Transport Victoria and the largest available bus has been placed on this run however this bus has a capacity of 80 passengers which will still not accommodate all students.

Parents, can you please plan for alternative transport arrangements if your child cannot board the bus. Possible options are to walk to the Princes Highway and catch the 926 bus or catch the bus from school to Berwick Station and then catch the train to either Cardinia Station or Pakenham Station.

Mr Mark Woodbridge
Assistant Principal

ENROLMENTS 2016—SCHOOL TOURS

Bookings are essential. Please call 8768 1000 to make a booking for a school tour on the following dates:

- Thursday 12th March at 9.30am
- Tuesday 28th April at 9.30am

**Note:** Year 7 2016 Information Evening - Tuesday April 28, 2015 at 7pm in our Performing Arts Centre.

Presentations on the Dance Academy and the Basketball Academy will run directly following this session.

- Thursday 30th April at 9.30am

**Note:** Saturday 2nd May at 10.00am – 1.00pm (High Achievers Program testing date)

- Thursday 7th May at 9.30am
- Thursday 13th August at 9.30am
- Thursday 10th September at 9.30am
- Thursday 22nd October at 9.30am
- Thursday 26th November at 9.30am

Parents who have booked a tour, please meet at the main Administration Office on the morning of the tour.
Ms Kerri Bolch congratulated the Dux of 2014, Luke Artner (97.55 ATAR) and presented awards to 2014, Year 10 to Year 12 students who demonstrated a high level of commitment to the College and their studies with ATAR’s over 90 at the High Achievers Assembly.

The VCE results of the 2014 cohort were very positive with a median Study Score of 30 once again; top ATAR of 97.55, ten students over 90 and five over 95. VCAL completion scores were 100% and 130 of our Year 12 students made a VTAC application and 96% of our students have received a first round offer. Over one-third of these were in the field of Science.

This is an excellent result, and our students are to be commended for their diligent approach to their studies.

Semester 2, 2014 DUX winners *Photos of this assembly are available from rainerkphotography.com

The Dux Award was awarded to the top 2 students in each year level with the highest aggregate scores for Semester 2, 2014 as listed below.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

We have been working extremely hard on preparing the Yr.12 VCAL students for Relay for Life. Students have started fundraising, including the BBQ at the swimming sports day and the wood chopping at the Berwick Show. On Friday, 13th of March, our students will complete shifts throughout this 24 hour event from 5.45pm on the Friday and will conclude at 6.00pm on Saturday, 14th March. We have asked all Year 12 VCAL students to be present from 5.50pm to 11.00pm for both the opening and candlelight ceremonies. After this students will participate in teams and will complete shifts as listed below:

- 12.00am-6.00am
- 6.00am-10.00am
- 10.00am-2.00pm
- 2.00pm-6.00pm

We would greatly appreciate any assistance at all from parents. Keeping in mind we need to set up marquees, tents, cook a BBQ dinner and breakfast and supervise all the students. Any donations to this event would also be appreciated.

Our team name is Berwick College and the team captain is Corinne Duhau. https://www.relayforlife.org.au/

Thanks, Corinne Duhau & Adam Nettleingham
CELEBRATING—POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

GO Kenny

How good is it to celebrate the great achievements of our students?

We held the Kenny Student Learning Team assembly on the 26th of February where we acknowledged students with awards including Academic Achievement and Outstanding Application for semester 2 last year.

Lauren Stevens received the Performing Arts Award, Mitchell McKenzie the Applied Learning Award and Mark Morante both the Kenny Student Learning Team Award and the City of Casey Student Voice Award.

Students with outstanding attendance rates were also acknowledged, as we all know the importance for students to be consistently at school for the best results.

We were delighted that parents attended and they, along with our Kenny team, enjoyed being entertained by Tom McCoy and Jackson Wall on guitar playing Eric Clapton’s “Staircase to Heaven” and Samantha Lane who played on her flute the Toy Story theme song.

We concluded with a visual presentation highlighting 2014 and also where we are up to in 2015. Kenny Day is coming up on Thursday 12th March whereby students will be able to substitute one uniform item, (excluding shoes) for a RED piece of clothing. Sausages and drinks will be on sale in the canteen plaza and entertainment will be abundant with our musically talented students performing. Let’s not forget our famous red jelly cups for sale. It would not be Kenny Day without these; they have become a Kenny tradition! Please encourage your child to get in the swing of things and support us on this day.

2015 Swimming Carnival

We also thanked, with a certificate, those students who participated in our swimming carnival recently.

Thank you Kenny Kids for having a go!

Ms Jenny Hart and Ms Danielle Miller
Kenny Student Learning Leaders
FLYNN NEWS— Get ready for the Phoenix to rise in 2015

Welcome back to all of our Flynn students and families and a special welcome to Flynn families who are joining us as their children enter Year 7 at Berwick College. 2015 is well under way and we are already gearing up for the biggest year in our Learning Team to date!

While we would encourage more of our students to attend the swimming carnival, we were thrilled that over 90% of those students who attended swam on the day, helping Flynn to a very close third.

Students are invited to be part of many exciting opportunities this year in Flynn, particularly leadership training and service learning activities focusing on community service. Congratulations to the Flynn Student Captains Melissa Amos, Jessica Makeham and Piper Van Hout. We encourage all students to be actively involved in the Learning Team and these activities. More information is to follow in the next issue about the Flynn Helping Hand Awards.

The focus on attendance, which is such an important aspect of our team, will continue and student are encouraged to only be absent when too sick to attend. A reminder that parents should contact Robyn Batch: Attendance officer as soon as possible on the morning of the absence on 8768 1086 or by email on batch.robyn.r@edumail.vic.gov.au. Please follow up with a written letter or email in addition to this phone call. Also a reminder that Year 11 students will need a medical certificate for all absences in excess of 6 periods for any one class to meet the attendance policy for VCE.

Home group teachers are a vital part of the Learning Team structure and can be contacted to discuss any concerns you may have about your child or to inform us of issues that may impact your child and their learning.

Flynn Homegroup Teachers are contactable via the emails on the school website:

Flynn 1: Ms Nadine Gibson
Flynn 2: Mr Satya Nadan
Flynn 3: Mr Jackson West
Flynn 4: Ms Kylie Duncan
Flynn 5: Mrs Aisha Shariat
Flynn 6: Mr Adam Nettingham
Flynn 7: Ms Amy Vatcher

Flynn students and parents are encouraged to sign up to the Flynn Student Edmodo group using code: 3xtzqj. This will keep you up to date in Learning Team News and other useful information. Remember also to sign up to Tiq-biz to get regular school updates. We value communication with families and look forward to using this technology to help achieve this.

Happy Chinese New Year and Good luck to all of our students from Flynn.

Mrs Michelle Lewis  Mr Jackson West
HOLLOWS NEWS

On Thursday 19th February, students and staff dressed up in their lime green to attend our swimming sports day. Despite the rainy morning, our students enthusiastically boarded buses, swam in swimming events, formed novelty teams and cheered on other students. We are so proud of our 52 students from Years 7-11 who swam in an individual event or a relay. At the culmination of the day, we finished 4th - a tremendous effort. We would particularly like to congratulate our fabulous year 7 students- many of whom participated in multiple events throughout the day.

The Hollows Team also recently held our Semester 2, 2014 awards presentation. We were pleased to give out awards to many of our students for outstanding application, academic excellence and outstanding attendance. Congratulations to all of our award winners.

Ms Mitchell and Ms Meehan
Hollows Student Learning Leaders

Mighty Monash!

What a success the Swimming Carnival was for the Monash Learning Team, achieving 2nd place! It was impressive to see students ‘give it a go’ which has become our focus over the last year. We filled all of our relay teams with enthusiastic team members and those who didn’t compete were fantastic in cheering on their team mates from the sidelines. Those who were not so confident in the traditional races had a lot of fun in the Novelty events.

We are extremely proud of our team and wish our successful swimmers the best of luck in the next round of competition.

Now bring on the Athletics Carnival!!

Mrs Stokes and Ms Marcus
Monash Student Learning Leaders
**CHISHOLM Chargers— We have a new name!**

Last newsletter, we discussed that our Chisholm group were busy deciding on a team name. Our leadership group approached all home groups for ideas and after several excellent suggestions, we have decided on the Chisholm Chargers. We are now in the process of creating our mascot!

The Chisholm Chargers have made a fantastic start to the year at the recent Swimming Carnival. We have won the Swimming carnival for the past four years, with our success largely due to the number of participants willing to get involved. This year was no exception, with a significant number of our new Year 7 students signing up for almost all events and a large number of Year 8s continuing on with last year’s efforts. For the first year ever, we were able to field a Year 11 relay team, which has been an age group we have struggled to fill in previous years.

Chisholm’s overall placing was 1st, making it five years in a row and a feat that will be difficult to match! An outstanding effort and huge congratulations to those who participated on the day, from those who swam (both the competitive and novelty events) to those who attended on the day to support others and take photos for the yearbook.

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended the Meet the Home Group afternoon in February. Hopefully, your child has settled in well. Please feel free to make contact with your child’s home group teacher during the year with any concerns or queries you may have. We look forward to seeing you again at Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of Term 1.

Jodie Mortimer and Kristen Robinson
Chisholm Student Learning Leader and Assistant

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**DUNLOP NEWS**

The last few weeks have been busy ones for our Dunlop students.

On Wednesday, 12th February, Miss Manning and our enthusiastic bunch of Dunlop Year 7’s braved the heat and headed to Akoonah Park for **Year 7 Wellbeing Day**. The Year 7 Dunlop students played off the Year 7 Kenny students in a range of physical activities including; pony express, war ball and tug–a–war, followed by a BBQ lunch. **Well done** to our Year 7 students for not only beating Kenny, but more importantly, showing great sportsmanship and a positive attitude (despite the heat) throughout the day!

On Thursday the 19th February many of our Dunlop students represented the Student Learning Team at the school’s annual **Swimming Carnival**. It was great to see so many students wearing yellow, and really getting dressed up for the occasion with yellow hair, face paint and even yellow tutus! **Well done to those students’ who participated.** A special shout out to the following students who earned points on the day for our team:

- Louvin Dissanayake
- Jamie Lowden
- Joel Boatman
- Jamie Lowden
- Harry Wightman
- Lucas Holland
- Madeline Kelly
- We hope you all like Pizza!

Mr Firth and Miss Manning
Dunlop Student Learning Leaders
O’DONOGHUE NEWS

2015 is going to be the year of the O’Donoghue Dragons!
First term has begun at a cracking pace. We want our students to do their very best and achieve all their goals they set out to complete. As a Learning Team we want our students to feel safe and welcome at all times, and we hope to continue to build upon the rapport we have with our students. The recent swimming sports showed the enthusiasm and willingness to participate by our students. While we fell just outside the top four with the final results, the amount of students in orange coloured attire made our presence felt. We look forward to the upcoming athletics carnival and hope we can improve our results! As a Learning Team we are aiming to finish as high as possible on the Learning Team Ladder and we will be encouraging students to work alongside each other to the best of their ability in Home Group activities.

Our Year 7s recently had their Wellbeing Day and all worked really well together on a number of activities. Their ability to bounce back as a group after an early loss to Frost on the day was amazing. They showed great enthusiasm and did O’Donoghue proud!

This year we welcome many new faces to the O’Donoghue Learning Team. These staff include: Ms Stephanie Atkins, Ms Hannah Thompson, Ms Rebecca Hann and Mr Jesse Nugent, who will be the Assistant Student Learning Leader this year. We also welcome back Ms Anna Greenstreet as the exceptional O’Donoghue Student Learning Leader!

Our Learning Team Student Leaders will be aiming to promote the O’Donoghue team this year and create awareness amongst the students. Our Student Captains are Damon Slatter and Dylan Raynes and we are excited to have them on board this year. We have a fresh new group of Home Group teachers who are looking forward to building positive relationships with all involved in O’Donoghue. They are:

- O’Donoghue 1 – Ms Stephanie Atkins
- O’Donoghue 2 – Mr Jesse Nugent
- O’Donoghue 3 – Mr Christopher Sacco
- O’Donoghue 4 – Ms Hannah Thompson
- O’Donoghue 5 – Ms Rebecca Hann
- O’Donoghue 6 – Ms Brodie Andersen
- O’Donoghue 7 – Mr Julian Walton

We farewell Mr David Hughes, an O’Donoghue leader who will be missed by students and teachers alike and we wish him well.

We would also like to welcome all our new students and families into the O’Donoghue community. It was fantastic getting the chance to meet many of you at the Meet the Home Group Teacher night and we anticipate meeting many more of you at the Parent Teacher Interviews in the last week of term.

We are looking forward to making the rest of the year a successful time while working alongside everyone involved with O’Donoghue.

Ms Anna Greenstreet
O’Donoghue Student Learning Leader greenstreet.anna.p@edumail.vic.gov.au 8768 1089

Mr Jesse Nugent
Assistant O’Donoghue Student Learning Leader nugent.jesse.d@edumail.vic.gov.au 8768 1089

LIBRARY NEWS

All Year 7’s had Library Orientation during this week and the services that the Library provide were explained to them. There was much enthusiasm. The borrowing limit for Years 7, 8 & 9 is three books and Years 10, 11 & 12 is six books. Fiction can be borrowed for three weeks. Non-fiction can be borrowed for two weeks.

The Library Ladies.
PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Mid Semester reports will be available on-line Friday, 13th March.

Semester 1 parent / student / teacher interviews will be held in the Berwick Leisure Centre on:

- Thursday, March 26th 4:30pm to 8:00pm (last appointment 7:50pm)
- Friday, March 27th 9:00am to 2:00pm (last appointment 1:50pm)
  (staff break 11:30am to 12:30pm)

Headspace at Parent-Teacher Interviews

Headspace staff will be at the Thursday night session of Parent-Teacher Interviews to speak to parents and provide information and advice for supporting your child. They will have a stand with information and you can approach them with any questions you may have. You can also book in an appointment time in advance to fit with your existing booking with teachers through contacting a member of the Wellbeing team.

As all teachers will be involved in interviews, no formal classes will be held on Friday, 27th March. An alternative program finishing at 2:30pm will be held for students who cannot be looked after at home. To access this program please email Berwick College at berwick.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone Mr Mark Woodbridge on 8768 1004.

On-line bookings open Monday, 16th March at 9:00am and close at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 25th March. The on-line booking system is part of the Parent Portal. All parents who attend the Meet the Home Group Teacher Afternoon will receive information regarding the Parent Portal. If you have not received the information please contact either your child’s Home Group teacher or Mr David Goyen.

The portal allows you to check a student’s timetable and attendance record, as well as registering attendance notes and making parent-teacher interview bookings. Please note that teacher requests for interviews will also be made via this system. Instructions to make interview bookings are on the home page of the portal.

To access the Parent Portal go to our school web site: www.berwicksc.vic.edu.au and at the top right corner click on “Quick Links”, then choose Parent Portal from the list that appears. Using the portal is very straightforward, but if you feel that you need assistance then please contact Mr David Goyen on 8768 1030, or goyen.david.j@edumail.vic.gov.au if you prefer email. The system has been set up so that parents can only see the information relating to their child.

Have you installed—TIQBIZ?

Tiqbiz is a supplement to our other forms of communication with parents, School Council, staff and students. This communication app is easy to use and will enhance your connection to our school community. You will receive reminders of special events, have quick access to key calendar dates and the ability to email attendance notification.

- To get Tiqbiz onto your phone or ipad, go to the App store, and search for and download Tiqbiz.
- Open Tiqbiz and register/log-in.
- Click ‘Find boxes’ and search Schools, Secondary to find Berwick College. Select us from the results.
- Tick the grey boxes that apply to you, when the box turns green you’re connected.
- Click on the Inbox icon and you will receive our instant messages.

VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES (VSL)

Please note that the Victorian School of Languages (VSL) has opened its enrolment online (https://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/Enrol/Default.aspx) for the year 2015.

A centre runs at Berwick College, Entrance on Saturdays from 9:00am to 12:20pm, currently offering Chinese, Hindi and Spanish. Entrance is from the top driveway, Gate 3.

VSL is a government organisation, which means low fees but professional teaching. We can also provide the opportunity to study languages, ranging from Arabic to Turkish and Albanian to Romanian, that your day school is unable supply. With reports and parent-teacher interviews you will be assured direct feedback and with our VCE classes the student is able to enhance their studies and hopefully their scores!

In case you have further queries contact our SouthEast office in Dandenong 9791 9289.
CAMP GALLIPOLI

Students at Berwick College will be given the opportunity to participate in Camp Gallipoli, the largest centenary event in Victoria to commemorate 100 years since the landings at Gallipoli in World War One.

The camp, which is a big overnight school camp for thousands of school students across the state, will be held at the Melbourne Showgrounds on Friday 24th to Saturday 25th April. It is endorsed by the Federal Minister for Education as well as the Department of Veteran affairs and Department of Defence.

Activities at the camp will consist of documentaries, a movie, a big live concert featuring famous Australian musicians, a special ceremony involving the Waler Horse Society (representing the Australian Lighthorse Brigade) and the lighting of the ANZAC flame. On the morning of the 25th there will be a Dawn Service. All these activities will be exposing students to a unique commemoration that has never been experienced in Australia before.

Students will be required to bring:

- A sleeping bag or swag (also available to purchase through the Camp Gallipoli website) as no tents are permitted
- Snacks
- Money for souvenir
- A pillow
- Extra clothing
- Basic toiletries
- Pyjamas
- Medications (see medical form)
- A rain coat (in case of poor weather)

Students will leave from school at lunchtime on the 25th April and return by approx. 9:00am the following day.

Cost for the camp will be $120, this includes entry to the camp, a BBQ dinner, and transport to and from the school. (Bus/Coach)

Please return the permission form to the office no later than Thursday, 16th of April. There are 50 tickets available to purchase ASAP to avoid missing out!!

For further information please call Anna Greenstreet or go to the website www.campgallipoli.com.au.

The official Camp YouTube clip is also available to view on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvAvKaQUrY

Anna Greenstreet
O’Donoghue Student Leader—87681089

James Doble
Assistant Principal - 87681000

VET SMALL BUSINESS EXCURSION: CITY AMAZING RACE

On Friday February 20, 2015, the VET Small Business students took to the streets of Melbourne CBD to participate in an 'Amazing Race' activity. We travelled in by train before being debriefed at Federation Square to receive our list of clues for all of the locations and bonus locations to visit to earn the points to win. We only had 3.5 hours to do it in! Teams had to communicate and work together, along with their knowledge of Melbourne, to figure out the places from the clues to find all 10 destinations and 11 bonus locations in the most efficient and time effective manner. Teams had to delegate duties such as a team leader, map reader, photographer and scribe. We had to use all of our communication skills to find as many of the locations as we could. The winners are unknown as points are still being finalised, however all students had a great day working together through the streets of Melbourne. Brooke Bryan, Year 11 VET Small Business student

Photo: Brooke Bryan, Tiffany Brady, Leah Taylor & Brittany Barry
HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics textbook we use from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 provides an opportunity for parents to help their children improve in Maths using Cambridge Go website and Cambridge Hot Maths.

**Cambridge Go** is an on-line support package and the instructions are inside the front cover of the textbook. This on-line support package also includes quizzes for additional work and revision.

**Cambridge Hot Maths** is an on-line interactive program which can greatly help your child in Mathematics. The benefits include:

- Improves their Maths performance by reinforcing the topics you are learning at school with unlimited access
- Makes Maths meaningful and engaging with over 600 interactive investigations (widgets), 1000 worksheets, 25,000 images and almost 400 complete lessons.
- Encourages independent learning as they achieve at their own pace and level
- Helps your child catch up on work missed if they are absent from school
- Understanding mathematical terms in a range of contexts and applications with the illustrated dictionary
- Mastering mathematical processes with step-by-step explanations and worked examples using the walkthroughs function.
- Competing in skill based on-line competitions

Parents can also access and save the textbook in pdf form. Students can now leave their textbook at school and complete work not completed in class and revise for tests using the pdf version of the text. The explanations in the text are very thorough and clearly set out so parents can work through these examples with their children.

Students should complete Maths homework each week. Years 7 to 9 students should undertake at least one hour per week; Year 10 students at least 1.5 hours per week; Year 11 students at least 2 hours per week and Year 12 students at least 3 hours per week.

If your child claims they have no homework, encourage them to go on-line as there is plenty they can do to improve their Maths knowledge and skills with the on-line and pdf activities and also check the EDMODO where teachers list the set home work that is to be completed.

Afterschool maths support is available to students every Monday from 3.30pm to 4.20pm. This is held in A12 and students just need to turn up, no bookings are required.

Need extra help with your Maths work??

Students from Years 7-12 are welcome to attend Room **A13** (Year 7-9) and **A12** (Year 10-12) afterschool every Monday from 3:30 – 4:15pm for Maths assistance.

**Tutor of Maths and Health & Human Development**

My name is Rhianne. I completed VCE in 2014 with an ATAR of 99.10 and Study Scores of: 50 in Health and Human Development, 47 in Further Maths, 43 in English, 42 in Maths Methods (completed in Year 11) and 42 in Accounting. I am completing a double degree in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Bachelor of Commerce from Monash University this year and have been offered the “Women in Engineering” Scholarship.

I am available to tutor Berwick students in Years 10, 11 and 12 in General and Further Maths, Math Methods and Health and Human Development.

Please contact me on 0427505458 or email rhia.ds@hotmail.com
DANCE NEWS

On Friday, 6th of February our VCE Dance class and Year 8 Dance Academy students were lucky enough to have Casey Chellew, a past student and accomplished contemporary dance choreographer visit Berwick College.

Casey brought several of her dancers and performed a special performance of her show ‘Content’, followed by a practical workshop where she taught the students a section of the performance itself. The workshop was extremely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all of our girls. A big thank you to Casey, who took the time to come down and deliver such a rewarding and enjoyable workshop for our students!

This is just one of many more exciting opportunities our Dance students will be given this year! In the last few weeks, our VCE dancers have also visited Deakin University where they participated in an intense technical workshop with industry choreographers, and visited ‘The Space’, a professional dance studio where they did a Hip/Hop and Contemporary class. Dance Academy have also had several other professional choreographers visit Berwick to do intensive workshops with them, and will also be participating in a full day workshop at ‘The Space’ in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned!

Miss Manning & Miss Quenette

SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2015
COMING IN AUGUST

We’re delighted to announce that this year’s full school Production ‘Once Upon A…’, is well on its way. The story is set around several Disney characters, but with a modern twist! It is still not too late to get involved.

If you like to sing, dance or act and love to perform on stage, we want you!

This year Rehearsals are EVERY Wednesday afternoon in the PAC from 3:15 – 5:30pm.

Any questions, please see Miss Quenette
Berwick College Choreographic Dance Competition 2015

Berwick College is happy to announce our very first Choreographic Competition which will be held on Sunday 3rd May at 10am in the BERWICK COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE. This dance competition is open to all Berwick College students from Years 7 to Year 12. Students will be required to choreograph their own routines and can enter as many items as they like. The competition will be adjudicated by a professional dancer external to the college and an ex Berwick College student.

The cost of entry into the competition is $5 per item per student and audience members are asked for a cold coin donation. Each student will receive a participation certificate and medals will be rewarded for first, second and third place. A choreographic trophy will be rewarded to the student who has demonstrated the most promise on the day awarded by the adjudicators.

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Please note that if sections have three or less entrants the section will be combined with another.

Entry forms and payment are due by Thursday 26th of March payable to the front office (no late entries accepted)

For entry forms and for further information please refer to the College website or contact Melissa Quenette on 8768 1054 or quenette.melissa.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

IN THE LOCAL NEWS

Berwick College congratulates:

❖ Year 8 student, Phoebe Wallen on her recent successes in the Australian BMX cycling and wish Phoebe all the best in her goal to reach The Grand National.

Click on the link below to read the full article in the Pakenham Gazette.


❖ Year 9 student, Jake Mitreski, on his success in the Victorian Sprint Championships and wish Jake all the best at the Swimming Australia Age National Championships in April.

FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

IMMUNISATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

Have you ever thought why you RARELY HEAR of terrible diseases such as Polio, Diphtheria and Measles etc? The Immunisation Programs offered at childhood and at school is why these terrible diseases are almost non-existent. Over these past few years the number of students to be immunised has decreased. Possibly, if students were going overseas, they may have received the Hepatitis B earlier with other Childhood injections or had Chicken Pox in early childhood. Sometimes students inform the school that they intend to have the injections at the doctors; however, sadly this may be overlooked, due to a busy lifestyle! The program that is offered in the school is FREE and convenient. The medical reporter for the Herald Sun stated on Saturday Feb 28th that the current vaccine protects against 4 viruses that cause 70% of cervical cancers. An improved vaccine that is currently at the trial stage will protect against 5 more viruses. It also noted that the vaccine has almost wiped out genital warts and there has been a 50% reduction in pre-cancerous lesions in young women. Just a reminder, the school has started the process of immunisation. If you have not received immunisation cards, please ask your child or inform me asap. If you obtain immunisation for any disease it is more likely that you would not obtain the disease, or may only receive it in a mild form.

CHICKEN POX—There are two cases of Chicken Pox that have been reported to the school

Chicken Pox is highly contagious viral disease. It is spread by droplet from coughing, sneezing or from touching the fluid from the blisters of the skin. A person is infected 1-5 days before the onset of the rash and remains infectious until the blisters form scabs. For Chicken Pox, the incubation period is the time from infection to the appearance of the rash i.e. 14-16 days. A few days before the rash, the person may feel feverish, have a sore throat and headache. The main symptom is blistering of the skin rash. Symptoms of Chicken Pox are low grade fever, general discomfort and malaise. Skin rash appears blister like surrounded by irregular shaped patches of inflamed red skin. The blisters usually appear on the body first, then the limbs. People at Risk are newborn babies, pregnant woman who have not had chicken pox or been immunised or people with weakened immune system. If you are in early pregnancy your Doctor can check your immunity with a blood test. If any female is trying to become pregnant, it is also worthwhile to mention this to your doctor. School exclusion differs according to the degree of the case. Cases should be excluded until full recovery or for at least 5 days after the first eruption appears. Some remaining scabs are not a reason for continued exclusion. Any child with an immune deficiency or receiving chemotherapy is to be excluded for their own protection and aspirin should not be given children with Chicken Pox.

WHOOPING COUGH—There has recently been a case of whooping cough in the School.

Whooping cough is a highly contagious disease spread by coughing and sneezing. It is dangerous in young babies, who may suffer from complications if they contact the disease. Adults and older children usually have a milder case. People who live in the same house with a person with whooping cough are most likely to become infected. Immunisation is the best protection. It is usually less severe in immunized children. Symptoms may vary but initial symptoms are similar to a cold; repetitive coughing and the characteristic “whoop” as the person gasps for breath. Not all get the “whoop”. Vomiting follows the cough spasm. A person with whooping cough will be infectious during the initial part of the illness and up to 21 days after onset of coughing. The cough may last for months. If a child has whooping cough they should not attend school or similar settings from the onset of coughing or until they have received five days of a 10 day course of antibiotics. If your child has been coughing for more than 21 days they are no longer infected. If you think your child may have whooping cough consult your Doctor, as soon as possible.
CAREER NEWS

Work Safely in The Construction (White Card) training will be held on Wednesday 11th March from 9:00am to 3:30pm at the Leisure Centre, Berwick College for students who require a White Card certificate as part of their VET Course or work placement on a domestic or commercial construction site. This course also meets the requirements for the compulsory unit (in VET Building & Construction): CPCCOHS100A.

For all students enrolled in a TAFE course this year as part of their curriculum, they will need to apply for a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This USI is a government requirement so that students can track their TAFE courses over their lifetime. Below this article is a step by step instruction as to how students can apply so this can be done at home. Once students have their USI, please bring a copy to the Careers Centre. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Kate in Careers.

STEP 1
Have two forms of identification (ID) ready from the list below:
- Driver’s Licence
- Medicare Card
- Australian Passport
- Visa (with Non-Australian Passport) for international students
- Birth Certificate (Australian)
- Certificate Of Registration By Descent
- Citizenship Certificate
- Immi Card

IMPORTANT: To make sure we keep all of your training records together, the USI will be linked to your name as it appears on the form of ID you used to create the USI. The personal details entered when you create a USI must match exactly with those on your form of ID.

If you do not have proof of ID from the list above, contact Chisholm about other acceptable forms of ID to obtain a USI.

STEP 2
Have your personal contact details ready (e.g. email address, or mobile number, or address).

STEP 3
Visit the USI website at: www.usi.gov.au.

STEP 4
Select the ‘Create a USI’ link and follow the steps.

STEP 5
Agree to the Terms and Conditions.

STEP 6
Follow the instructions to create a USI - it should only take a few minutes. Upon completion, the USI will be displayed on the screen. It will also be sent to your preferred method of contact.

STEP 7
Write down the USI and keep it somewhere handy and safe.

For more information ask Chisholm
1300 244 746
chisholm.edu.au

HOW CAN MY CHILD APPLY FOR A TAX FILE NUMBER?

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post offices. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form ‘Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals’ - (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’. If you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—EVERY DAY COUNTS

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and if they don’t maintain regular attendance, it is unlikely they will be successful at school. In fact, the benefits go well beyond their years at school as research shows that regular attendance:

Develops skills and attitudes such as self-discipline, punctuality and being well organised. These skills help students to become “work ready.” Regular attendance at school is more likely to be translated into the workforce.

- Leads to making friends and learning how to maintain relationships over a period of time.
- Leads to learning social skills necessary to live and work with others.
- Promotes learning, performance and enjoyment of school.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your child’s home group teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- For long term absences develop an absence learning plan with your child’s home group teacher and student learning leader and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, inform the school early as early as possible. See below for information.

**Chisholm, Frost, Hollows, Monash, Year 12**
Absence line: 8768 1051 (24 hours) to speak to Sharyn or leave a message
OR
Go to the website [http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au) and scroll down to Attendance – learn more and provide details and email will be forwarded to Sharyn
OR
Email directly to berwick.college.attendance@gmail.com

**Dunlop, Flynn, Kenny, O’Donoghue**
Absence line: 8768 1086 (24 hours) to speak to Robyn or leave a message
OR
Go to the website [http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au) and scroll down to Attendance – learn more and provide details and email will be forwarded to Robyn
OR
Email directly to berwick.college.attendance@gmail.com

Please provide a note or email to your child’s home group teacher on return of your child to school (this is a legal requirement even if you have called the absence line or sent a Tiqbi notification)

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Remember, student attendance makes a difference to student learning outcomes.

Mr Mark Woodbridge
Assistant Principal
ENDEAVOUR HILLS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

U6-U18 JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS:
Come down and register for 2015!
Saturday 7th March
11am - 1pm
Frog Hollow Reserve
David Collins Drive, Endeavour Hills
We welcome all new players
For more information please contact Lisa on 041 086 8334