NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1  
Friday 17th February 2017

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OFFICE HOURS—2017

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Friday: 8:15am—4:00pm

**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.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to the 2017 school year.

...our students thrive, make a difference to our community, learn and grow each day.

This is a short but significant term and our school community has made a strong start to the year. We formally welcome Mrs Alison Birkett, Acting Assistant Principal for 2017 as we farewelled and congratulated Assistant Principal Mr Pat Mulcahy on his appointment as Principal, Carwatha College.

This is our College’s 40th birthday and I am very proud of the journey this College has taken. In 1977 the College commenced with 110 students and this year our student numbers for census was 1605. In 1976, parents and community members decided on our motto ‘Crescam’, Latin for ‘I shall grow’, ‘I shall increase’ or ‘I shall prosper’. The strong foundation has been continued today as our students thrive, make a difference to our community, learn and grow each day. I am grateful for the hard work, dedication and vision of past principals, school council members, staff and community partnerships who contributed to the culture of excellence in learning and are part of our rich history. Today, we have multi-generational connections to past students who globally follow diverse career paths. I am particularly pleased that many of our past parents are enrolling their children at our College.

At the first assembly on Tuesday 31st January we welcomed 16 new staff and 304 new Year 7 students. I reminded our staff, students and parents that Berwick College has a great culture, one of growth that embodies our values of respect, integrity, perseverance, personal achievement and resilience. In reminding staff and students of our many successes in 2016 we congratulated Mr Antony and Miss Mihalos, who on behalf of the Frost Learning Team, won the City of Casey Fundraiser Australia Day Award on Thursday 26th January 2017.

Congratulations to Phoebe Wallen, Year 10 who will be competing at the World Titles for BMX in July and Rebecca Henderson, Year 10 who qualified to represent Victoria at the Australian Open Water Championships in Adelaide over the term break and is representing Athletics Victoria in March in the 5km racewalk. See the article in the Cranbourne News.

This week Year 7 Wellbeing Day was held to build positive connections between staff and students and the primary school principals enjoyed receiving a photo of some of their past students. Students were very responsive to the Brainstorm presentation on cyber bullying. My thanks to Ms Dee Longwill, the Junior School Coordinator, Mr James Doble and staff from wellbeing and administration who helped prepare for and provide support to ensure the day ran smoothly.

Our Year 12 teachers of 2016 and a large number of our Year 12, 2016 students enjoyed catching up at the annual morning tea this week. Destination Data notes some of the following pathways: Bachelor of Commerce, Arts, Business, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Criminology, design, Education, Exercise and Sports Science, Health Sciences, Industrial Design, Information Technology, Media, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, photography, Psychology, Science, Screen Media and Social Work. Students have also been accepted in Certificate and Diploma courses, work placements and Apprenticeships.

Since we started just three short weeks ago, we have also had Year 12 Orientation Day, whole school photographs, the Kenny, Chisholm, Hollows, Flynn and Frost Learning Team award ceremonies for 2016 second semester application, achievement and attendance and Meet the Homegroup Teacher afternoon. Next week the annual Swimming Carnival will be held, Year 9 Dance Academy Performance, Casey Relay for Life on 3rd March and Performance and Development and the report writing cycle will commence.

We will continue to pursue the theme of growth this year, which began in 1977 and focus on ‘Improving the Learning and Growing’ and basing our decisions on ‘What is in the best interest of our students’.

Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal
SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES—CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CESF) helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities including: OES, Camps, Sport Excursions.

The annual CSEF amount per student is: •• $225 for secondary school students.

Please return completed 2017 CSEF Forms to the Administration office asap.

For more information: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund or please contact State Schools' Relief on 03 8769 8400 or go to www.ssr.net.au/school

VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES (VSL)

Victorian School of Languages (VSL) has opened its enrolment online (https://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/Enrol/Default.aspx) for the year 2017.

Our centres offer over 55 languages, with 35 of those at Dandenong, Hampton Park and Berwick College. We are a government organisation, which means low fees but professional teaching.

On Saturday mornings (9am – 12.20pm) we provide the opportunity to study languages, ranging from Arabic to Turkish, 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!

For further information find us online or contact our South East office in Dandenong 9791 9289.

Thank you for your interest - Your VSL-Team @ SouthEast!!!!!

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK

Students, staff and visitors often bring personal property to school. Berwick College and the Department of Education and Training do not accept responsibility for private property brought to school. This includes mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and also cars parked on school premises.

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose
- Tuesday 15th March - HPV 1st dose
- Tuesday 17th May - HPV 2nd dose and Boostrix
- Friday 7th October - HPV 3rd dose and Chickenpox

Parents/guardians of year 7 students are asked to return the vaccine consent card booklet by Friday 12th February. Please read the booklet, complete and return Part A to the Home group teacher regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The City of Casey immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2017 if you do not want your contact details given to the City of Casey immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au or immunehero.health.vic.gov.au
Semester 1 parent / student / teacher interviews will be held in the Berwick Leisure Centre on:

- Thursday March 30th – 4.30pm to 8.00pm (last appointment 7.50pm)
- Friday March 31st – 9.00am to 2.00pm (last appointment 1.50pm)
- (staff break 11.30am to 12.30pm)

We strongly encourage both the parent and the student to attend.

Mid Semester reports will be available on line through the parent portal on Friday March 17th. As all teachers will be involved in interviews, no formal classes will be held on Friday March 31st. An alternative program finishing at 2.30pm will be held for students who cannot be looked after. To access this program please email Berwick College at berwick.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone Mr David Busteed on 8768 1003.

Booking an interview
On-line bookings open Monday, March 20 at 9.00am and close at 3.00pm on Tuesday March 28th. The on-line booking system is part of the Parent Portal. All parents who attended the Meet the Home Group Teacher Afternoon will have received information regarding the Parent Portal. If you have not received the information please contact your child’s Home Group teacher.

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.berwickcollege.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 do not hesitate to call 8768 1000. The system has been set up so that parents can only see the information relating to their child.

Please be reminded that all students should be dropped off and picked up at the lower parking area, near the Leisure Centre.

Students should not be dropped off at the top staff car park. This area is unsafe as a drop off point due to staff parking and the fact that delivery vehicles need to access this area.

Please observe all advisory signs. Could parents also please be mindful of the rights of our neighbours when parking whilst waiting for their child to finish school.
The Berwick College Dance Academy is looking forward to another huge year in 2017 with many exciting events scheduled.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to those students from the BCDA who attended the Victorian State School Spectacular Ensemble and Principal Calls Backs.

YEAR 9 PERFORMANCE “IMPERFECT”

On the 23\(^{rd}\) and 24\(^{th}\) of February, the Year 9 Dance Academy are performing a new show, “Imperfect”. The show deals with the issues of body image and the influence of social media. It also portrays the difference between self-confidence and self-doubt through dance. The show is to make people aware of these issues going on in today's society. The shows starts at 6.30pm with a pre performance of different dances. Come join us at the Performing Arts Centre this February. Entry is $5 per person.

NEW YORK CITY TRIP 2018 PAYMENT

A reminder to those BCDA students interested in NYC 2018 that the first deposit of $400 is due on Friday 10\(^{th}\) March 2017 to the front office.

Ms Melissa Quenette
BCDA Director

Ms Erin Taylor
BCDA Director Assistant

MARVELOUS MATHS NEWS

WE HAVE HAD A GREAT START TO ALL OF OUR MATHS CLASSES THIS YEAR.

Our teachers and students have been hard at work getting ready for their Maths studies.

A reminder to parents and students that they need to purchase the required Maths resources and equipment as outlined in the booklist. Students are required to bring the appropriate equipment to all their timetabled Maths classes.

Teachers have been setting up the online version of the textbook with their classes over the last two weeks. The online version of the textbook has many interactive features to assist students with their learning including videos, activities and guided examples. Please ensure that all students bring their textbook to class so that this process can be finalised. This process needs to be completed in class with the classroom teacher so please don't activate this resource at home. All students should be signed up to the online version by Friday 3\(^{rd}\) of March 2017. If there are any problems with this process, please contact me.

We are continuing to run our Homework Help program on Wednesday afternoons in A13 from 3:30 to 4:15pm. Students are welcome to attend at any time to receive assistance with their Maths work. Our magnificent Maths teachers will be available to provide instruction for students as required.

If you have any questions or require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Melissa Nicholls—Mathematics and Numeracy Leader
HEALTH/PE

SWIM CARNIVAL
This year’s swim carnival will be held on Tuesday, 21st February at Doveton Pool. This is a compulsory day and all students are required to attend. As always there will be range of swimming and novelty events. There is no cost to students. Remember to come well prepared for hot weather – slip, slop, slap. A Canteen will be open at the venue. Students are not required to wear school uniform but must dress appropriately and as much as possible they should dress in their learning team colours. Students are not permitted to wear thongs to and from the pool; enclosed shoes are compulsory for safety reasons.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT
Sport at Berwick College has kicked off already, so if students are interested in representing the College, check the following sports and dates, then listen out for announcements through the bulletin or over the loud speakers for training and tryouts.

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FROST FALCONS
Welcome back to all of our returning students, staff and parents and a very special welcome to our Year 7s and new students. We are looking forward to Meet the Home Group Teacher Evening, Year 7 Wellbeing day and Year 7 Camp.

We are excited to welcome and congratulate Kaitlyn Flude and Christine Batch (L to R below) who have been selected as the Frost Learning Team Captains for 2017.

These students have shown amazing commitment, positivity and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to working with them to make another year of fantastic memories and opportunities for all of our Frost community. Frost Falcons are named after Dame Phyllis Frost in recognition of her charity work for others. We are striving for $10,000 for 10 charities this year in the hopes of making a difference in the lives of people who are struggling. We are looking forward to working as a whole Frost team and working towards achieve as many of our goals as possible.

Our Frost Team 2017
Frost 1 - Ms Irena Arney
Frost 2 - Ms Dee Longwill
Frost 3 - Mr D’Arcy Garton
Frost 4 - Mrs Carla Diaz
Frost 5 - Mr Rodney Park
Frost 6 - Mr Peter McCall
Frost 7 - Mrs Danica Vitalich

Mr Scott Antony - Frost Student Learning Leader
Miss Irena Arney—Assistant Student Learning Leader

Frost Theme Song
Blue is the colour,
Frost is our name,
We are all here together,
And winning is our aim.

So hear us cheer from the Berwick stands,
Cause Frost,
Frost Falcons is our name.
WELCOME BACK! to all our Dunlop students, and in particular, to our new students and those starting Year 7. Both Ms. Manning and I have had the opportunity to visit many classes throughout the past two weeks and have been extremely pleased to see the smooth transition that you have all made into secondary school life. We have some photos below of our wonderful Year 7’s in their first two weeks at Berwick College.

We’ve already had a busy start to the year, particularly in the past week with Year 7 Wellbeing day and the Meet the Home Group Teacher Afternoon. Just around the corner is our Academic awards ceremony and next week our learning team will rally together at the annual Swimming Sports Carnival which is set to be a fantastic day! Term 1 is always a busy one!

The Home Group Teacher evening was a fantastic opportunity for not only the parents of Year 7’s and new students to meet their Dunlop HG teachers, but also an opportunity for existing parents and teachers to reconnect and catch up after the holiday break. We look forward to meeting those of you who were unable to attend!

Year 7 Wellbeing Day was held on Wednesday and was a huge success. This was a great chance for the Year 7’s to have some fun in sun, and further build upon the positive relationships they have formed not only with each other, but with their teachers. The next edition of the College’s newsletter will have a more detailed write up.

DUNLOP CAPTAINS
This year we have appointed two new Student Captains, congratulations to Year 10 students Brooke Allen (left) and Christina Blackwell (right)

HOME GROUP TEACHERS
We also have 5 new additions to our Dunlop staffing for 2017. We’d like to welcome Mr Brendan Allen to DU1, Ms Caitlin Besim to DU4, Ms Chelsea Oliver to DU6, and Ms Carolyn Bates who will be looking after DU3 on a Friday.

Mr Watson is also new to the team as our Assistant Student Learning Leader and he will be taking DU7.

We look forward to all the positive contributions you’ll bring to the team this year.

Dunlop 1 - Mr Brendan Allen
Dunlop 2 - Ms Melissa Quenette
Dunlop 3 - Mrs Julie Clish / Ms Carolyn Bates
Dunlop 4 - Miss Caitlin Besim
Dunlop 5 - Ms Jessica Adams
Dunlop 6 - Ms Chelsea Oliver
Dunlop 7 – Mr Gavin Watson

We look forward to working with you all, to continue building upon the positive team culture instilled within the Dunlop Learning Team.

We hope to share a fantastic 2017 with everyone, filled with many wonderful experiences.

Go Dunlop!!

Ms. Manning and Mr. Watson
Dunlop Student Learning Leaders
Welcome back Chisholm Chargers; 2016 was a sensational year with many of our students accelerating and achieving outstanding results. We bid farewell to our Year 11 and we hope that they enjoy their final year at Berwick College. In particular, we wish our very own “Chisholm Charger” Ashleigh Mashado all the best in her role as College Captain.

We also farewelled Ms Lorraine Zupan, Mr Gavin Watson and Mr Stephen Barr as Chisholm Home Group teachers. Special thanks to Ms Kristen Robinson and Mrs Stephanie Merchant for their amazing work as Chisholm Leaders. Both staff will remain Chisholm Home Group teachers and thus, will be valuable assets to our Learning team.

2017 brings new challenges, experiences and for some, a fresh start. We welcome Ms Miranda Snowball (as Chisholm Assistant Student Learning Leader and CH5 Home Group teacher), Ms Devi Aruna and Ms Tegan Kartaschew to our marvellous Chisholm Chargers Community.

Our new Year 7s started their first day of secondary schooling and they have had a positive transition with their new classes. Tiz Waseem (CH3) won the inaugural Chisholm Charger of the Week and received a Canteen Voucher for his outstanding efforts. Our Year 7s are getting ready for a busy couple of months with Wellbeing Day, Meet the Home Group Evening, Swimming Carnival and Year 7 Camp!!! It is an exciting time to be a Year 7 Chisholm Charger and we hope their journey will be enjoyable and memorable!

Our Chisholm Charger Captains have also been busy. On the first General Assembly, Tegan Langeveld and Tia Lacey, were presented with the 2016 Student Learning Team Trophy. Again, Chisholm won the illustrious trophy; defeating a fast-finishing Frost.

This means Chisholm has won the Learning Team Trophy 6 glorious years in a row! We are looking for 7 in 2017!

For those new to Chisholm; below are our wonderful and established Chisholm Home Group teachers who will provide ongoing support and guidance to our Chisholm Chargers students:

- **Chisholm 1:** Ms Munira Mitric  
  [mitric.munira.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mitric.munira.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

- **Chisholm 2:** Mr Neville Perry  
  [perry.neville.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:perry.neville.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)

- **Chisholm 3:** Mrs Steph Merchant  
  [merchant.stephanie.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:merchant.stephanie.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)

- **Chisholm 4:** Mrs Judy Hilleard  
  [hilleard.judy.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hilleard.judy.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

- **Chisholm 5:** Ms Miranda Snowball  
  [snowball.miranda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:snowball.miranda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

- **Chisholm 6:** Ms Kristen Robinson  
  [robinson.kristen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:robinson.kristen.k@edumail.vic.gov.au)

- **Chisholm 7:** Ms Sasha Lanyon  
  [lanyon.sasha.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:lanyon.sasha.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Don’t forget to notify of your son or daughter’s absence from school, parents can:

- Email via the parent portal or Tiqbiz or call the Chisholm Attendance Officer, Ms Sharyn Collins on 8768 1051

Please remember to contact the College on 8768 1000 with any changes of address, email or telephone numbers promptly. We also appreciate being told of family events and celebrations such as sporting or arts achievements, that enable us to either formally acknowledge or celebrate with your child or situations that allow us to support your child’s specific needs.

I’m enjoying going to Berwick College and being part of the Chisholm Chargers. I enjoy all my classes because of the interesting topics we are investigating at the moment. The teachers have been welcoming and are making the classes fun and engaging which helps with learning. Even though I got lost at the beginning I’m now finding it very easy to get around the school. I’m slowly meeting new students who came from other schools and look forward to making some great new friends who are in the Chisholm Chargers with me. Overall, I can’t wait to take part in and experience the extra school activities with the Chisholm Chargers.

**Ryan Mills—Year 7 Chisholm Charger Student**

**Mr Chris Sacco**

Chisholm Student Learning Leader
A big welcome back to all students and staff and a special welcome to our new year 7 students and those who have arrived from other schools. We also welcome Ms Jocelyn Spinks and Mr Ashley Arnott as new Kenny Home Group teachers. They are both looking forward to working with the Kenny team.

We have made a great start to the year; lockers have been issued and filled. Year 7s have registered their iPads and will have full connection to the school’s wireless network and everyone is settling in well.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year for all Kenny students during 2017 with term 1 being a busy one with the swimming carnival, school photos, athletics sports, year 7 camp and Wellbeing Day to name a few.

Our new Kenny Captains will head up our student leadership team and we are encouraging students from all year levels to become involved in this group. Our first event as a Learning Team will be Kenny Day which is on the 16th of March. We look forward to seeing “RED” everywhere on that day with lots of activities for one and all.

Our captains are Lilli Anderson and Shivam Singh (pictured L to R).

Our Home group teachers are as follows:-
Kenny 1 Ms Campos 8768 1088
Kenny 2 Ms Marinopoulos 8768 1027
Kenny 3 Mr Couche 8768 1064
Kenny 4 Mr Arnott 8768 1090
Kenny 5 Ms Baron 8768 1029
Kenny 6 Ms Spinks 8768 1091
Kenny 7 Ms Harig 8768 1027
Mr Ian Venables 8768 1062
Kenny 8 Ms Henderson 8768 1055
Ms Jenny Hart 8768 1088

KENNY KIDS GAIN GREAT RESULTS

Kenny Learning Team held a Presentation Assembly on Tuesday 14 February to celebrate the great work done in 2nd Semester 2016.

We welcomed parents, Ms Bolch, students and teachers and introduced our 2017 Captains Lilli Anderson and Shivam Singh who read their pledge of office.

Ms Bolch and Borna Masoudi (School Captain) presented awards to students for the categories below:-

Students who received an Academic Excellence Award were: Lilli Anderson and Alyssa Elliott (pictured R to L)

Students who received both Academic Excellence and Outstanding Application Awards were: Olivia Brown, Jasmine Colbert, Ruby Coupar, Chantelle Dale, Anul Dheerasinghe, Benjamin Hallman, Samantha Lane, Shanali Selarge, Hannah Wren.

Students who received an Outstanding Application Award were: Aaliyah Chater, Calvin Do, Oneli Gunawardena, Amy Millen, Liams Nguyen, Sigappi Ramanathan, Simone Mandar Shetye, Olivia Sirca, Keely Vanderbyl, Kate Walker, Ranudi Wickrama-rachchi, Flynn Williams

For the first time in 2016 a Principal’s Award was introduced for students who have contributed above and beyond in helping others. This was presented to Austin Edsall for upholding the College values in support of his peers.

Students who received an Outstanding Attendance Award for 100% attendance in 2016 were: Jasmine Colbert, Corinne Levy and Mia Whillance

Congratulations to all the above students for a great effort.

Ms Jenny Hart and Ms Rimma Campos—Kenny Student Learning Leaders—8768 1088
Welcome back to all of our O’Donoghue families and an extra warm welcome to our new families. First term is well and truly under way with the first few weeks flying by.

We have welcomed our new Year 7 students and they have all made a fantastic start to the College. We enjoyed getting to know them better at our Well Being Day on Wednesday 15th of February. Students got to know each other in a different setting and worked very well as a team in the group activities.

In just a few weeks we will be venturing down to Phillip Island with them for their first secondary school camp which we know they are all looking forward to.

We welcome many new faces to our Learning Team this year including; our new Assistant Learning Leader Ms Rebecca Abernethy, Home Group teachers Ms Simone King (OD2), Ms Jo Keating (OD6) and we welcome back Ms Rachel Edwards (OD7). We have a group of different student leaders for our Learning Team this year. They will have an important role in the O’Donoghue team, meeting regularly with other student leaders and working towards having a greater say in our school community.

Our Student Captains for 2017 are Mitchell Ross and Caitlin Egan (pictured right). It is very exciting to have students new to the leadership group and we look forward to working with them this year.

Our Home Group teachers are looking forward to building positive relationships throughout the year with all parents and guardians involved in O’Donoghue. This year, students will be participating in inter-Homegroup challenges to encourage more participation from the Learning Team as a whole, and to continue to foster the positive relationships between students of all year levels.

Our home group staff and contact emails are as follows:

O’Donoghue 1 – Ms Amy Broekmann  broekmann.amy.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
O’Donoghue 2 – Ms Simone King  king.simone.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
O’Donoghue 3 – Mr Shannan Davey  davey.shannan.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
O’Donoghue 4 – Ms Rebecca Abernethy  abernethy.rebecca.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
O’Donoghue 5 – Ms Rebecca Hann  hann.rebecca.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
O’Donoghue 6 – Ms Jo Keating  keating.jo.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
O’Donoghue 7 – Ms Rachel Edwards  edwards.rachel.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

At the end of last year we said goodbye to Mrs. Hannah Dillon who has moved on to a different school. Mr Julien Walton and Ms Brodie Andersen have new positions in the school and are no longer Home Group teachers, although are still members of the O’Donoghue Team.

There are many activities for O’Donoghue students to get involved in during Term 1 this year including the whole school Swimming Carnival on the 21st February, Home Group competitions, and lunchtime games in the Leisure Centre.

Please feel free to contact either of us at any stage throughout the year, we are looking forward to a big year for the O’Donoghue Dragons!!!

Mr Jesse Nugent  O’Donoghue Student Learning Leader Nugent.jesse.d@edumail.vic.gov.au  8768 1089
Ms Rebecca Abernethy  O’Donoghue Assistant Student Learning Leader abernethy.rebecca.j@edumail.vic.gov.au  8768 1089
Welcome back to all Hollows students and parents, and of course a warm welcome to all students and parents that are new to the Hollows learning team. 2017 promises to be an exciting year, with new Student Learning Leaders, new Learning Team Captains and 49 new Year 7 students.

We look forward to the opportunity to build relationships with our Hollows students in 2017. Many students make a positive contribution to this learning team and we look forward to recognising these contributions throughout the year. If parents do have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to make contact with your child’s homegroup teacher or the Student Learning Leaders.

Our Hollows captains will set an excellent example for the rest of the learning team.

Congratulations to our Hollows Captains for 2017:

Tara Wood & Millie McDonald

Introducing the Homegroup Teachers
HO1 - Ms. Jannelle Graham graham.jannelle.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
HO1 - Ms. Erin Taylor taylor.erin.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
HO3 - Mr. Matthew Oke oke.matthew.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
HO4 - Mr. Peter Slate slate.peter.p@edumail.vic.gov.au
HO5 - Mr. Nick Costantino costantino.nicholas.n@edumail.vic.gov.au
HO6 - Mr. Gerard Leonard leonard.gerard.p@edumail.vic.gov.au
HO7 - Mr. Mark Mitchell mitchell.mark.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Welcome Classes 7.5 and 7.10.

Ms Deana Mihalos
Hollows Student Learning Leader mihalos.deana.d@edumail.vic.gov.au (03) 8768 1094

Mr Matthew Oke
Hollows Assistant Student Learning Leader oke.matthew.m@edumail.vic.gov.au (03) 8768 1094
FLYNN LEARNING TEAM

We would like to welcome everyone back to the 2017 school year and look forward to working with all Flynn students to enhance their learning and help develop a sense of connection to their school. A special welcome to our two Year 7 classes (7.2 and 7.7).

The Year 7 students seemed to have settled in well and have been able to find their way around the school with relative ease. We look forward to spending some more time with our Year 7 students at the upcoming camp from 22\textsuperscript{nd} to 24\textsuperscript{th} March. The Year 7 camp is a great opportunity for our students to get to know their peers and develop new friendships, as well as become involved in a range of fun and challenging activities. It is also a great chance for staff to also get to know your son’s and daughter’s a little better.

The families of new students to the school (including Year 7’s) should by now have attended the meet the home group teacher evening on Thursday 16\textsuperscript{th} February. Look out for more opportunities for families of Flynn students to become involved with the Flynn Learning Team later in the year.

It is a great pleasure to introduce our Flynn captains for 2017. They are Piper Van Hout and Tamsyn Pentland (pictured L-R).

We look forward to working with them throughout the year and already they have come up with some great suggestions to make the Flynn Learning Team even better.

The school swimming sports will be held on Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} February. It is compulsory for all students to attend. We encourage as many Flynn students to actively participate in events, both swimming and/or novelty events.

Even if you come last, Flynn still gets a point for participation. Previous Learning Teams that have won the event have not necessarily won many of their races, but had a consistent stream of students participating. Let’s make 2017 Flynn’s year at the swimming sports.

Mrs Michelle Lewis and Mr Adam Nettleingham
Welcome back to our Monash students! As your leaders, we look forward to working with you throughout the year to achieve some amazing results! A special welcome to our lovely group of Year 7 and new students, we hope you have settled in well and look forward to seeing you participate in the amazing opportunities the College has on offer. We have a range of fun activities planned for home groups and encourage all students to get involved. Bring on a successful 2017!!

Ms Erin McCarthy
Monash Learning Team Leader

Ms Stella Dikeos
Monash Assistant Learning Team Leader

Home Group Teachers for 2017

Monash 1- Ms Stella Dikeos
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Monash 2- Ms Dewi Soekotjo
soekotjo.dewi.n@edumail.vic.gov.au
Monash 3- Ms Lauren Varadi
varadi.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Monash 4- Mrs Margaret Williamson
williamson.margaret.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Monash 5- Mr Chris Pentland
pentland.chris.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
Monash 6- Mr Ben Plant
plant.ben.b@edumail.vic.gov.au
Monash 7- Ms Melissa Stokes
stokes.melissa.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Monash Leaders for 2017

We have a group of different student leaders for our Learning Team this year. They will have an important role in the Monash team, meeting regularly with other student leaders and working towards having a greater say in our school community.

Our Student Captains for 2017 are Cole Jackson and Rachel MacDonald and our Vice Captains are Ally Justice and Brianne Cooper (L to R below).

It is very exciting to have students new to the leadership group and we look forward to working with them this year.
SENIOR SCHOOL

Term one has been off to a busy start for Year 12; day one saw all 210 of them finally sitting on the steps after 5 long years of waiting!

The students were straight into classes and immediately responding to the new demands of their final year of schooling; including greater responsibility, a more intense workload and of course the reality that this will be a very short year before they set off to start their futures.

Despite only being three weeks into term the Year 12s have already experienced a number of highlights, with the arrival of their personalised jackets and their attendance at Orientation Day, held at Federation Uni on February 3rd.

This day in particular provided students with an insight to possible future pathways at TAFE and university, advice about useful study strategies from Elevate Education and lastly, the power of goal setting from guest speaker and Paralympian, Hannah Mac Dougall.

Senior School is preparing for a fast paced year and we look forward to seeing the Year 12s of 2017 undertake a memorable year as they finish up their secondary school education.

Ms Lexie McGill and Ms Brodie Andersen
Year 12 Coordinators

CAREERS / VET

YEAR 10 – GAME OF LIFE – 2017

All Year 10 students (15 years of age or above) will undertake one week of work experience during 2017 as a compulsory part of their Game of Life subject. Those students enrolled in Game of Life during Semester 1, will be required to complete work experience during the last 5 days of term 1, 2017 (Monday 27 March to Friday 31 March, 2017). These students will have received a letter and work experience paperwork by now from their Game of Life teacher detailing the requirements. Those students who will undertake Game of Life during Semester 2 will receive information at a later date in the year.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore a workplace/career that they may be interested in pursuing in the future. If you require any further information, please contact your child’s Game of Life teacher or Ms. Narelle Mills in the Careers office on 8768 1060.

YEAR 10 AND 11 – CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

All year 10 students will have an opportunity to attend the Careers office during terms 1 and 2 to participate in a compulsory MIPS (Managed Individual Pathways) session. During these sessions students will complete an online Career exploratory quiz, investigate careers they may be interested in and research pathways/courses relevant to these careers. The research will include pre-requisites required to enter the identified pathways/courses, i.e., in school programs (VCE or VCAL), subjects and/or VET courses.

Year 11 students will have an opportunity to participate in a Careers session during terms 2 and 3.
YEAR 12 STUDENTS – 2017 – ORIENTATION DAY/CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

All year 12 students participated in a Year 12 Orientation day at Monash University/Federation University, Berwick campus on Friday 3rd February, 2017. This was an opportunity for the students to hear from guest speakers from Monash University and Chisholm Institute, Elevate Education as well as motivational speakers. In addition, expectations were explained to all students in regard to attendance, assessment (VCE, VCAL and VET), uniform and behaviour.

This day provided the students with an opportunity to ask questions and start thinking about goals and pathways for 2018.

All year 12 students have been asked to contact the Careers office to make a Careers appointment during term 1. During these appointments students will be asked to identify their program at school during 2017, including subjects and/or VET courses, as well as career/s they are interested in pursuing in the future. Students will then have an opportunity to research the career/s, pathways and pre-requisite requirements.

The term 1 appointments will be followed by an additional appointment during term 3, where students will have an opportunity to make an application to eight potential courses they would consider undertaking in 2018 via the VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) website or directly via the Institute website. For those students who are interested in pursuing an Apprenticeship/Traineeship, these students will upload their Resume/Cover Letter to a range of Apprenticeship group websites.

WITHDRAWAL - VET COURSES – BY FRIDAY 3RD MARCH, 2017

If your son/daughter would like to change their VET course (blocked – Wednesday or Friday or Elective – Monday/Tuesday/Thursday), they must do so before Friday 3rd March, 2017. Thereafter, withdrawal from any VET course held at Berwick College or at another institute/school will still incur all relevant materials and tuition fee/s.

To withdraw from a VET course, please ask your child to visit the Careers office to collect a VET withdrawal form which must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the Careers office before Friday 3rd March.

Note – it is important to liaise with the Careers office to be sure there is availability in another VET course of your child’s choosing prior to withdrawing from a course.

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Careers office on 87681073.

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL COURSE

If your son/daughter is 16 years of age or over and would like to complete an RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) course during Semester 1, 2017, please contact the Careers office for an application form.

Hallam Senior College are running four one-day course sessions on; Saturdays (February 18, March 18, May 13 or June 17, 2017) from 9.00 a.m. to 1.20 p.m. The cost of the course is $60 which includes; materials, certificate and morning tea.

Note – payment and enrolment forms are required one week prior to the course date. Students will be required to have a USI (unique student identifier) number to apply.

Please contact the Careers office on 87681073 for an application form and how to apply.
On the 3rd of February our Year 12 VCAL class attended the Year 12 Orientation Day at Federation University in Berwick. In the morning, presenters from Chisollm TAFE and Federation University presented information about post school pathways and future options that our students might want to consider.

This was followed by a presentation from Sacha Kaluri, who is Australia’s first official ambassador for the Worldwide United Nation Women’s Entrepreneurship Day. Sacha spoke to the students about the art of resilience, teamwork and leadership, stress management and employability skills. After lunch Australian Paralympian Hannah McDougall spoke about realistic and achievable goal setting, particularly in the face of adversity or conflict; her own story of achievement demonstrated just how effective this practice can be. The students found the day to be very beneficial overall and the feedback received from students was very positive.

Looking ahead to next month, VCAL students will be participating in the Casey Relay for Life at Akoonah Park on the 3rd of March; this foundation supports the funding of cancer research. The Year 12 class will be walking laps for 24 hours as a team and we invite all families to come and join us in this event. Alternatively if you would like to donate money to our team this can be done via the following link: https://www.relayforlife.org.au/.

By clicking ‘Donate’ and searching for ‘Berwick College 2017’, funds can be donated to our cause. Details for the event are as follows: the relay will be commencing on Friday the 3rd of March at 5.45pm and finishing on Saturday the 4th of March at 6.00pm (Akoonah Park Berwick). We would love to see you there.

Furthermore, our Year 9 Applied Learning class have commenced their studies at Chisollm TAFE in Dandenong. During term one these students will be participating in an introductory carpentry course. The students have demonstrated some excellent hands on skills in the practical lessons to date, and will all be bringing home a quality table at the end of the 9 week course.

All VCAL students from years 10 to 12 are expected to have their Work Placements organised by Thursday, 16th of February. Students who do not have a work placement organised by this date are required to attend school on Friday mornings to work with the Careers staff in order to try and attain a work placement. Prior to commencing a work placement all students need to have their Safe @ Work certificates and Structured Workplace Learning Forms signed and handed in to the careers office. These can take up to one week to process, and students need to wait for confirmation of the processing prior to commencing work.

Finally with VET classes up and running we remind students and parents that it is essential that student’s turn up to their VET classes in the correct uniform. In some VET classes if students do not have the correct uniform (e.g. steel capped shoes) they might be sent home due to Occupational Health and Safety obligations.

We have started 2017 with success and positivity, and look forward to seeing what the rest of the year may bring!

Mr Julian Walton—Applied Learning Leader
FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

UNIFORM
Please ensure all uniform is labelled to ensure it is returned to the rightful owner.

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

These costs may be recoverable where it is assessed that it is likely, in all the circumstances, that the injury was caused by the negligence (carelessness) acts or omissions of its staff/volunteers.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

UNIFORM QUESTIONS

The new uniform that was introduced in 2014 has made a very positive impact. Parents please note that the girl’s dresses, both summer and winter, are knee length and are not to be taken up.

There a few students are wearing nose rings and these are not permitted. Students are permitted to wear one piece of facial jewellery and this is to be a simple stud; not a ring or part ring. Bars are also not permitted. Students out of school uniform will be issued with an after-school detention.

Frequently asked questions
1: Do I have to buy both the summer and winter uniform items?
No, students can choose to wear the summer uniform or the winter uniform all year.

2: Can my child wear the rugby top at any time?
No, the rugby top is used only for physical education and interschool sporting events.

3: Can my child wear the jacket at any time?
Yes, the jacket can be worn any time of the day.

4: Can my daughter wear shorts as part of the new uniform?
No, there are no girl’s shorts as part of the new school uniform

5: My child is in year 10 and is growing fast, what uniform do I buy?
You might be able to purchase old uniform items from the Sustainable School Shop, see our website for details; otherwise you will need to purchase the new uniform.

6: My child is in year 11, do I have to buy the new uniform?
No, your child can wear the ‘old’ uniform in 2017

7: Can my son wear leather dress shoes?
No, boys can only wear traditional black hard leather ‘oxford’ style (round toe) shoes with black laces.

8: Can my child wear the sports uniform to school when they have physical education at the start of the day?
No, students must wear the academic uniform to school however if your child has physical education at the end of the day they are permitted to wear the spots uniform home.

9: Can my child wear the track pants at any time?
No, track pants are only used for physical education and Interschool sporting events.

10: Is it compulsory to buy a blazer?
Although blazers are recommended they are not compulsory.

11: Can my child wear non-Berwick College trousers or shorts?
No, students must wear the College trousers or shorts.

12: Can my daughter wear tights with the summer dress?
No, girls can only wear tights with the winter skirt.

13: Can my child wear a nose ring?
Nose rings are not permitted to be worn by students. Students are permitted to wear one piece of facial jewellery and this is to be a simple stud; not a ring or part ring. Bars are also not permitted.
The uniform should be worn correctly, neatly and in clean condition. All students from years 7 to 12 are expected to wear full school uniform from the time they leave home to the time they return home. Due to safety issues, staff must be able to recognise Berwick College students.

To reinforce College policy, parents who wish to enrol children at Berwick College are required to give an undertaking to abide by the school uniform policy (Student Enrolment Information - Permission Return Slip).

All students out of uniform should have a note from their parent/guardian and report to their home group teacher before school commences. Referral is made to the Student Learning Leader for major uniform breaches.

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**NB:** In technology classes strong leather shoes are required to protect feet from falling objects.

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**COLLEGE UNIFORM CONTINUED**

| RUGBY TOP – Sports | Navy / White / Royal Rugby Top with Berwick College logo It must not be worn with the standard uniform and is not seen as an alternative to the school jumper) | Navy / White / Royal Rugby Top with Berwick College logo It must not be worn with the standard uniform and is not seen as an alternative to the school jumper) |
| FOOTWEAR | Appropriate sports footwear e.g. runners (not skate shoes) | Appropriate sports footwear e.g. runners (not skate shoes) |

**Accessories/Appearance**

| SPORT HAT | Hat or cap for sun protection | Hat or cap for sun protection |
| SCHOOL BAG | Navy school bag with Berwick College logo No other bag allowed – Compulsory | Navy school bag with Berwick College logo No other bag allowed – Compulsory |

**PERMISSIBLE JEWELLERY**

All allowable jewellery is worn at the owner’s risk. Students are permitted to wear: one watch, one plain bracelet (removable), one plain finger ring (removable), one neck chain (worn under clothing), two plain ear studs or sleepers per ear. One piece of discreet facial jewellery, as defined by the Principal class of the college, such as eyebrow studs, chin studs, nose studs. Nose rings, septum bars and ear spacers are not permitted. Note: Jewellery that does not comply with the above or is considered a health and safety risk will be required to be removed, e.g. large rings, jewellery with spikes.

**PERMISSIBLE MAKE UP/HAIR COLOUR.**

Natural coloured cosmetics only. Excessive make-up is not permitted. Only natural hair colour tones are acceptable.

**TATTOOS**

All tattoos must be covered by an item of clothing and must not be visible.

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**LITERACY FOR LEARNING**

Literacy is the foundation of all learning and all teachers are responsible for the development of students’ literacy. In 2017, Berwick College’s professional development focus is literacy. Teachers will participate in the Learning for Literacy Program over the next 2 years with 60 teachers being trained in 2017 and a further 60 in 2018. The College has 3 qualified trainers; Ms Adams, Mr Firth and Ms Marinopoulos. These teachers will lead the sessions with staff. The Program is comprised of six 3 hour units with written work between each unit. Scheduled sessions will take place across three sessions in term 1 and three sessions in term 2 for 33 teachers. Classes will be covered for teachers participating in the program as we endeavour to minimise disruption to the delivery of learning for our students. If you would like more information about Literacy for Learning please contact David Busteed on 8768 1003.

**Literacy for learning: Australian edition** is a professional development program for Australian teachers in all subject areas that addresses the fundamental relationship between literacy and successful learning.

The program, which links explicitly to the Australian Curriculum:
- develops teachers’ understanding of literacy as a capacity for making meaning in schooling contexts
- develops teachers’ understanding of the need for explicit teaching practices that will build up students’ repertoires of language and visual resources so that they can be successful learners across all learning areas
- provides a positive context for teachers to reflect critically and openly on their teaching
- develops shared understandings about literacy in order to improve the effectiveness of whole-school collaboration in ensuring the literacy development of all students.

For further information on the program please visit: [http://www.unlockingtheworld.com/programs/literacy-for-learning-australian-edition](http://www.unlockingtheworld.com/programs/literacy-for-learning-australian-edition)
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 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 or via tiqbiz

**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 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 or via tiqbiz

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)

From 1 March 2014, new laws were put in place such 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.**
PLAYERS WANTED
Girls 6 – 16 &
Boys 6 -16

Casey Panthers Soccer Club, located at Prospect Hill Reserve, Kurrajong Road, Narre Warren is a community based club that provides an opportunity for all children to play the “World Game”. Come along and register your children with this young and progressive Club.
Contact the Club at:
caseypanthers@hotmail.com
Or call: 0473 594 154

Are you a Single Parent? Are you the Principal Carer? Have you suffered from anxiety or depression? Need help looking for and gaining Study or Work?
Phone 0410024384 or Email help@jobco.com.au
JobCo will offer advice and assistance so you can achieve education and employment goals you set for your future

St Andrew’s Uniting Church
105 HIGH STREET, BERWICK
Enter off the Service Road OR Wilson Street at the back of the church.

Pre-Easter Family MARKET
Saturday 4th March, 2017
8.30 am – 2.30 pm
A great variety of stalls
Sausage sizzle, books, Café, cakes, sweets, craft, Easter gifts, fruit & vegetables, garden plants, jewellery, pre-loved clothes, pickles, jams, produce, soaps & candles, toys & games, trash & treasure, videos & music.
Bring a friend and come along
Lots of bargains

SAVE THE DATE
2017 BERWICK SHOW
25th & 26th February
Horse Event - Monday 13th March
www.berwickshow.org.au 9707 0399
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAYERS WANTED

SBJFC
South Belgrave Junior Football Club

BOYS: Under 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,17
GIRLS: Under 10,12,15,16,18

Info/Rego/Fun Night
Sunday 19th Feb 4-6pm
Narre East Reserve

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