### NEWSLETTER ISSUE 12

**Date:** Thursday, 17th December 2015

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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.

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Last night’s Presentation Night was a fabulous finish to 2015, showcasing our students’ achievements, gifts and talents. We are very grateful for the support of The Ace Foundation, Linda Hoogenboom, Bruce Harper, Elly Brown, The Rotary Club of Berwick, Educational World Travel, Brad Battin MP, Jason Wood MP, City of Casey, Duffy & Simon Lawyers, Lamont Books, energetics, Noone Imagewear, School Sport Victoria and Amart Sports for their provision of student awards and on-going support of Berwick College. Our thanks to Ms Dee Longwill for her hard work and coordination of this event.

This past term the Monash Learning Team raised $300 for the Starlight Foundation on Monash Day held on the 19th November and the Chisholm Learning Team won their fifth consecutive Learning Team Cup. On Thursday 3rd, December we formally farewelled our Class of 2015 at the annual Valedictory Dinner. It was a special night with a number of students receiving Subject and Senior School Awards. Our thanks to Ms Lexie McGill and Mr Chris Sacco for their organisation of this evening. Our LOTE Domain hosted an Indonesian Night Market on Friday 4th December with many different foods and activities enjoyed by students and staff.

The 2015 summary Year 12 results became available on Sunday, 13th December and were released to students on Monday 14th December. This week, our Careers staff were available to discuss with students their results and future pathways. Congratulations to our Dux Theresa Yeoh who received a score of 98.75. Ten students achieved ATARs above 90, 23 students achieved ATARs above 80 and 25 students achieved a study score of 40 or above.

The boys’ teams in the Basketball Academy competed in the Nationals at Canberra with four of the six teams coming home with medals. Our thanks to the parents and coaches for their support of our basketball teams. Ms Mel Quenette, Director of The Dance Academy received the terrific news that our College had been shortlisted to participate in the Mass Dance section of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular in 2016. This is the 20th Anniversary of this event and will provide a unique, positive experience for our Dance students. The Volleyball teams attended the Nationals last week with all the teams performing well. Our Year 8 Girls were thrilled to bring home a Gold medal and our thanks to Ms Kristen Robinson, the coaches and ex students who trained the teams.

Our German Cultural Language Tour students enjoyed their time in Munich, Vienna, Leipzig, Berlin and Lauterbach and our G’Day USA student tour, supervised by Mr Jesse Nugent will leave early in the New Year for 20 days.

We hosted 270 Grade 6 students at our Orientation Day as they prepare for Year 7 in 2016. Our priority is to ensure that our future students have a positive first experience of the College and have the opportunity to meet some of their teachers and leaders. Our thanks to Mrs Lauren Manolitsa and Mr James Doble for their organisation of this highly successful day.

Our staff have finalised student assessments, written reports, completed end of year procedures and planned for 2016 in the midst of these celebrations and activities. It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Mr David Busteed to the position of Assistant Principal 2016—2018 and Mrs Alison Birkett to the Acting Assistant Principal position for Term 1, 2016. Our School Council, headed by Mr Roger Hall, has met each month and also participated in sub-committees, and I thank them for their commitment, contribution and support of the College.

I would also like to thank the Assistant Principals Mr Pat Mulcahy, Mr Mark Woodbridge, Mr Spencer Davenport and Mr James Doble for their hard work, skill, support and their dedication to the goals, targets and direction of the College and recognise the hard work of our teachers and support staff, for their ongoing dedication to our students and focus on the learning initiatives.

Thank you all, once again for your support throughout the year, have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal
Ms Kerri Bolch congratulated the students who demonstrated a high level of commitment to the College and their studies this year at the College Presentation Night held on Wednesday, 16th December. Our students are to be commended for their diligent approach to their studies. The 2016 College Captains, Samantha Neil, Rebecca Potalej, Harrison Cock and Joshua Angwenyi were presented with their complimentary blazers from Noone Imagewear by the 2015 outgoing College Captains.

The Dux Award was awarded to the top student in each year level with the highest aggregate scores for 2015 as listed below:

- **Year 7**: Kaaviyansiri Pathmasiri
- **Year 8**: Emma Topolovic
- **Year 9**: Christine Batch
- **Year 10**: Samantha Lane
- **Year 11**: Tiffany Brady

The students with top ATAR Scores are:
- Madyson Carter
- Chandler Stemson
- Willem Fitzpatrick
- Lucas Ogden
- Kamila Tepic
- Bailey Sexton
- Amy Lane
- Mikayla Imrie
- Jonah Ferguson-Scanlon

Photos of this evening are available to view online at:

Gallery Link: 16/12/15
Username: 16.12.15
Password: BC1612

The price of a 5” x 7” colour photograph in a presentation folder will be $10, each and be available to purchase at the discounted price until Sunday 20 December 2015. All photographs will be available to view online from tomorrow.

Your order will be sent to your personal address prior to Christmas. There will be a postage and handling fee.

All photographs can include the Berwick College digitally enhanced border which will incorporate the school’s logo and title of the function or a plain black border. Please make your selection when purchasing.
GERMAN LANGUAGE STUDY TOUR

Austria and Germany provided us with a language and cultural experience that was as enriching as it was diverse. Many of us have a European heritage and the firsthand exposure to museums, concerts and of course, the Christmas markets, including Medieval markets, provided a step into living history. Snow falling was just like Christmas card scenery and was reminiscent of stepping through the back of the cupboard in ‘The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe.’ As we walked up to the castle which inspired Disneyland’s castle, it was so picturesque, we were in awe of the beauty of it all. That is until, reality kicked in when a branch dumped a load of snow down your neck.

We spent some time at our sister school in Lauterbach, a truly beautiful little town in Germany, where our students, Mrs Cairns and I spent time in our host families. The most nervously anticipated part of the trip for some, it turned out to be a highlight…..the general comment was ‘awesome’.

European history came to life as Mrs Cairns told us all about WW2, the Cold War, the Berlin Wall, Johann Sebastian Strauss and how coffee came to be in Vienna. It did not matter what she was asked, she was able to recite dates, tell the stories of the past entrancing our students and myself with her knowledge. An inspirational teacher who is retiring at the end of this year.

I am very confident that our students are able to negotiate their way around the exceptional public transport system in Europe, the U-bahn, S-bahn, and that they will remember that traffic comes from the opposite side to the one we are used to checking.

I am very proud of Lachie and Gabby, Jacques and Marion, Tyson, Callum and Will, who were outstanding ambassadors for our college and our country. I enjoyed my time with them and Mrs Cairns immensely, watching them learn and grow in their confidence and maturity. Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal

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 2016.

Our centres offer over 55 languages, with 35 of those at Dandenong, Hampton Park and Berwick. 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!!!!!

STATE SCHOOLS’ RELIEF UNIFORM PACK

State Schools’ Relief are dedicated to providing Victorian families with the resources they need to ensure that no student is left disadvantaged.

As part of the Victorian government’s Affordable Uniform Program, State Schools’ Relief will offer a free uniform pack to all 2016 government school Year 7’s who are current Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund recipients. Eligible parents who have already purchased their child's uniform for the start of next year are entitled to a winter uniform package available in 2016.

Find out what the uniform pack includes and if you could be eligible, please see: State Schools’ Relief - Fact sheet for parents PDF | DOC

Parents who missed this year's CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply for CSEF in 2016. See: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

For more information please contact State Schools’ Relief on 03 8769 8400, at contact@ssr.net.au or see: State Schools' Relief.
Wow, what a huge week we had at the Australian Schools Championships in Canberra. After the long drive the students all settled into their accommodation and got set for the week long tournament. All our teams did extremely well, with 4 of the 6 teams coming home with medals.

Our Year 7/8 Girls (2) team was moved up a division to division 1 and applied themselves extremely well, finishing the tournament with a 3 win, 3 loss record, which was outstanding considering they had been elevated against the best teams at Nationals. They finished the tournament ranked 7th which was an awesome effort.

Our Year 7/8 Boys (1) team arrived in Canberra with high expectations and were looking to better their silver medal from 2014, however, they came across some stiff competition and after some up and down results finished the tournament in 4th place after going down to Whitefriars in their Bronze medal play off.

From here on the medals were flowing for the Berwick College teams with the Year 9/10 Boys, Year 9/10 Girls and Year 7/8 Boys (2) teams all winning their Bronze medal play off games. All three teams had excellent results throughout the tournament, however, both the Boys teams suffered surprise semi final losses to delegate them down to the Bronze medal games.

The girls team fought hard all week and had a nice lead against Maribyrnong midway through the third quarter of their semi final, before 4 straight 3 pointers from one Maribyrnong player turned the game in their favour. Amazingly it was this player’s only 3 point makes for the tournament, I guess when you’re hot you’re hot. The girls played a great Bronze medal game and had a comfortable win.

The highlight of the tournament was saved for our Year 7/8 Girls (1) team who after several tight and tough contests progressed all the way to National title match. The girls began strongly against St Luke’s from Sydney and had a good early lead before the game began to tighten up. With 3.8 seconds remaining and scores tied, St. Luke’s put up a tough shot which rattled in and gave them the lead. A last gasp 3 point attempt from our girls unfortunately just missed and the match went St Luke’s way. The girls had to settle for a silver medal in a game which could have gone either way. It was a fantastic performance from our team and one we are all proud of.

We would like to send a big thank you for all the amazing support we received from our parents who travelled up to Canberra. They did lots of the heavy lifting around camp and made the trip much more enjoyable for us. Finally, we want to congratulate all our students who attended on the outstanding results we achieved. Our school brought home more hardware than any other school in Australia.

For more action shots check out our Facebook page – Berwick College Nationals 2015
Volleyball Nationals—Results in Gold!

The Australian Volleyball Schools Cup, which ran from December 6th-11th is the largest school sporting event in the Southern Hemisphere. 2015 saw the tournament host 491 teams from 133 schools from across Australia and New Zealand. Berwick College had four teams participating this year. The Under 14 girls finished 8th in their division, the Open Girls finished 13th out of 23 teams in their division and the Open Boys finished 11th out of 23 in their division.

The best result of the week was from the Under 15 girls (Year 8 girls) who took home the gold medal!

The group of Year 8 girls had finished the tournament last year in 11th place and went in to this year’s nationals with the goal of finishing in the top half of the division of 16 teams. With 3 solid wins against Greenwood (WA), Paralowie (SA) and St Clares (ACT) in the pool games, the girls had put themselves in the position to finish in the top 8. The team then moved into one of the two championship pools and faced Upwey in the first championship pool game.

This was always going to be a tough game for the girls because we had been beaten by Upwey in the Victorian Volleyball Schools Cup earlier in the year. The girls were nervous going in and went down in the first set. They regrouped though and were able to secure the win. We then played against Ormiston (QLD) who to this point had been undefeated. We well and truly outplayed them and won the game 4-0. Another win over Northcote saw the girls secure a top 4 position and the opportunity to play off for a medal on Friday. This alone was an outstanding effort from the girls. The semi final game was against Shailer Park (QLD). This was the closest game for the tournament. It was so close and came right down to the final siren, when it was one set all, the Berwick girls took the win by only 2 points! This was the most emotional and excited finish to a game for the tournament. This secured them a place in the gold medal match. The other semi final was Upwey against Haileybury, Upwey were victorious which meant the Grand Final was Berwick V Upwey. The Berwick team went in very determined and started the game strong, they won the game 3-0. The Year 8 girls finished nationals undefeated, dropping only 3 sets for the tournament.

The girls should be incredibly proud of themselves; they have trained hard all year but especially hard since the disappointment of being beaten by Upwey at the Victorian Volleyball Schools Cup. The girls are an amazingly supportive group and are very deserving of the outstanding results that they achieved throughout the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup!

Ms Kirsten Robinson
On Friday, 27th October Mr West and Miss Manning’s 2016 World Challenge team held their first big fundraising event ‘Bogan Bingo’ in the Senior School. The night comprised of a range of activities including: rounds of bingo, trivia, kahootz, novelty events and over 10 raffles.

The night was very successful with the team raising $1,700 for their community project in Vietnam/Cambodia for 2016. With these funds, we are positive we can make a difference to a community less fortunate than ours!

A big thank-you to all the Berwick students, parents, teachers and other members of the school community who got into the Aussie spirit and came along. Thank you to the many local businesses and organisations in the Casey area (there are too many to mention!) that generously offered gifts, vouchers, and food for the night. Your support is much appreciated.

World Challenge Team

Christmas is a time for giving and at Berwick College we fully embrace this notion. The Student Leadership Team recognise that while many people are fortunate enough to experience a happy and joyful Christmas, there are many others who do not readily have this opportunity. Throughout the course of Headstart, Student Leadership have been operating a ‘Wishing Tree’ out of C1s. This has provided the staff and student body with the opportunity to donate a gift to the less fortunate. The fundraiser was very successful with a large amount of gifts being donated in a matter of weeks. On behalf of the Student Leadership Team we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays.

Miss Andersen and Mr Hammond.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

FUNDRAISING FOR 2016 TRIP

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World Challenge Team
**DANCE ACADEMY UPDATE**

**Merry Christmas from the BERWICK COLLEGE DANCE ACADEMY!**

Congratulations to Jaylee Vella, Christy Smith, Jessica Walker, Dahlia Jarosz-Setiawan and Tori Taia for performing a traditional Indonesian dance at the Indonesian Night on Friday, 4th December. The students learned a five minute routine in only a couple of rehearsals. A great effort!

Next year Berwick College has been chosen to take part in the Victorian State School Spectacular at Hisense Arena. Auditions will be held for BCDA students in Year 8 and 9 on Monday February 1st to fill the 16 spots available. For more information on the VSSS go to [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/pages/spectacular.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/pages/spectacular.aspx)

The BCDA has been featured on an American dance blog which has been very exciting. If you would like to read the article please follow the link below!


There are positions still available in our 2016 Year 7 and Year 9 classes. If you are interested please contact Melissa Quenette at Quenette.melissa.c@edumail.vic.gov.au or 8768 1054.

This year has been so much fun!

**Bring on 2016 and Merry Christmas!**

Quenette.melissa.c@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Miss Melissa Quenette

*Director of Dance*

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**CONGRATULATIONS—DYLAN CLUTTERBUCK**

On Monday, 23rd November the 64th Science Talent Search Exhibition and Presentation were held at La Trobe University. Congratulations to Year 8 student Dylan Clutterbuck who won an award in the Junior Science Photography section for his project ‘Light through a glass sphere’

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**CONGRATULATIONS—KAINE FOSTER**

Congratulations to Year 8 Flynn student Kaine Foster who won the Under 15, 400 metres in a time of 51.93 seconds at the Victorian All-Schools Track and Field Championships.

Kaine ran a very well judged race taking the lead in the third one hundred meters and holding on strongly down the straight.

Kaine represented Victoria at the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships in the Under 16 age group. He placed 7th overall in the 400 meters and was part of the bronze medal winning Victorian Relay Team.
CONGRATULATIONS - NICK MCCREARY

Nick competed in the Australian Figure Skating Championships this past week in Sydney.

He and his dance partner, Merryn, won their division of Primary Dance. They were chosen to represent Australia next month in Poland.

In doing so, they will become the youngest ice dance couple to represent Australia ever!

Mr Chris Sacco—Year 12 Coordinator

CHISHOLM WINS FOR THE 5TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

With only one more learning team activity for the year, Chisholm has secured its 5th consecutive learning team cup. Congratulations to all students who have participated in various activities throughout the year. It is the willingness of students to get involved that has been the strength of Chisholm for several years now and has set the benchmark for 2016.

Good luck to our Chisholm Year 11s as they prepare for a hectic and often stressful Year 12. In particular, we’d like to thank Alice Walters and Meg Hamilton, who have represented Chisholm enthusiastically since Year 7 and have been our Learning Team captains for the past two years. They have been outstanding role models.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce and congratulate our recently appointed captains for 2016 - Ashleigh Mashado and Reiss Nicholson. Ashleigh and Reiss have already displayed their outstanding leadership qualities through their vice-captain roles, working closely with Alice and Meg this year.

We also welcome four vice captains to our leadership team for 2016 – Tarli Harvey, Dylan Bennett, Shenali Subasinghe and Bec Henderson.

We look forward to another successful year led by a strong student leadership team.

Wishing all our Chisholm students and families a safe break these holidays. See you in 2016.

Jodie Mortimer and Kristen Robinson
Student Learning Team Leader and Assistant
**Kenny Celebratory Assembly**

On the 3rd of December we had a Kenny Learning Team assembly to celebrate the great year we have had. Kenny students have achieved in so many areas and have participated in events and activities throughout the year with gusto. We were lucky enough to have two excellent performances from our talented students. Samantha Lane played ‘Colours of the Wind’ on the flute superbly and Suezan Maleo sang Adelle’s ‘Make You Feel My Love’ magnificently.

A special thanks to students for their commitment to the Kenny Team and of course teachers, support staff and parents for their continued support.

The Kenny Assistant, Robyn Kamoda will not be with us next year as she is retiring. We will miss her greatly but wish her all the very best. Rimma Campos will be the new Kenny Student Learning Assistant and we welcome her to the team.

On behalf of the Kenny team I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday ready to return enthusiastically for a great 2016.

**Ms Jenny Hart**  
Kenny Student Learning Leader
TRADE APPRENTICES—HALF-PRICE CAR REGISTRATION

From 1 January, eligible apprentices paying standard registration on a light vehicle in metropolitan Melbourne will save $385.70 per year and apprentices in regional Victoria including Bendigo and Ballarat will save $330.20. This saves them nearly a weeks pay on an expense that they require for day-to-day work and learning. Apprentices can apply for the discount as soon as they receive their renewal notice for their registration.

VCE HEAD START—SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

You may like to consider sending your student to a VCE Head Start Summer School Program. TSSM is offering an intensive 2 day Summer School taught by experienced VCE assessors who address the key learning and assessment criteria for each subject. This Summer School is available for the following VCE subjects:

Year 11
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology
- Mathematical Methods
- English

Year 12
- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry

Year 12 continued
- English
- Food and Technology
- Further Maths
- Health and Human Development
- History: Revolutions
- Legal Studies
- Maths Methods
- Outdoor and Environmental Studies
- Physics
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Software Development
- Specialist Mathematics

The cost is $159 per subject and includes both days.
For further information phone 1300 134 518 or visit http://www.tssm.com.au/or email info@tssm.com.au

UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFICATION (USI) NUMBERS

Any student that has completed a VET (Vocational Education and Training) this year or has opted to do a VET course next year (either at Berwick College or off campus) must obtain a USI number. This is a Federal Government initiative to track courses undertaken through TAFE or University. VET courses are considered a TAFE pathway.

Student will need to log into www.usi.gov.au and follow the prompts to create a new USI. You will need one form if identification such as Medicare card number, passport number or birth certificate number, among other options.

The careers office staff will need to know what this number is.

Without it we cannot give you credit for any VET you have studied this year and will not be able to enrol you in your VET choice for next year. This applies to this year’s Year 12 students as well.

VET AWARD NOMINATIONS

The following students were nominated by their teachers for their hard work and commitment to their VET studies throughout 2015.

Zach DeKoning  Elyssia Corban  Jack Glebatsas  Amber Goddard  Daniel Jones  Austin Dyt
Harri Morgan  Alecia Byrne  Liam Bucknell  Sarah Walker  Josh Charles

The ultimate recipient of the VET award, announced at the College Presentation Night was:

Jack Glebatsas

Congratulations to Jack and all our VET students.
YEAR 12 RESULTS
A reminder to Year 12 students that their VCE results are available online from 7 am on Monday December 14\textsuperscript{th} and by post on December 16\textsuperscript{th}. The careers staff will be available during school hours from Monday 14\textsuperscript{th} to Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} for any student that may want to look at their VTAC preferences once they know their results. Round one VTAC offers are on January 18\textsuperscript{th}. We wish our Year 12 students all the best.

INVITATION TO ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS
† Would you like to catch up with your school mates at the beginning of next year?
† Would you like to speak with your fellow students to see what their plans will be for 2016?
† Would you like to catch up for one last time with your teachers?
† Would you like any further advice or assistance from the careers staff?
Then come along for the “Year 12 Catch up Morning Tea” on Tuesday February 9\textsuperscript{th}, from 10.45 till 11.15am, at the senior school building. We will provide morning tea and hand out VCE, VCAL and VET certificates.
Please indicate your attendance by either calling the careers office on 87681060 or through your year 12 Facebook page. \textbf{We hope to see you all there.}

WORK PLACEMENT
Work placement for 2016 has now been completed. We would like to thank all the employers/businesses and companies that have taken on our students and broadened their outlook on the world of work. VCAL students should use the summer break to investigate work placement options as part of their course for 2016.

\textit{\textbf{Ethan completing Structured Workplace Learning as part of the ALP program.}}

YEAR 12 ORIENTATION DAY 2016
Year 12 Orientation Day will be held on Thursday, 4th February at Monash University, Berwick Campus. This is an invaluable day for students as they hear from guest speakers from Chisholm, Monash and Elevate Education. Expectations are explained to students in regards to attendance, assessment, uniform and behaviour.

Orientation Day is compulsory. Students are expected to arrive at the Monash University, Berwick Campus by 9am and be dismissed between 2.30pm and 3.00pm. Full school uniform is required and lunch will be provided on the day. There is no cost associated.

Permission forms will be distributed Term 1. Any enquiries about this event, please do not hesitate to contact Year 12 Coordinators Mr Chris Sacco or Ms Lexie McGill.

EDROLO—EXCITING NEW PROGRAM FOR VCE
On 17th November, the Berwick College School Council has approved the introduction of Edrolo. The College, as part of strengthening our learning community through excellence in learning, is pleased to introduce the Edrolo program which will assist our students in performing better in exams, increase confidence and is an excellent tool towards obtaining higher academic results in their VCE studies.

This service provides 24 hour access to our students to additional instruction provided by expert teachers on subjects such as Accounting, Biology, Business Management, Chemistry, English, Further Math, Health & HD, History, Legal Studies, Math Methods, Physical Education, Psychology, Physics, Studio Art and Vis Comm. The cost to use this program for the year is $25 per subject which is excellent value.

More information will be provided to parents and students in the coming weeks. We are very excited about this new initiative and know our students will make the most of this valuable program to the benefit of their studies, future aspirations and career pathways. More information is available on our website: \textbf{Edrolo}
The Reason for the Season

Wow, the end of the year is here! Thank God for Christmas! It’s time to have a break, kick back, relax, and put your feet up. For some of us it’s great because we are looking forward to spending quality time with our loved ones. For some of us it’s not all happy days, because spending time with family can be painful.

But truly there is a reason for the Season. Christmas is supposed to be a time of peace and goodwill on earth. Unfortunately with the help of marketing and advertising we have often turned it into something else. If someone from another country came here now, I wouldn’t be surprised if they thought that Christmas was about spending money and buying gifts. Isn’t that what the media is encouraging, pushing?

Don’t get me wrong, I don’t have a problem with giving and receiving gifts. I actually think it’s great to show our love and appreciation for others. On the other hand, I believe that there is so much more to Christmas that we really miss out when we focus only on the presents. Sadly some of our gift giving is only an attempt to satisfy our feelings of guilt or to buy a person’s acceptance because we haven’t been spending the time nor having the relationship with them that we should have been having throughout the year.

Children get new phones, iPods, TV’s, computers, games, software, etc. But they still don’t get the important stuff, the validation, nurture and attention that they need so that they know that they are loved. This important stuff is the stuff that builds their character and self-esteem. The stuff that helps them to be resilient, to succeed and to overcome life’s obstacles.

My suggestion is not to stop buying presents but rather to show our kids / family that we love and value them by the way we treat them, rather than by the gifts that we buy for them. Consider that a lot of the stuff that our kids get as presents only causes problems in our homes.

- Computers, they won’t get off and this causes conflict.
- iPods, they have them in their ears constantly and don’t listen or hear and this causes conflict.
- TVs, on all the time and they won’t get up from watching it to do what we ask them to do (they will in a minute) and this causes conflict.
- Mobile phones, they’re texting or talking 24/7 and this causes issue and conflict.

I recently received some junk mail with an advert saying “HOME CINEMA MADE EASY...Now the kids can have a cinema in their own bedroom and you can claim your own T.V. back”. This actually means, FAMILY INTERACTION STOPPED EASILY... Now you can make sure you all have separate lives. Are you satisfied with being separated from your kids when they’re at school and you’re at work?

If not put a big screen in their bedroom and you will never see them and yes you will be free to watch all the t.v. you want!

Imagine if at this time of the year we stopped to reflect on the good things about our loved ones and then we actually let them hear / know the good things that are in our hearts toward them. That would be a ‘wow’ for some people! Imagine if we really took the opportunity to make this time of the year all about peace and goodwill. Imagine if that’s the way we finished the year and started the next.

You know there really is a Reason for the Season!

My wish for you all is that your hearts would be impacted by the real reason for Christmas and that out of that experience you and your loved ones would know the peace and goodwill that has been promised.

Merry Christmas Everybody! - Frank Jetmar
Chaplain to Berwick College

Walter will play Santa again this year at DeRosa photography. Mention Berwick College when you get your Santa picture done and our CSG will get a donation for chaplaincy support. Joe has set up Santa’s Corner at Pakenham Place Shopping Centre 67-69 Main St, Pakenham, right in front of Coles.

Did you know? Saint Nicholas aka Nikolaos of Myra, was a historic 4th-century Christian Bishop. He is also known as Nikolaos the Wonderworker and had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him and thus became the model for Santa Clause. So maybe its not that bad after all to believe a little bit in Santa Claus.
Last Thursday, 3rd December Berwick College celebrated Valedictory with the current year 12 students of 2015. I would like to congratulate all of the year 12 students for completing the year and in particular these VCAL students for receiving subject awards:

- Personal Development: Nathan Aliotta
- Numeracy: Dylan Pearson
- Literacy: Lachie Smith

It was a very proud moment when two more awards were given to VCAL students on the night. Nathan Aliotta has been a wonderful school captain and should also be congratulated for receiving the Principal’s Award. The individual who receives this award has demonstrated exemplary behaviour, respect, responsibility, attitude and effort towards Berwick College and their individual studies. **Well done Nathan!**

Another VCAL student, Karlee Bailey received the Sport Award. She should be congratulated for her outstanding effort in this area. The individual who receives this award has contributed to the school throughout their time at Berwick College in the area of Sport. The have excelled individually and / or within a team, coached and mentored younger students. **Well done Karlee!**

All of these students should be proud of their achievements this year and the awards they have received. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all VCAL and VCE students the very best for the future.

**THE APPLIED LEARNING PROGRAM & VCAL – AWARDS NIGHT**

On Wednesday, 16th of December the College will celebrate the Presentation Night. The following students have been nominated for an award in The Applied Learning Program and VCAL: Brayden Lantsbery, Chloe Rodwell, Chris Hatch, Matt Gatford and Melissa Amos, Stefan Savkov and Lachie Smith

I would like to congratulate all of these students for their nomination and wish them all the very best.

**Mrs Corinne Duhau**

Applied Learning Leader

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**YEAR 12- VALEDICTORY**

On behalf of Lexie McGill and Chris Sacco, Year 12 coordinators, we would like to thank the students, parents and staff that attended Valedictory on Thursday, 3rd December. The night was a huge success. Thanks to all the Valedictory presenters, the ushers and also, the senior school team, for their support and assistance over the past few weeks in preparation for last night. To the Class of 2015... Congratulations on an amazing year, Year 12s! Ms McGill and Mr Sacco are very proud of your efforts! It has been a great experience getting to know you all. Thank you for always sharing your thoughts, stories and experiences with us.

We would also like to congratulate the subject award winners on the night and the Valedictory Presentation Awards:

- Principal Award: Nathan Aliotta
- Senior School Coordinator’s Award: Jessica Quental
- Senior School Award: Theresa Yeoh and Madyson Carter
- Year 12 Coordinator’s Award: Liani Hedge
- Arts Awards: Grace McCoy
- Sports Awards: Karlee Bailey
THE SCHOOL NURSE’S CHRISTMAS CARD

Listen dear parents and you shall hear
A verse from the nurse now that Christmas is near.
Belly aches, head aches, popped wires on braces
Hangnails, chapped lips and pimples on faces.
Viruses causing G.I. distress
“Please send me home cos my hair is a mess”

Kids with green faces approaching my door
Just over the threshold, throw up on the floor.
Tonsils that kiss their throats are so sore
Glands big as grapes, strep throat for sure.
Ear aches and heart aches, jammed thumb or finger
Wheezes and sneezes and coughs that just linger.

Allergic reactions, occasional lice
Contusions and bruises from falls that need ice.
“My Mum knows I’m sick, I’ve never felt worse
She said go to school and go to the nurse
I threw up on the bus, I felt like a jerk
But you can’t call my Mum, cos she’s gotta work”

I love being your nurse, and I love all this stuff
But by Christmas vacation, even I’ve had enough.
Enjoy Christmas break, wipe your virus slate clear
And we’ll all start anew when we come back next year!
I hope that my poem doesn’t make you feel worse
For it comes with my best wishes
Merry Christmas! Your Nurse

FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

LIBRARY NEWS

It is hard to believe another year has come and gone. We have had a great year in the Library, with many activities happening. Lunchtime is always a buzz with chess, card games, board games, iPad games and catching up with friends.

Sometimes there are students studying or reading! We are looking forward to 2016, welcoming our new students to Berwick College and supporting the whole College community.

We wish you all a happy, safe and wonderful holiday break.

The Library Ladies
Lorraine Zupan, Jude Hilleard, Vicki Thomas and Joanne Morgan
COMMUNITY DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES

A legacy of school shoe specialists

Between them, Williams and Mathers have more than 330 years of experience fitting the feet of Australian school children, whether they’re beginning their first year or entering their last. Our long successful history is thanks to constantly challenging our approach to providing the best shoe styles, including our commitment in 2014 to further improve our footwear range and in-store fitting service.

This has seen us:
- Develop new styles in conjunction with a team of Australia’s leading podiatrists
- Design footwear with a focus on improved arch support for growing feet
- Provide individual training for all staff in fitting shoe styles on children of all ages
- Commit to a 30 day no quibble return policy on all sales.

Williams and Mathers continue to be the Back To School destination for high quality, expert fit, and reliable one-on-one service.

8 point podiatry check

Our 2016 Lynx range of children’s shoes have been designed to satisfy a comprehensive podiatry check developed by a team of Australia’s leading podiatrists.

1. Removable Insole: Carbon fibre amount of support to ensure a proper fit.
2. Support: Secure the arch and provide comfort for growing feet.
3. Comb-Ox Arch: The unique design for added support from heel to toe, front and back.
4. Increased Stability: Protects the natural motion while ensuring maximum stability that leads to comfort and less fatigue.
5. Secure Fastening: Keeps the foot in place, eliminating irritation from fastening devices.
6. Footbed: Provides the comfort to fit the natural movements of the foot.
7. Drop Off Toe Box: People with long toes benefit from a toe box that conforms to the natural shape of the foot.
8. Insertion Contouring: Reduces impact that occurs stress to the calves, knees, hips & lower back.

Support for growing feet AND your school!

This year we are offering an incredible 5% of the value of any school shoe sold at Williams and Mathers will be donated to your school.

How can your school get involved? It’s easy!

Help us know your school’s information and we’ll provide you with a branded panel in your school. This panel will list your school, principal or other communications. When parents bring the panel in to purchase from Williams and Mathers stores, we will donate 5% of the price paid to your school for every pair of school shoes they purchase.

Dates

Program note from 1 December 2015 to 29 February 2016.

Purchases will be collected and paid in full to the school by 31 March 2016.
Remote can be outsourced of actual representatives and online from 1 November 2015.

Things to note

Only approved participating schools prior to program commencement will be eligible for donations. Only approved school shoes as described in store will be eligible.
This program must be coordinated at the school level for the donation to be registered.

Please remember, by recycling your textbooks you are helping another family in our school community.

Year end is in sight and now is the time to consider buying and selling second-hand textbooks. Sustainable School Shop provides the second-hand textbook trading system for the school. Our school’s 2016 booklist/textbook information for years 7-12 has been uploaded and is ready to use on the Sustainable School Shop website. To get started, go to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au and either register as a parent or log-in if you’re already registered.

Buying second-hand textbooks

Click Find Books, select your booklist, and tick the boxes of the books you need. The system will show you the correct second-hand books to buy. Click Member With Most Matches to see who has most of these books, or click Cheapest Books. You’ll receive Ad Match emails when newly listed books match your wanted ads.

Selling second-hand textbooks

Get your books home and list them for sale asap. Click Sell Books and follow the prompts, the system will assist ad construction and provides a pricing guide. Write the availability date in your ads if your books are still being used. To sell books that are not on your old booklist, please click MyAds/Create Ads and follow the prompts.

Other tips

Searching for second-hand textbooks begins as soon as the new booklists are distributed. People with wanted ads always get first choice of the newly listed books for sale. Be mindful to price your books reasonably, this is a competitive marketplace. Don’t make special trips when collecting books, just fit it into your normal routine. Only buy second hand workbooks that have not been written in. Many book suppliers have very good returns policies that will enable you to continue looking for second-hand texts, even after submitting your new book order - check your suppliers returns policy. Be considerate to others by delisting your ads promptly as your books sell - this assists everyone using the service. To delist, log-in, click the red Delist button and then the sold button on the right side of your ad. Please remember, by recycling your textbooks you are helping another family in our school community.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Holiday Program
January School Holidays

Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program
Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Da includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years. Open daily between 10am and 5pm.

January school holiday dates:
Week 1: Monday 4th to Friday 8th January 10– 4pm
Week 2: Monday 11th to Friday 15th January 10– 4pm
Week 3: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd January 10 – 4pm
Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days). Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearsdale Phone 5978 7935

Carols by Twilight is the biggest Carols by Candlelight Event in the City of Casey. We made it a tradition to attend on Christmas Eve and would like to invite friends of Chaplaincy to join us. This would also make a great night out for the wider school community and as every year there will be fireworks.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Chaplaincy Support Group
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