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| Friday 16th September | Final Day—Term 3 |
| Monday 3rd October | First Day—Term 4 |
| Tuesday 20th December | Final Day—Term 4 |

**OFFICE HOURS—2016**

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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.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader"
John Quincy Adams.

It was a pleasure to take part in the formal induction of our School Captains and the official recognition of the new Learning Team Captains at our whole school assembly on Thursday, 3rd March. John Quincy Adams said, “if your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader” and so I spoke to all of our students about the leaders they are and the leaders they will become.

We appreciated the parents who came to support their child and Mr Brad Battin MP and Mr Roger Hall, College Council President who attended and assisted in presenting our 2016 leaders with their badge and certificate. Pictured below are our 2016 College Captains who on behalf of the 2016 Student Leaders took the Pledge of Office and look forward to having their names joining past College Captains on the school captain honour board.

We also recognized our Swimming Champions and the Dux of each year level for Semester 2, 2015. The trophy was presented to Chisholm for the sixth year running as winners of the recent College Swimming Carnival. A list of the students who were given awards at the assembly are on Page 4 of this newsletter. Thank you also to Tia Lacey, Suezan Mailo and Kelsey Dowler who participated beautifully in the Assembly and to Mrs Alison Birkett for organising this celebration. I am so proud of our students, our teachers and our College.

I have enjoyed visiting classes in the past few weeks and found students happily engaged with their learning. Berwick College is passionate about improving student learning and encouraging our students to make a difference in our school and community. The reports in this newsletter on the activities our students and staff have undertaken in the past four weeks have been testament to this.

We have had 65 prospective families register and tour our College recently and practice has commenced with 69 couples preparing for the two Presentation Balls which will be held in May. This weekend our VCAL students will be participating in the Relay for Life at Akoonah Park and we will once again join the Berwick community to raise money for the fight against Cancer. Last year it was fantastic to have staff, students, ex-students and families joining together to raise $5,500 and this year I am sure it will be even more successful. Perhaps you will join us? We would love to have you as part of our team.

Next week our Year 7’s will enjoy a range of activities such as canoeing, raft making, low ropes courses, the Flying Fox while on camp at Phillip Island. I am sure they will have a fabulous time.

As we are well into the term, students should be very focussed on their learning, ensuring all work is handed in for assessment as interim reports will be written shortly. We are looking forward to meeting our parents in the upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, continuing to build on the positive relationships and partnerships within our school community.

Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal
SENIOR SCHOOL

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING—YEARS 10 TO 12 STUDENTS
There will be a Senior School Information Evening held on Tuesday March 8th in the College Performing Arts Centre (PAC).
The evening will commence at 6pm. It is designed to inform parents about the different senior pathways available at Berwick College including VCAL, VET and VCE. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of Careers and Senior School staff.

CAREERS NEWS—YEAR 12 2015 CATCH UP MORNING TEA
Approximately 40 Year 12, 2015 students returned to Berwick College on Tuesday 9th February, 2016 for a morning tea catch up with their Year 12 teachers of 2015. Our past Year 12 students shared with their teachers and peers their pathways for 2016 and beyond.

These pathways include:
- Australian Defense Force
- Bachelor courses in Education, Law, Accounting, Business, Criminology, Nursing, Science, Engineering, Psychology,
- Diploma courses in Communication, Software Development, Business, Nursing, Interactive Media, Commerce and VET Nursing
- Apprenticeships in Electrotechnology, Building and Construction and Landscaping
- Full-time employment at Australia Post and Plumbing
- Travel

USI
Are you enrolled in a VET/TAFE course at school? If so, do you have a USI number? If you are a new or continuing student undertaking a nationally recognised VET/TAFE training course at school you will need a USI in order to receive your qualification or statement of attainment. Your USI will give you access to an online record of the training you have done since 1 January 2015. You will also be able to produce a comprehensive transcript of your training. This can be used when applying for a job, seeking a credit transfer or demonstrating pre-requisites when undertaking further training. You can apply for a USI by visiting the government USI website at www.usi.gov.au. Please contact the Careers office if you need assistance.

TAX FILE NUMBER
Are you looking for part-time work after school or on weekends? If so, you will need to provide the employer with a tax file number. Students can apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at participating Australia Post offices. More information on applying online can be found at www.ato.gov.au or you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.
**SENIOR VCAL**

Our Year 12 VCAL students have been working hard to organise and complete fundraising activities for the Relay for Life. This event is happening at Akoonah Park on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th March. Berwick College is our team and we currently have the 91 team members registered.

Our students have organised a staff car wash, student versus teacher Dodge Ball and Soccer Match, sold pizzas, cup cakes and ice cream at lunch time and have held a throw the wet sponge at the teacher competition.

All of these events have helped raise funds towards the student’s goal of $5000. There are still several fundraising activities to occur in the week ahead, including the out of uniform day on Tuesday 1st March.

If any family would like to make a donation towards the schools Relay for Life fund please contact the school on 87681000. Any queries please contact Mrs Corinne Duhau and Mr Adam Nettleingham.

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**STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2016—INDUCTION ASSEMBLY**

The Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday 18th February and 985 students attended the Doveton Pool to enjoy the day. Chisholm Captains Ashleigh Mashado and Reiss Nicholson received the Learning Team Swimming Champions trophy on behalf of the Chisholm Learning Team. Overall Age group winners who were the most successful swimmers of their age group (presented with a medallion).

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The Highest accolade for their year level – The Dux Award. This is being awarded to the top 2 students with the highest aggregate scores for Semester 2, 2015. Below are the Semester 2, 2015 DUX winners.

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The following students were elected by the Berwick College community to role model exemplary behaviour, work habits and attitudes to the entire student body. They are committed to actively working as a member of the Student Leadership Team to supporting its programs and activities.

**COLLEGE CAPTAINS**

Rebecca Potalej, Harry Cock, Joshua Angwenyi and Samantha Neil

**LEARNING TEAM CAPTAINS**

The following students have been elected by their peers to represent their Learning Team and contribute to the student leadership programs at Berwick College.

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On the 18th of February, the Year 12’s participated in their last ever-swimming carnival, and finally they had the opportunity to strut their hard-thought costumes in the year 12 parade. With high hopes to win ‘best dressed’, we had groups dress as Troll Dolls, Avatars, and even Mona Lisa, however the Jamaican bobsled team took out the win.

Throughout the day all year levels participated in swimming and novelty races; building up learning team points. By the end of the day Chisholm won the championship, closely followed by Hollows and Monash who tied second place. It was great to see all year levels participating, and the year 12’s enjoying their last swimming carnival. The highlight of the day would have to be the student-teacher relay, where students raced against very competitive teachers, with the teachers walking away with the big win. Rebecca Potalej
**CHISHOLM SPLASH THEIR WAY TO A VICTORY IN THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

For the 6th year in a row Chisholm have been crowned the winners of the College Swimming Carnival. Each year Chisholm have exceptionally well represented at the swimming carnivals; both in the 50m pool and the novelty pool. With the highest attendance across the 8 learning teams, there was a sea of light blue at the pool. It was fantastic to see so many students dressing up to support their Learning Team on the day.

Chisholm was well represented in all swimming events across the day, from relays, freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, noodle relays and boogie board relays. We are very proud of the large number of students who jumped in the pool on the day and gave it their best shot. A special mention goes out to the large number of Year 7s and 8s who were enthusiastic to swim in everything. We had competitors across all of the age groups. One of the reasons Chisholm do so well at the Swimming Carnival is because of the high number of students who get in the water and give it a go...the cheering and support from the sidelines was also fantastic.

Congratulations to the following students who were age champions in their respective age groups:
- **Christy Smith** - 12/13 girls Champion
- **Rebecca Henderson** - 15 girls Champion
- **Ethan Marshall** - 16 boys Champion

An excellent start to 2016 from the Chisholm Team!!

**MIGHTY MONASH TIED SECOND PLACE**

It was great to see the Monash students turn out at the swimming carnival with the majority of the team having their faces painted in our team colours. We had huge participation at the Year 7 and 8 level and it didn’t matter what the event was... from freestyle to the butterfly, Monash students were keen to get in the pool and earn points for their learning team.

The novelty events pool was also abuzz with activity with students from all year levels participating and earning valuable points towards Monash.

I would like to thank all students who attended the swimming carnival and contributed either by competing in the pool or cheering our team on to secure 2nd place. **Well done Monash!!**
HOLLOWSWIMMING SUCCESS

On Thursday, 18\textsuperscript{th} February, we all dressed in our finest lime green clothing to attend the swimming sports. Despite being a small group, our students in attendance displayed a huge amount of enthusiasm. We even had a Hollows song, which we sung as we entered the pool as a team, whilst blowing bubbles. With the ‘encouragement’ of Mr Hammond, we had multiple students swim in numerous events. This enthusiasm resulted in us finishing equal second. We are just so proud of all our students.

As a reward for finishing in the top 4, we held a morning tea for all our participants. A great time was had by all and I am sure no student went to class hungry. The Hollows Team has some exciting things happening in the next few weeks, including our Footy tipping competition and then the College Athletics Day on April 19\textsuperscript{th}. We hope to see every Hollows student participate in some way.

Once again, congratulations to all our swimmers.—Ms Mitchell and Mr Hammond

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Students enjoying morning tea!

If you download the app ‘Aurasma’ and hover over your phone over the photo below, you can see a snippet of our new Hollows song in action!

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LIBRARY NEWS

This week all the Year 7 students have had an orientation session in the Library. They now know that the Library is open from 8.30am to 4.00pm, so they can come in before school and after school to study, print or just meet up with friends. Even though they don't have their student cards yet, they are encouraged to borrow books. Many have taken advantage of lunchtime also, catching up on homework or playing board games. It's great to see!

"Knowing you have something good to read before bed is among the most pleasurable of sensations."

- Vladimir Nabokov, author.—The Library Ladies
Wow, what a busy few weeks it has been for Dunlop, especially our new Year 7s. It has been great to see students, both new and old, return to school with a spring in their step as they settle into their new classes, and get involved in the many activities and initiatives the college has to offer!

The term started off with our Year 7’s and Miss Manning (Assistant Student Learning Leader) enjoying a day out in the sun at Akoonah Park for Year 7 Wellbeing. The day begun with students watching a VCE Dance and Cyber bully drama performance in the Leisure Centre before making their way down to Akoonah Park where students participated in sporting activities such as dodge ball, tug-o-war and pony express. They then enjoyed a BBQ lunch together in the parkland. A big congratulations to all our year 7’s who were exceptionally well behaved on the day, despite the warm weather!

On Thursday the 18th of February many of our Dunlop students represented the Student Learning Team at the school’s annual Swimming Carnival. This year Dunlop had a record number of 108 students attend the carnival, it was great to see so many yellow caps racing up and down the pool! Well done to those who dressed up, participated or supported from the poolside, overall it was a very successful day, we are very proud of your efforts.

Last week we held a Dunlop assembly where we proudly acknowledged the efforts of our students with awards including Academic Achievement and Outstanding Application for Semester 2, 2015. It was great to see such a large number of students be recognised, and we hope it inspires the remainder of our students to strive to achieve their personal best this year.

Finally, thank you to the large number of parents who attended the Meet the Home Group Teacher afternoon earlier in February. We hope your child has settled in well.

Please feel free to make contact with your child’s home group teacher during the year with any concerns or queries you may have. We look forward to seeing you again at the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews toward the end of Term 1.

Mr James Firth and Miss Ashleigh Manning
Dunlop Student Learning Leaders
TERM 1 HAS BEEN A GREAT START FOR THE O’DONOGHUE DRAGONS!!

In home groups, we are working on our college values. All homegroups have been allocated a school value which they have brainstormed and discussed and are now in the process of producing a visual display for their room. Some of the displays are looking fantastic and we look forward to them being completed by the end of this term.

On the 18th of February our team participated in the whole school swimming carnival. Students participated well all day, getting involved in the relays, single races and the novelty races. Our Year 7’s did well representing the learning team, and achieved some pleasing results. Many of our students dressed up in orange and painted their faces, showing great team spirit! Brianna Wereszczuk from OD1 was the overall Under 16 champion for the college. Congratulations Brianna on your wonderful result!!

On 23rd of February we held our Achievement Assembly for Semester 2, 2015. Students were awarded for Outstanding Application and Academic Excellence. The following students were awarded:

- Elisabeth Schlag
- Lachie Flude
- Breanna Wereszczuk
- Meghan Colclough
- Dylan Gonzalez
- Brodie Bryan
- Breanna O’Hagan
- Shona Davis
- Leah Gartside
- Brayden Davis
- Jasmyn Short
- Ashley Hutchinson
- Ryan Ho

It is terrific to be able to reward and thank the students who are committed to their studies and are achieving great results. Our 2016 Captains Dylan Raynes and Amelia Aliotta were also introduced to the rest of the team and we look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Our Year 7s have settled in well and made an excellent start to the year. We have had wonderful feedback from their teachers and we look forward to getting to know them even better on camp next week.

Well done to all our O’Donoghue Students who have achieved excellent results academically and in the swimming pool this term! A great start to the year!!

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

Mr Jesse Nugent  
Assistant O’Donoghue Student Learning Leader  
nugent.jesse.d@edumail.vic.gov.au 8768 1089
Well done to all our Frost Falcon team members who participated in the swimming carnival on Thursday, 18th of February. It was a terrific day and the team spirit was well and truly on show. The outcome was a positive one where we finished the day taking out 4th place. What an excellent effort! A big shout out to all the students who swam. It was fantastic to see so many of our year 7 and 8 students get involved in all of the events.

Our Year 7 students enjoyed a day full of activities on Wednesday, 10th February when they participated in the Year 7 Wellbeing Day.

We spent majority of the day at Akoonah Park in Berwick taking part in team building games and activities. The sun was out, the sausage sizzle was a success and the smiles were a plenty. Well done to all the staff members and students involved.

On Thursday the 25th of February the Frost Learning Team had an assembly during home group. We had a large number of parents join us for our assembly as we formally introduced our 2016 Learning Team Captains Annie Andrew-Goodear and Leyton Abduli. Mr Mark Woodbridge congratulated and presented them with their badges.

During the assembly we also acknowledged and rewarded students from our team who received academic achievement awards and outstanding application awards in Semester 2, 2015. We also presented awards for students who achieved an attendance rate of 95% or above in 2015. We had 75 recipients for the attendance award which is an amazing number! Well done Frost Falcons!

Mr Scott Antony and Ms Deana Mihalos
Frost Learning Team Leaders

FOOD TECHNOLOGY—DO YOU HAVE GARDEN ITEMS YOU DON’T NEED?

Greetings from the Food Technology Department.
We are beginning to develop a kitchen garden adjoining our Food Technology rooms. We already have some large apple crates which we are going to use to grow organic vegetables and we have developed a new unit of work for Year 8 students which will be expanded to all year levels.

We want students to understand and appreciate how “good food” is grown and we will be using the produce in our cooking classes. We are asking the school community for assistance.

If you have anything that you no longer want such as outdoor tables and chairs in reasonable condition, a rotating barrel composter, pots, tools, bales of straw or anything else that you think we could use, please call Fiona or Cheryl in the Food Tech department during school hours on 87681053.
It was great to see our students do so well in the awards from Semester 2 in 2015. These students were presented with certificates at our recent assembly.

OUTSTANDING APPLICATION AWARDS
These awards are given to students who put in an outstanding effort in their subjects and is awarded by their teachers. Students are awarded from 4 out of 6 subjects in years 10&11, 4 out of 8 subjects for year 9 and 5 out of 8 subjects for years 7&8.
They are:  - Left to right
  Karly Randell
  Thomas Ferris
  Samantha Buntrock
  Tia Church
  Ryan Hughes
  Keely Pace (absent)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
These are awarded to the top 20 students in their year level who excelled in their studies in Semester 2. Congratulations to Hannah Wren
Students who received both Academic Excellence and Outstanding Application Awards
Left to right
  Hannah Wren (Academic Excellence)
  Benjamin Hallman
  Olivia Brown
  Alyssa Elliott
  Ruby Coupar
  Samantha Lane

We were also very lucky to have some of our talented students perform for us. Suezan Malio sang ‘Beneath you are Beautiful’ by Labrinth absolutely beautifully and our ex-students Hayden Foster, Dylan Hughes and Dom Karruba gave a great rendition of ‘Can’t Stop’ by the Hot Chilli Peppers.

Congratulations also go to the swimming sports participants who were given a certificate in the following Home Group. Well done for having a go! Mason Imhoff was the 12/13 Boys Champion and Jayden Mitreski was the 14 Boys champion. Great effort boys. Overall Kenny came 6th. We are looking forward to even greater participation in the upcoming Athletics sports and our upcoming KENNY DAY ON THURSDAY 17TH MARCH.

Well done everyone on great work and we look forward to a fantastic 2016.

Ms Jenny Hart
Kenny Student Learning Leader
8768 1088
FLYNN LEARNING TEAM — 2016

Congratulations to the Flynn Phoenix for their amazing place result at the 2016 Swimming Sport!
The team were lead by Mr Nettleingham with the amazing support of the Flynn Homegroup teachers. Well done to everyone who got involved on the day and showed such great team spirit.

We wish to remind parents and students that our Year 7 Camp is fast approaching and we look forward to getting to know our new students. Any questions can be directed to the learning team office on 8768 1087.

Students have had the opportunity to set goals for the year as part of the homegroup process and we encourage our students to actively work towards their own success, in whatever field or area they are interested in pursuing.

Great start Flynn!

Mrs Michelle Lewis - Flynn Student Learning Leader

DANCE ACADEMY UPDATE

BERWICK COLLEGE DANCE ACADEMY!

Congratulations to all our students who participated in auditions for the Victorian State School Spectacular! Well done to Taylah Ferguson who has been chosen for a principal dancer and Madison Mcleod and Molly McMillan for an ensemble dancer.

Well done to Jess Walker, Emma Smith, Christy Smith, Emily Sebastian, Kat Bast, Shaylah Westwood, Courtney Brooks, Maddy Adamson, Dahlia Jarosz-Setiawan, Eliza Lee, Jordyn Lee, Ayme Wharley, Patrick Nicholls, Aleesha Sutton and Hannah Mollard who are all part of the mass dance cast.

A fantastic effort from all of our students!

Entry forms are now available for the Berwick College Choreographic Competition which will be held on Sunday June 5th in the Performing Arts Centre. This competition is open to ALL Berwick College students.

For more information please contact Ms Quenette or check the College website.

Miss Melissa Quenette — Director of Dance
Semester 1 parent / student / teacher interviews will be held in the Berwick Leisure Centre on:

- **Wednesday March 23rd** – 4.30pm to 8.00pm (last appointment 7.50pm)
- **Thursday March 24th** – 9.00am to 2.00pm (last appointment 1.50pm) *(staff break 11.30 to 12.30pm)*

We very much encourage both the parent and the student to attend. Mid Semester reports will be posted on-line on Friday March 11th and can be accessed via the Parent Portal (see below for details).

**Booking an interview**

On-line bookings open Tuesday March 15th at 9.00am and close at 3.00pm on Tuesday March 22nd. 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 either your child’s Home Group teacher or the Year 12 Coordinators.

**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 straight forward, but if you feel that you need assistance then please contact Mr David Goyen on 8768 1030, or goyen.david.j@edumail.vic.gov.au if you prefer email. The system has been set up so that parents can only see the information relating to their child.

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**LEARNING AT BERWICK**

For those of us who were at school in the 70s and 80s there are echoes of what we experienced as students in schools today, but there are now so many more learning opportunities for our students. This is genuinely exciting and only made possible through parent support and teachers’ passion for learning.

The Berwick College term one learning program has moved at a frenetic pace. In only the first six weeks students across all year levels have been involved in a swathe of curricular and extra-curricular activities centred on the College’s foci of Excellence in learning and Personal Growth.

In a recent meeting with our Learning Domain Leaders they recounted the activities and excursions taking place in their faculties. **The Arts** have formed a school production team, ran an excursion to see Ai Wei Wei and Warhol and had our students’ work displayed at the recent Berwick Show.

**Outdoor Ed** students have been on extended surfing camps and we have had multiple teams participating in District sporting competitions. Our **HAP** students are adjusting to their new specialised curriculum. Our Vocational arm is in full swing with students attending Chisholm TAFE and multiple courses within the school.

Parents may have also seen our **VCAL** students putting the finishing touches on their Relay for Life fundraising drive. Year 8 **Geography** went Coastal last Thursday to connect the theory of coastal geography to reality and soon a lucky group of students will be off to the Grand Prix to learn more about high performance racing….and there are still three weeks until the end of what is a short term one!

**Thanks to all the staff who offer these amazing learning opportunities for our students.**

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**VCE 2015 Achievement Assembly**

Nearly thirty students who achieved outstanding VCE 2015 results were acknowledged at the achievement assembly on 16th February. Students with ATARS above 80 and those students receiving a study score of 40 or above were recognised.

**We are proud of our students, past and present, and their achievements.**
**VCE DANCE**

It has been a busy start to the year for VCE Dance with students working towards choreographing their solos for their mid year assessments. Term 1 started off with a visit from YABC Teacher and Choreographer Kristin Mihalos, who ran a choreographic workshop for students. We have also welcomed back Casey Chellew, an ex-student and the director/founder of Indefinite Youth Dance Company, who has assisted the girls to further manipulate and build phrases for their technique solos.

In an effort to raise greater awareness of bullying at school, Year 11 and 12 students collaboratively choreographed and performed a dance piece on the issue of ‘bullying’ for Year 7 Wellbeing day. The performance was extremely heartfelt, and executed beautifully by all. **Well done, girls!**

Last Thursday students attended the VCE Topclass Dance concert where they watched a showcase of some of the top scoring dance solos from 2015, and listened to the advice offered from the VCAA chief examiner.

On May the 24th we will be holding a VCE Dance Assessment night where student will be performing their solos for their VCAA assessment. The students will also be entering their solos into Berwick’s annual Choreographic Competition which will be held on the 5th June.

For more details, please contact Melissa Quenette on quenette.melissa.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Ashleigh Manning—VCE Dance Teacher

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

**YEAR 7 WELLBEING DAY**

Wednesday, 10th February was our 5th annual Year 7 Wellbeing Day – a day designed to welcome our Year 7 students to Berwick College and to help them build positive relationships with other members of the College and their teachers. We began the day in the Leisure Centre with a performance by our Year 12 Dance students of a bullying dance that they had choreographed. This was followed by Brainstorm Productions’ performance of a play that addressed the issues of cyber safety, bullying and appropriate use of social media. The feedback we gained from the performers was very positive and they highlighted how well behaved and engaged our students were.

After recess we walked to Akoonah Park for an afternoon of team building activities and a BBQ lunch cooked by our Wellbeing Team. Student class groups, with a key teacher for their class, rotated through activities such as tug of war, bombardment and a visit to the City of Casey youth van to experience what this van and its staff can offer young people in our area. The students were engaged, well behaved and polite and we all look forward to many more positive events with this cohort as they work their way through the College.

Thank you to Mr Doble, the Wellbeing Team, the Student Learning Leaders and Assistants, the Basketball Academy and Gabby, our AFL trainee, for their support in the successful running of the day. Thank you also to Ms Bolch and Mr Busteed for visiting Akoonah Park and helping to hand out the BBQ lunch to the students.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEET BERWICK COLLEGE TEACHERS**

Last Wednesday teachers from our key feeder Primary Schools visited Berwick College after school to share their knowledge of the current Year 7 cohort. We are very privileged to have excellent relationships with our main feeder primary schools and we are very thankful to the Grade 6 teachers who were able to attend to help out those teaching and assisting our new Year 7 students.

There were many positive conversations and ideas shared and we look forward to working with these Primary School teachers in 2016 on the next transition process. Thank you to all the Berwick College staff who made these teachers feel very valued and very welcome at the College.

Mrs Lauren Manolitsa—Junior School Leader
STUDIO ART PHOTOGRAPHY EXCURSION

On the 17th Feb the Year 12 Studio Art Photography students went to the National Gallery of Victoria on St Kilda Rd to see the Andy Warhol and Ai Weiwei exhibition.

This was to both inspire their own creations and also to gain valuable insights into how these two artists create their own art works and why.

This will be valuable for their end of year exams. I also can’t wait to see how it influences their art works this year.

Mrs D Edwards, Studio Art Photography Teacher

CASEY CREATIONS YOUTH ARTS COMPETITION

The annual Casey Creations Youth Arts Competition encourages young people from across the City of Casey to share their artistic and creative talents. Over the past fourteen years, Casey’s budding artists and photographers have shared their talent and had the opportunity to gain community recognition.

Students are invited to take part in the 2016 competition, by submitting artwork in the categories of Visual Arts (2D) or Photography. Entries are open to young people who live, work or study in the City of Casey and are in Years 7 to 12 (or age equivalent). Artwork will be judged in age categories; Intermediate (Years 7 to 9) and Senior (Years 10 to 12). The competition will culminate in an awards presentation to be held in May 2016.

Entries to this year’s competition will close at 5.00 pm on Friday 29 April 2016. Please note that work completed by students during the 2015 school year is also eligible for submission to Casey Creations 2016.

Further information regarding the competition, please see Filomena Henderson Art Coordinator in C6s (Art staffroom)

MERIT AWARD FOR STUDENT ART - BERWICK SHOW 2016

We participated in the Berwick Show and received a merit award for our display.

On display were oil pastel drawings by our Year 10 students, digital photography by our senior photography students, Year 8 lino prints and sculptures by our Year 9 students.

Having a display in the Berwick Show is a great opportunity show the artwork of our talented students at Berwick to the wider community and we look forward to participating in it again next year.

Filomena Henderson - Art Domain Leader
Starting Term 2, we have a psychologist from ‘Futures in Mind’ Child and Adolescent Psychological Services, offering Individual counselling to any students who are in need of a little extra support in (but not limited to) any of these areas.

These sessions are available to individuals with a referral and Mental Health Care Plan (obtainable from GP). These sessions are bulk billed through Medicare and there is no cost to the family or school. Each student is eligible for up to 10 sessions per calendar year.

The student would be available to have regular sessions with the psychologist here at school.

If you think your student could benefit from this service please contact Paul Roberts (Student Wellbeing Officer at Berwick College) on ph: 8768 1023 for further information.

Have you noticed your Adolescent struggling in any of the following areas:
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Self Harming behaviour
- Bullying
- Self-esteem
- Social skills
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- Grief and Loss
- Family separation etc

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BOOKINGS: For further information or to book, contact Lynda Chapman on 03 9544 9066 or 0439615766 or email spirations.berwick@mac.com.au or Jashor on 0431 202777 or email jashor@mpa@anglicare.vic.edu.au
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AND EVEN ADULTS!

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WHEN:
SATURDAY 5TH MARCH, 10AM – 11AM
SATURDAY 12TH MARCH, 10AM – 11AM
SATURDAY 19TH MARCH, 10AM – 11AM

WHERE:
DANDENONG BASEBALL CLUB
ROBERT BOWTH RESERVE, GLOW STREET
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