

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES 2014

DATE	EVENT
27 th June	Last day of term 2 Students dismissed at 2.30pm
14 th July	Term 3 commences
28 th July	Parent Information Evening Year 9 into 10 Course Counselling. Performing Arts Centre from 6.00-7.00pm. Parent Information Evening Year 10 into 11 Course Counselling. Performing Arts Centre from 7.15-8.15pm.
5 th August	Course Counselling Year 9 into 10. Library 2.00-8.00pm.
6 th August	Curriculum Day – no students
7 th August	Course Counselling Year 10 into 11. Library 2.00-8.00pm.
7 th August	Australian Maths Comp – all HAP and additional students
21 st August	Celebration of Awards – 6.30 – 8.30pm Berwick Church of Christ, Centre Road, Berwick
29 th August	Blood Bank – Leisure Centre
18 th September	Parent/teacher interviews 4.30 – 8pm
19 th September	Parent/teacher interviews 9am – 1.50pm Last day of Term 3
6 th October	Term 4 commences

Office Hours: **Administration:** Mon–Thu 8.15am–4.30pm
Friday 8.15am–4.00pm

Payments: 8.30am–4.00pm

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Berwick College Newsletter

Berwick College notifies parents by email when newsletters are published. Newsletters are published three times per term.

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Due to Ms Kerri Bolch's absence from school I am writing this issue's Principal's Report.

It only seems like yesterday that the year started and that now we find ourselves at the half way point. On Monday June 16th we commenced second semester and the transition from first semester has been smooth.

Reports for first semester have been completed and distributed to students on the last day of the term, Friday June 27th. Reports for students in Applied Learning will be posted home as these students are either undertaking their work placement or their TAFE course on Friday. Any student absent on the Friday can collect their report from their home group teacher at the start of term 3.

I encourage all parents to read the report with their child. It is important that each student reviews their first semester achievements as well as having a clear understanding as to what is required to improve. With this in mind, home group teachers will be going through the report with their students at the start of term 3. Students will be required to complete a report reflection sheet and set goals for improvement. Parents should discuss goals for improvement with their child when reading through the report.

The Year 12 formal was held on Thursday June 12th at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. It was a celebration of work completed in semester one, with certificates presented to the top students in each subject area. Our Year 12 coordinators, Miss Erin McCarthy and Miss Lexie McGill did a terrific job organising the event and thanks to Mr Pat Mulcahy for his speech to our Year 12 students.

In term 3 we start preparing for 2015 and course information nights will be held for parent(s) / guardian(s) of Year 9 and Year 10 students on Monday July 28th. The Year 9 into Year 10 session starts at 6pm and the Year 10 into Year 11 starts at 7.15pm. Both sessions are held in the Performing Arts Centre. Course counselling/subject selection appointments for parent(s) / guardian(s) will be held for Year 9 into Year 10 on Tuesday August 5th and on Thursday August 7th for Year 10 into Year 11. Year 7 students moving into Year 8 and Year 8 students moving into Year 9 will make their subject selections on line. Year 11 students moving into Year 12 will make their course selections at school with a member of our careers team. Information for all year levels has been included with your child's report.

I wish all a safe and relaxing holiday, and look forward to next term which commences on Monday July 14th.

Mr Mark Woodbridge
Acting Principal



PAKENHAM BUS OVERCROWDING

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

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

Parents, can you please plan for alternative transport arrangements if your child cannot board the bus. Possible options are:

- To walk to the Princes Highway and catch the 926 bus
- Catch the bus from school to Berwick Station and then catch the train to either Cardinia Station or Pakenham Station.

ASBESTOS IN SCHOOLS

Dear Parents,

You may have become aware of new 'Yellow & Blue' stickers that have been placed around the school highlighting that there is asbestos in the College. All asbestos in the College has been inspected and is safe. It presents no danger to students or staff.

As many of you would be aware asbestos was used significantly in the building industry up until 1985 when it was banned as a product in the use of all aspects of construction. Berwick College is 33 years old and as such had asbestos used when it was built and this would be the same for any school built pre 1985 in Australia. None of the buildings built post 85' at the College contain asbestos and much of what was present in the College has been removed over the years. What remains is generally found in the glue used to adhere tiles to the floor, in the eaves of the older buildings or as heating guards around boiler flues.

The College has a clear asbestos management plan and all asbestos is inspected every 3 months in accordance with the Department of Education's OHS requirements. The College underwent a full independent asbestos audit last year and we are fully compliant with the legal requirements for the management of asbestos. Worksafe Victoria is aware of our processes, and commented on how effective they are.

The new 'Yellow & Blue' stickers that have been placed around the school are supplementary to our existing processes, and are there to notify sub-contractors or persons prior to commencing work on site. The College already did this but the updated stickers have been put up by Department of Education in all schools in Victoria to standardise the process.

Yours sincerely

Mr James Doble

Assistant Principal

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) SEMESTER 2

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria for Semester 2 must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (14th July 2014).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 1st August 2014 for the second instalment.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2014 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

Contact the general office for further information.

HIGH ACHIEVERS CAMP

From 28th to 30th May, the High Achiever's of Year 9 went to Melbourne CBD to celebrate our last year in the High Achiever's Program. We started off our trip by taking the trip to Melbourne Central Station. We then made our way to the Melbourne Discovery Centre, where we stayed for two nights.

Some of the places we visited were the Immigration Museum, Queen Victoria Market, Melbourne Museum, RMIT University, and participated in an 'Amazing Race' around the city (resulting in many complaints of sore feet).

At the Immigration Museum we learnt about the causes of migration to Australia. At the Queen Victoria Market we learnt about the history of the market itself as well as tasting some of the food on offer. Melbourne Museum included information about the brain, mental health, rainforests and Australian legends. At RMIT University we explored the grounds in the Campus Challenge and learnt about the courses they have to offer.

We journeyed around the city (mainly to 7-Eleven for Slurpee's and doughnuts) visiting Crown, Southbank and local parks, where we played a game of soccer. At night time we went on a walk to Southbank and Crown, where we watched a Fire Display. We'd like to thank all the teachers who came with us and the ones who organised the trip. Thank you, Ms Edwards, Mr Craddock, Ms Mitchell and Ms Nieva.

Georgia Sexton and Rachel Hamilton

Year 9 High Achiever Students



YEAR 8 MUSEUM EXCURSION

As part of their study of the human body, all Year 8 students attended an excursion to the Melbourne museum. Each class spent a session in the human body exhibit where they were able to see how medicine has evolved over time, how systems in the body work and testing their reflexes, amongst other things.

Throughout the day students had the opportunity to observe a range of alternative exhibits that included live tarantulas in the 'Bug's Alive' display, the science of sleep in the 'Mind' display and the history of Melbourne as well as a visit to IMAX to view the Unseen World.

Many thanks must go to all the staff and students who attended and made the excursion a resounding success.

Ms Sacha Meehan
Science Teacher



FOCUS ON VET

A number of Senior VCAL students are currently completing a Certificate II in Business. This course provides them with the opportunity to develop skills for employment in an office environment and also provides a pathway into higher level business and business administration qualifications. This program is auspiced by Chisholm Institute and delivered by Mrs Karen Crawley.

On Tuesday 17th June the students organised a Careers Expo at Berwick College that involved more than 25 representatives from a range of TAFEs, Universities, the Police Force, the Defence Force and independent providers. All students in Year 10 and 11 attended during class time and many students from Year 12 benefited by visiting during lunch time.

Congratulations to the VET Business class and Mrs Crawley for organising such a worthwhile college activity. Thanks also to Mrs Cheryl Madden, Mr Garry Black and their Senior VCAL class for catering for the event.



Students in Building and Construction completed the unit 'Introduction to scaffolding and working platforms' in the Performing Arts Centre at Berwick College last week. They were able to demonstrate their skills in this area and a range of Occupational Health Safety considerations.

Mrs Allison Birkett
Careers

ADVANCE SURF RESCUE NEWS

In Term 1 Advance Surf Rescue students began working through their Beginning Coaching Course online through the Australian Sports Commission. Once students had achieved this they began planning their PE lessons to teach two classes of Grade 3/4's at Upper Beaconsfield Primary School.

Over the past 3 weeks, the Advance Surf Rescue students taught the Grade3/4's the skills of both hockey and discus and got a feel for what it's like to be the teacher and not the student. All students should be commended on their fantastic planning and ability to show initiative when taking on the very enthusiastic and eager Upper Beaconsfield students. Well done!



YEAR 12 FORMAL

On Thursday June 12th the Year 12 Formal was held at the Casey Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham. The night was a great success; students looked fantastic and had a great time. The photographer and photo-booth captured some fantastic moments and there was plenty of dancing!

The Senior School would like to commend students for their mature behaviour on the night and thank all staff who attended the evening, in particular Mr Peter McCall and Mr Mitchell Hammond for being the DJs at the event.



Well done Year 12's!



FROST WEEK – 23RD TO 27TH JUNE 2014

'CURE DE BERWICK'

A few weeks ago we had a community relationship coordinator, Kelly Cameron, come and speak to us about Leukaemia and how it has affected the lives of everyday people.

In 2007, 9264 Australians are projected to be diagnosed with Leukaemia or other blood related diseases, which is equivalent to one every hour. Of these, approximately 32% are diagnosed with Leukaemia and it is estimated that every two hours, some lose their battle with Leukaemia and other blood related diseases. These diseases can often develop without any warning and can develop at any age, at any time. Leukaemia is the number one childhood cancer in Australia.

To help do something about this, Berwick College's Frost learning team are holding their very own 'Frost Week', where all the money raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation. To raise the money we have come up with the idea of a cycle from Melbourne to Adelaide on stationary bikes. We have called this '**Cure De Berwick**'! Students will ride for about 30 minutes at a time, being excused from their classes and hopefully donating around \$20 of sponsorship. With 82 frost students claiming sponsorship from family member, friends and the community we hope to raise a between \$1500 to \$2000 and reach our goal of a 780km ride to Adelaide.

We have also been fortunate enough to be able to get the local newspaper in to report of our efforts as a learning team and show the community that we, school kids, are trying to make a very big difference.

A huge thank you and well done to **Ash Smith**, a Year 7 student from Frost 3, who raised an amazing \$555.00.



Liani Hedge
Frost Learning Team Student Leader



DUNLOP DAY FESTIVITIES

On Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th June Dunlop held a two day Movie Marathon whereby students, ranging from Year 7 through to Year 11, worked as a well-oiled team to cook and sell food for their fellow student movie buffs. We started off slowly on the Wednesday, however as the weather turned sour, the F10 kitchen soon started to heat up, making a total of close to \$300 for the Keysborough Animal Shelter and Guide Dogs Association.

A special thanks to our dedicated captains, **Brooke Bryan, Catherine Coxon** and **Amy Ashman**, in addition to the following students who not only volunteered their time to help, but showed exemplary team work on each of the days.

Oscar Fowler

Jack Weiland

Denver Hawkett

Shannyn Mc Arthur

Jessie Wallace

Ksenia Mez

Christina Blackwell

Jaimie Mc Donald

Amy Ryde

Molly Hill

Leah Taylor

Kat Bast

Grace Davenport

Bobby Richardson

Brooke Allen

Abbey Munro

Caitlin Bergman

Rebecca Tilley

Kristy Edwards

*Miss Ashleigh Manning and Mr James Firth
Dunlop Students Learning Leaders*

FLYNN NEWS

Introducing Flynn Phoenix. As voted by the student body Flynn have adopted their new mascot, the Phoenix! The hunt is now on for our logo and we invite all Flynn students to enter their designs to Mrs Lewis or Mr West in F10 upon our return to school in term three. The winning logo will be selected by the students vote. The winner will receive a \$20 iTunes voucher.

Pheonix is a really appropriate name for us as this year we continue to rise to every occasion. This year Flynn were the winning Cross Country Team! Well done to al of our students who had ago for Flynn! We are really proud of you all!

Did you know?

Our Namesake Flynn was the Reverend John Flynn, Founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

“The RFDS began as the dream of the Rev John Flynn, a minister with the Presbyterian Church. He witnessed the daily struggle of pioneers living in remote areas where just two doctors provided the only medical care for an area of almost 2 million square kilometres. Flynn’s vision was to provide a ‘mantle of safety’ for these people and on 15 May 1928, his dream had become a reality with the opening of the Australian Inland Mission Aerial Medical Service (later renamed the Royal Flying Doctor Service) in Cloncurry, Queensland.”

Source: Royal Flying Doctors Website <http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au>

We are proud to be named after such a great pioneer of the Outback. Imagine! You are 1300km from the nearest medical care and someone you love needs help. The reality is that without the RFDS many of these communities would be helpless in times of crisis. As a team we will be raising funds for the RFDS for the balance of the year with some big news to come next term!

Finally a big thankyou and good luck to Home Group teacher Mrs Aisha Shariat. Flynn say goodbye for now to Mrs Shariat as she departs to have her baby. We wish her all the very best and look forward to the newest member of the Flynn teams safe arrival!

Wishing all of our students and families a safe and happy term holiday.

*Mrs Michelle Lewis and Mr Jackson West
Flynn Student Learning Leaders*



ADELAIDE HPV—BERWICK STUDENTS SUCCESS!

On 13th to 16th June **Tim Fidone**, **Sam Wilson** and **Mitchell Johnson** competed in a HPV (human powered vehicle) race with a couple of other boys over in Adelaide, South Australia, for the Australian International Pedal Prix series.

This was the second race of the five and consists of a 1.2km course that we raced around for 6 hours to win the race. Throughout the whole race it was very close between all teams, there were only a few laps in it, but we managed to pull ahead towards the end and ended up with the second win of the series.

We would like to thank our team manager Mark Fidone for running the team and for making everything possible.

Mitchell Johnson
Kenny 2

YEAR 10 TEXTILES—WINTER ONESIES

Year 10 Design Textiles class have met the challenge and made fun “Onesies” in semester 1 this year.

They have used polar fleece and have embellished their fabric using many different techniques such as applique, screen printing and stencil printing. Wow do they look great and totally cosy and warm for our Melbourne winter.

Well done girls!

Ms Jenny Hart
Textiles teacher



SENIOR STUDENTS (YEARS 10, 11 & 12) MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

A refinement of the process in regard to medical certificates for Senior students in Years 10, 11 and 12, has been implemented .

Year 10 and 11 students with a medical certificate:

- 1: Students are to take their Medical Certificate to their Student Learning Leader’s Office upon their return to school.
- 2: The Attendance Officer will enter the information into the ‘Attendance’ section of eworkspace. Parents can check the Parent Portal to ensure the attendance information has been correctly entered into the system.
- 3: The Attendance Officer will stamp the certificate ‘entered’ and place the certificate in the home group teacher’s pigeon hole.
- 4: The home group teacher will store the certificate.

Year 12 students with a medical certificate:

- 1: Students are to take their Medical Certificate to the Coordinator’s Office upon their return to school.
- 2: A Year 12 Coordinator will enter the information into the ‘Attendance’ section of eworkspace. Parents can check the Parent Portal to ensure the attendance information has been correctly entered into the system.
- 3: A Year 12 Coordinator will stamp the certificate ‘entered’ and store the certificate.

PLEASE READ! IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM LEARNING TEAMS

School policy states that students must be in correct school uniform at all times, or provide a suitable reason via written note from a parent or guardian. Under no circumstances are hoodies to be worn even with the provision of a note.

From time to time students are out of uniform and have these items confiscated to be returned at the end of the school day.

These items are sometimes not collected and we have a growing number of hoodies, jumpers and jackets in the offices of C1 and F10.

Please remind your child to collect them in the first three weeks of term three or these items will be donated to charity.

SICK BAY PROCEDURES

If your child is ill, he/she must go through the correct procedures. The student is to obtain a pass from the teacher then proceed to the Health Centre. The Nurse will make contact with the parent if necessary.

If you have a Medical Appointment a note needs to be written stating this. This note shown to the teacher and the child is then signed out at the Learning Team Office. These procedures are in place for the Health and Safety of your child.

IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2014

The City Casey Health Department has informed the College that their remaining immunisation program for the year will be offered to students in the following year levels.

	YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS	YEAR 9 VACCINATIONS
Monday 13th October 2014	Gardasil - cervical cancer vaccine – girls and Boys – third/final dose.	Gardasil – Boys only – third/final dose.

Students who cannot be immunised on the day the Health Department is at the College can still be vaccinated free of charge at any of the other City of Casey vaccination centres. Go to <http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/immunisation/article.asp?Item=16874> to find the 2014 City of Casey immunisation schedule which provides alternative venues and times.

Please discuss this issue with your child, particularly if your child is anxious about being immunised. In special circumstances, it may be appropriate for parents to attend to support their child through the process.

All parents should ensure that they can be easily contacted on the day of immunisation just in case students need to go home.

While the College is the venue for the program, teachers are not qualified to answer questions about the vaccines or other related medical issues. Parents with such questions should contact the City of Casey Health Department for advice on 9705 5200.

Mrs Tracey Anastasi
College Nurse

SCHOOL UNIFORM

NOONE IMAGEWEAR has reduced the price of ALL new items of the 'old' school uniform (jumpers, skirts, trousers etc) to \$10.00 per item.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-hand Uniform Shop will be open each week at the following times (during the school term):

- **TUESDAYS 8.30am-9.30am**
- **THURSDAYS 5.15pm-6.15pm**

Please phone 8768 1042 during these times. If you have any uniform enquiries outside of this time, please contact Diane on 9707 2605.

Second-hand items still required include: dresses, blue polos (larger sizes), grey trousers (larger sizes) and the school jacket. Items must be in good and clean condition. Bring to the shop during operating hours.

All new uniform (both 2013 and 2014) can only be purchased from Noone Imagewear (formerly Graeme Booth), Shop 4, Beaconsfield Hub, Princes Highway, Beaconsfield. Telephone 9769 9093.

Trading hours:

- **Monday to Friday: 9am till 5pm,**
- **Saturday: 9am till 1pm.**

COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE LOST DOGS HOME!!!



**DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD TOWELS, BLANKETS,
OLD DOG BEDS, DOONAS, PILLOWS ETC?**

The nights and days are cold and long for our poor lost and unwanted four legged friends! Any warmth and kindness would be greatly appreciated!

IF YOU HAVE ANY DONATIONS
PLEASE CONTACT
MS ANNA GREENSTREET
O'DONOGHUE STUDENT LEARNING LEADER
ON 8768 1089
TO ARRANGE A PICK UP FROM THE SCHOOL



★ NARRE WARREN ★

WESTFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE
FOUNTAIN GATE

SHOWTIMES

Thursday 26 th		7.30pm
Friday 27 th		7.30pm
Saturday 28 th	4pm	7.30pm
Sunday 29 th	11am 4pm	
Monday 30 th	11am 4pm	
Tuesday 1 st	NO SHOW	
Wednesday 2 nd	4pm	7.30pm
Thursday 3 rd	11am 4pm	
Friday 4 th	4pm	7.30pm
Saturday 5 th	4pm	7.30pm
Sunday 6 th	11am 4pm	
Monday 7 th	11am 4pm	
Tuesday 8 th	NO SHOW	
Wednesday 9 th	4pm	7.30pm
Thursday 10 th	11am 4pm	
Friday 11 th	4pm	7.30pm
Saturday 12 th	4pm	7.30pm
Sunday 13 th	11am 4pm	
Monday 14 th	NO SHOW	
Tuesday 15 th	NO SHOW	
Wednesday 16 th		7.30pm
Thursday 17 th		7.30pm
Friday 18 th		7.30pm
Saturday 19 th	4pm	7.30pm
Sunday 20 th	11am	

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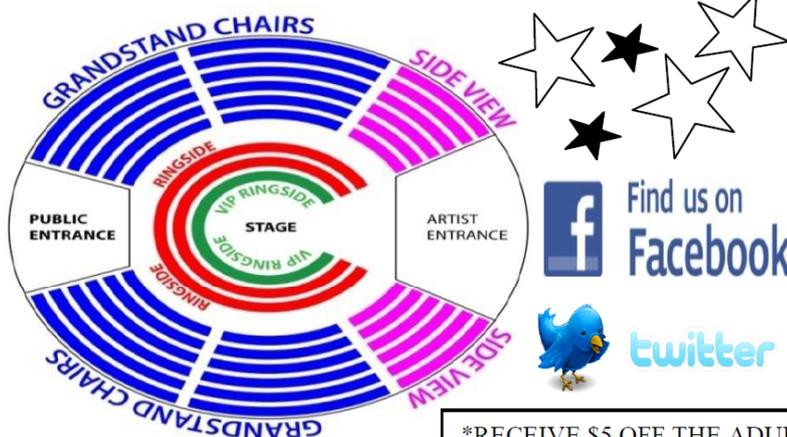
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