NEWSLETTER ISSUE 11

Friday, 20th November 2015

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**FINANCE OFFICE:**
Monday to Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm

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

**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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This year has flown and I write this report with a sense of pride and gratitude to the staff and students for what has been accomplished this year and great anticipation for the celebrations, activities and preparations required to finish this term well and prepare for 2016. This morning students are competing as a Homegroup in Monash Day, running the Walk of Fame with their green balloons and this week the Monash Learning Team have raised money for the Starlight Foundation.

Over the past four weeks, students have been involved in assessments, sporting competitions, camps and excursions. Our Dance Academy students have completed comprehensive assessments and congratulations to our coaches and teams from the Basketball Academy who competed in the State Championships on Monday, 16th November with both our Year 7 Boys and Year 7 Girls teams finishing runners-up in the State and our Year 8 Boys team finishing third in the State. We look forward to the results from the Australian Schools Championships in Canberra from 30th November to the 5th December. The Year 12 students have almost finished their exams and the Year 10 and 11 exams have now been completed. Exam supervision, timetabling and resourcing is an organisational challenge and the smooth execution of these activities is a credit to our Senior School staff. Our thanks to Mr Chris Sacco and Ms Dee Longwill for their hard work in implementing a new timetabling package and preparing the timetables for students and staff.

Headstart has begun ensuring our students make the most of their learning time at school. Each student begins their 2016 studies and they will then have the opportunity to use the term break to reflect upon, review and continue with this work. Staff will assess the work completed which will contribute 10% to the students 1st Semester 2016 grades.

The Musical Performance evening held last Wednesday night (11/11) was a fabulous example of some of the talent we have here at Berwick. Congratulations to all who participated, and to our wonderful teachers, Mr Michael Couche, Ms Mandy Brown, Mr Kenton Smith, Mr Bob Wijnschenk and volunteer voice coach, Toby. We also observed Remembrance Day at 11:00am which was lead by Ms Anna Greenstreet, including a poem written and read by Year 7 student Brodi Chattington in recognition of her father and grandfather’s service in The Australian Army. This poem is on page 4 of this newsletter.

White Ribbon Day will be acknowledged next week and a mural is being prepared by students to build awareness and understanding of how domestic violence can disrupt learning and to promote respectful relationships. Our thanks to Mrs Michelle Lewis for overseeing this project. Congratulations to our new School Captains for 2016 Rebecca Potalej, Samantha Neil, Harrison Cock and Joshua Angwenyi. They spoke very well to the student and staff community and are keen to contribute and serve our school community.

Over the past week we have hosted approximately 175 Grade 5 students from Berwick Lodge, Beaconsfield and Upper Beaconsfield primary schools where they have enjoyed Maths, Science Experiments, Food Technology, Dance and Photography. Excellent feedback was received from the feeder school staff and students. We welcome our new Year 7 2016 parents on Monday 7th December for an information evening and students on Tuesday 8th December for Orientation Day, although some new students in senior year levels have commenced with us for the Headstart program.

Our Valedictory Night will be held on Thursday 3rd December at Berwick Church of Christ from 6:00 to 9:00pm where students will be presented with their VCE or VCAL certificate and subject awards. Following this celebration, our Indonesian Night Market is being held on 4th December from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. I warmly invite you to our Presentation Evening on Wednesday 16th December from 7:00 to 9:00pm. On this special night, not only will students be acknowledged for their academic endeavours but Mr Jim de Vries, Ms Jannelle Graham and Mr Brent Greenwood will receive their 20 year service award, Ms Linda Bourke, Ms Amanda Brown and Ms Ksenija Skoda 25 year service award and Mr Peter Buff 35 year service award. Seven staff will receive 10 year service awards and four staff 15 year service awards at a staff function at the end of the year. It is wonderful to formally recognise these staff for their service to Berwick College. It is my pleasure to announce that Mr Pat Mulcahy, Assistant Principal, has been appointed Acting Principal of Cheltenham Secondary College for Term 1. This is a well deserved appointment and Mr Mulcahy will be Acting Principal for the following three weeks while I am on leave in Germany with Ms Cairns and our German Language students on the language and cultural tour.

Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal
CELEBRATING THE ART DOMAIN

LEARNING TEAMS 9 X 5 ART COMPETITION

The Art department ran its first art competition involving all of the learning teams. Students were given a piece of card measuring 9 x 5 “and were asked to do a piece of artwork of their own choice.

We had over 200 entries all of a very high standard. Our three prize winners were:

- **Maham Umar** (Year 7) 1st place
- **Samantha Lane** (Year 10) 2nd place
- **Kaaviyansiri Pathmasiri** (Year 7) 3rd place

These students received hampers filled with art materials to encourage them to continue with their art making. The top three learning team winners were Kenny (1st) Chisholm (2nd) and Dunlop (3rd)

I would like to thank all the other students for their entries and look forward to their entries next year.

**Congratulations to Hope Raynes** on receiving a Certificate of Merit in the Ilford Photography competition which is for students across Australia. Hope entered a fantastic digital photograph displaying her skills and effort in this medium.

**Filomena Henderson** - Art Domain Leader
**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Student Leadership are running their final free dress day on **Thursday 26th November** with all proceeds going to 'State Schools Relief'. Please bring a gold coin donation and support this generous charity who provides assistance in the form of clothing or footwear to young people whose family is facing significant challenges.

Christmas is coming and to celebrate this special time of year Student Leadership are operating a **'Wishing Tree'** which will be located in the C1s office.

Please donate a gift to this cause and you can help someone less fortunate have a happy Christmas.

All it takes is a small, new, item to be placed under the tree. If it is wrapped, make sure you identify which gender and age group it is best suited to.

Any questions please see Miss Andersen or Mr Hammond.

**STATE ATHLETICS—STATE CHAMPIONS!**

A huge congratulations to our very own **Bec Henderson**, who won the state final for the Girls 12-15 1500 Metre Race Walk at the 2015 State Track & Field Championships with a time of 6:59.72. Amazing stuff Bec!

**Kaine Foster** also put in an incredible personal best time in the 400m at the recent All Schools Championships to claim the gold medal. Great effort Kaine!

**Mr Peter McCall**

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**FROST NEWS!**

A photo from our fundraising event earlier this year is on the Leukaemia Foundation website under How to Help.

You can check it out on: [Join a Fundraising Event](#)

**Congratulations Team Frost**
KENNY—College Captain Speeches

A huge congratulations to the 11 students, Madeline Kelly, Amy Ashman, Bec Potalej, Harry Cock, Taylah O’Hagan, Brittany Barry, Joshua Angwenyi, Samantha Neil, Jack Presley, Ellie Williams and Jack Weiland who gave their speeches in front of all students and staff at the assembly on the 29th of October.

All did a superb job and we can be extremely proud of our leadership students who confidently spoke to the crowds.

Ms Jenny Hart
Kenny Student Learning Leader

MIGHTY MONASH!

Monash week commenced with the Monash Learning Team raising money for the Starlight Foundation. Students enjoyed running the ‘Walk of Fame’ and the winning Learning Team was Monash on 601pts with O’Donoghue coming a close second with 579pts and Kenny third place with 515pts.

The Starlight Foundation’s mission is “to brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families”. They do this because a once bright life becomes dulled by needles, hospital visits and painful treatments. Positive messages were also written on stars and displayed at C1 and donations gratefully received in the Wishing Well.
DANCE ACADEMY UPDATE

Congratulations to all of the students who performed in our Semester Two Performance Night and to all families who came and supported the two classes.

The students received a lot of great feedback and it was a great opportunity to see how much everyone has improved since the beginning of the year.

Casey Chellew’s “Breathing Space” was a huge success and we are SO proud of the BCDA’s Clare Jarman, Kate Porter and Darcy Christie for performing such a technically challenging and mature piece of contemporary choreography.

A big congratulations to Hannah Mollard from our Year 7 academy class for winning an award for Most Improved Senior out of all the senior students at her dancing school.

A special mention also goes to Emma Smith and Courtney Brooks who participated in the Cecchetti Excellence Awards which is a special class held for all students who achieved 100% on their grade 4, 5 or 6 ballet exams.

Positions are still available for the Year 7 and Year 9 Dance Academy classes and if you or someone you know are interested please contact 8768 1054 or Quenette.melissa.c@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Melissa Quenette
Director of Dance

REMEMBRANCE DAY—GALLIPOLI POEM

As the sun rises,
Each and every day,
Each of our eyes awaken,
Ready for some play.
But some of us are fighting
For our country’s pride,
Even though our families,
Are hurting way inside.
War is an understatement,
When really pain awaits,
All our hearts are broken,
On that dreadful day.
When saying goodbye is a must,
When hundreds of tears are shed,
When sadness turns to hope,
And memories are therefore lead.
Gallipoli awaits them,
Amongst the shore,
When soldiers are ready,
For different lives than before.
Their determination turns around,
For the journey that follows,
Is slowly but surely becoming found.
Their determination starts to stride,
Whereas their fear of loss continues to hide.

By Brodi Chattington—Year 7
In recognition of her Father and Grandfather’s service in The Australian Army.
BOOKLISTS 2016

LAMONT BOOKS – NEW BOOKLIST SUPPLIER - 2016

For the 2015/2016 Back to School season our College is excited to partner with a new booklist supplier, Lamont Books. Lamont Books is a family owned business that has been operating for more than 25 years.

Online Ordering
- All orders will be placed online this year. No booklists will be handed in to school.
- To order go to www.lamontbooks.com.au, select Textbooks and Stationery and select Berwick College from the list or follow the link on the Berwick College website.
- You can choose to have your order delivered to your nominated address or collect your order on our school collection date.
- If you would like to collect your books from school you do not need to pay when placing your order. Just go online, place the order and you can choose to defer payment until the school collection day.

Order on time for FREE home delivery / FREE packing and handling. Orders placed on time will receive:
- FREE postage and handling for orders over $60 for home delivery, OR
- FREE packing and handling for all school collection orders.

To take advantage of this offer orders must be placed by: 13 December 2015
- Online payment options are credit card, PayPal account or direct bank deposit.
- School collection orders do not need to be paid by this time. You can pay on collection. Your order just needs to be submitted online by these dates.
- Orders submitted after this date will be subject to delivery charges for home delivery of $9.50 for orders under $100 and $15 for orders over $100
- School collection orders can be placed until 17 January but will incur a $5 fee.

Berwick College collection date will be:
- Saturday 23 January, 10am – 4pm for all students

CITY OF CASEY—YOUNG WRITERS AWARDS

The awards dinner was held on Thursday, 12th November for the ‘Fresh Words Young writer’s Competition’, an annual event held by the City of Casey involving local private and public schools.

Two of our students, Amy and Sam Lane, attended as finalists in the competition.

Sam submitted a poem entitled ‘It’s Okay To Love’, while Amy submitted a creative essay, ‘Silent Fighting’.

In an incredible achievement, both students won in their age and genre categories, out of 288 submissions in total.

Congratulations to Amy and Sam, and to all the teachers who have facilitated the development of these students as creative writers!!

Ms Shauna Tansey
English Domain Leader
FROM THE CHAPLAIN’S DESK—LIMIT THE PUNISHMENT

Using punishment [the stick] is generally considered to have limited effect particularly in the longer term. It simply doesn’t help children to make a lasting difference to their behaviour or attitude and therefore has a limited life as a motivating force. There are a few reasons for this:

Over time the child becomes immune to the punishments they receive and rather accept them as part of life. They become desensitised and therefore we are tempted to increase the severity of the punishment to gain the desire effect. There has to be a natural upper limit which causes difficulties in matching the punishment to the crime [so to speak].

A valid question to ask would be “does punishment actually stop the behaviour?” Do you ever get the sense that the modification to their behaviour is so short lived that as soon as you leave the room they revert to the same ways that cased the problem in the first place?

When we punish our child we don’t usually give them a positive alternative way of behaving. The emphasis on the stopping because the outcome will be pain [in whatever form] and avoids the modelling of the desired behaviour. Showing them the positive way forward is far more effective in bringer long term change and creating self motivation.

In principle punishment models an aggressive response to the current situation, hardly the best thing to teach our children as they are growing up.

Punishment only works for as long as the threat exists. We find that they don’t do their homework because it needs to be done or to further their education but because if they don’t then they know they will be punished. When that threat isn’t there – maybe when Dad is away on a business trip, or the baby sitter is round – then the homework won’t get done at all. No need to because they won’t get punished if they don’t. So again we aren’t teaching them a better way but rather a pain avoidance technique.


OLD TECHNOLOGY—DONATIONS NEEDED

Berwick College is pleased to be supporting a program to assist severely disadvantaged children and schools in rural Vietnam and Philippines.

We would be delighted to receive any unwanted electronic business equipment i.e. laptop, photocopier, mobile phone, notebook, computer screen, desk tops. (Not household items)

All equipment not saleable is disposed of in an environmentally conscious manner.

Enquiries: 8768 1002
This month is ‘Movember’. It is the month where we remind our men/boys to take care of themselves.

Our menfolk are encouraged to get medical check ups, to stop and take time out and to chat about any issues they may have.

In our busy lives it is easy to neglect those near and dear to us.

On 11th November we stop and remember those who gave the ultimate price for us.

We remember those in World War 1 and all those who died in wars. Lest We Forget.

The Library Ladies
YEARS 12 ATTENDANCE
With the final day for Year 12 is fast approaching it is crucial that students are attending school every day. Students must attend school to meet the requirements of both VCE and VCAL. If students are absent, a medical certificate must be given to the Year 12 Coordinators.

VET CERTIFICATES
A reminder that any student enrolled in a VET certificate (delivered at Berwick College or off campus) must provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI) for their certificate to be issued. Further information about this can be found at www.usi.gov.au or the Careers Centre.

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

ADVICE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS AND PARENTS
While it’s good to encourage young people to celebrate the significant achievement of finishing Year 12, it’s also essential to help make sure they do it safely. The Department has provided advice to school leavers and their parents to make the end of year celebrations safe and hassle-free.

- School leavers are encouraged to register on www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/schoolies where they are going to celebrate. Youth Central provides information to young people about a wide range of issues – from accommodation to transport, entertainment and safety, which will be of use during school leaver celebrations and events. It also provides school leavers with information from coastal councils about staying safe at the beach.
- Parents are advised to know: where their school leaver is going, the names of their friends who they are travelling with, and how to get in touch with them.
- Parties should be registered with Partysafe at www.police.vic.gov.au/partysafe
- School leavers—Look after yourself and friends, stay connected and healthy
- Social media has a very strong presence at Schoolies so there are some things to remember before posting online or sending messages to your friends.
APPLIED LEARNING—HEAD START PROGRAM

All VCAL students commenced their Head Start program on Monday, 16th November. Students should have received a timetable in the mail that shows all their subjects and their timetabled VET. All VCAL students will study Personal Development Skills, Work Related Skills, Literacy, Numeracy and VET throughout 2016. All stationary and one exercise book is required for all subjects during Head Start. Please refer to the 2016 booklist for other requirements for next year.

All Foundation, Intermediate and Senior students will receive an outline of all Learning Outcomes relevant to each subject. An integral component of VCAL is completing VET (Vocational Education and Training) within the timetable and a blocked VET. During Head Start VET within the timetable will commence, however blocked VET at school and at another training organisations will not commence until 2016.

All students enrolled in VCAL must also participate in Structured Workplace Learning. Prior to the commencement of the work placement students must complete a Structured Workplace Learning Form to ensure they have Public Liability Insurance which is covered by the Department of Education. This can be downloaded from the College website: Structured Workplace Learning Form

All VCAL students enrolled at Berwick College will participate in a five day program. This consists of Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at school completing all relevant subjects in this program. On Wednesday and Friday students will complete Structured Workplace placement and/or VET. To ensure students are meeting all requirements of this program it is imperative that they attend classes and participate in all areas to the best of their ability.

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 8768-1072.
Corinne Duhau
Applied Learning Leader

YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY

The Year 12 Valedictory will be held on Thursday 3rd December at Berwick Church of Christ from 6pm to 9pm where students will be presented with their VCE or VCAL certificate and subject awards.

Dress code is semi-formal and students are expected to dress appropriately for the occasion. In addition, the Valedictory is not catered for, therefore this is an alcohol free event. There is no payment associated with the Valedictory and students may bring up to three guests on the evening. Please contact Lexie McGill or Christopher Sacco with any enquires.
Senior School Team

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

The Sustainable School Shop is an efficient process for families to be able to recycle and trade their second hand textbooks, uniforms, calculators, stationery, musical equipment, etc all year round.

Don’t forget to register on the Sustainable School Shop website—www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- List your items for sale
- List wanted ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- Most trading will occur with other parents from our College

Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop’s telephone (1300 683 337) or help is also available through ‘Contact Us’ on their website at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au The system is simple and easy to use - If you don’t have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance.

Families are offered three levels of access:
- Search only - registering/logging-in on the Sustainable School Shop, searching all the for sale ads and gaining the sellers’ contact details is free.
- Single items cost $1.00 to be advertised
- Subscription - an annual subscription costs $19.95 and is the most anyone will pay. This is chosen by families who have many items to advertise.
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Dates
Program runs from 1 December 2015 to 26 February 2016.

Purchases will be collected and payment made directly to the school by 31 March 2016.

Barcode can be published in school newsletters and online from 1 November 2015.

Things to note

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HEADSTART PROGRAM

Friday, 13th November is the last day of the 2015 academic year. On Monday, 16th November students will start the 2016 academic year. This program is called the HEADSTART PROGRAM and details are outlined below.

YEAR 12 (2016) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday 16 November to Friday 27 November 2015
All current Year 11 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick College in 2016 will complete a two-week Year 12 Headstart Program in preparation for 2016.

Students will begin their 2016 studies during this time and will have the opportunity to use the holiday period to reflect, review and continue with this work.

As some programs are run outside the College the following expectations apply:

- Students doing a complete VCE course will be required to attend Monday to Friday.
- Students doing VCAL will not be required to attend on Wednesday and Friday as these are the days their VET study and Work Experience is scheduled.
- Students doing VET within a VCE course will not be required to attend on either Wednesday or Friday as one of these days will be the day their VET study is scheduled.
- Students undertaking a VET course that is scheduled within the timetable on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are required to attend.

YEAR 11 (2016) HEADSTART PROGRAM - Monday 16 November to Friday 4 December 2015
All current Year 10 students intending to continue their studies at Berwick College in 2016 will complete a three-week Year 11 Headstart Program in preparation for 2016.

Students will begin their 2016 studies during this time and will have the opportunity to use the holiday period to reflect, review and continue with this work.

As some programs are run outside the College the following expectations apply:

- Students doing a complete VCE course will be required to attend Monday to Friday.
- Students doing VCAL will not be required to attend on Wednesday and Friday as these are the days their VET study and Work Experience is scheduled.
- Students doing VET within a VCE course will not be required to attend on either Wednesday or Friday as one of these days will be the day their VET study is scheduled.
- Students undertaking a VET course that is scheduled within the timetable on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are required to attend.

YEAR 8, 9, 10 (2016) HEAD START PROGRAM - Monday 16 November to Friday 11 December 2015
All current students in Years 7-9 are expected to attend school and begin their 2016 program during these four weeks. Students will do the next year’s work. Students will be in their Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 classes for 2016 and will have timetables that reflect the composition of classes for 2016.

The College will try to keep staffing changes to a minimum but some changes will be inevitable due to staff leaving the College for employment elsewhere in 2016. The teacher will assess the work completed during Headstart which will contribute 10% to the student’s grade. Teachers will then file the work and the grades so that the work and the grades are readily available for use in 2016.

- Students must attend classes with folder (paper) and pen/pencils.
- Students will not be expected to have textbooks at this time. Teachers will provide resource material for students.

There will be NO opportunity for students to “catch up” on work missed in 2015 in preparation for the 2016 year unless the student has been granted an exemption from the program.

There needs to be a good reason provided before an exemption is granted. Parents may ask the appropriate Student Learning Leader to exempt a student from the program at the end of the year. Student Learning Leaders will compile a list of exempt students and will provide written confirmation to parents.
Student Learning Leaders may grant exemptions for the following reasons:

- new student to the College
- other educational activity – e.g. World Challenge Program
- serious medical issue – e.g. student has a medical condition supported by a medical certificate to explain any on-going absence during this time.
- urgent or serious family related issue – e.g. death in family.

**All other requests for exemptions should be directed to the College Principal – Ms Bolch.**

Students granted an exemption may choose to do the work provided at home either in 2015 or 2016 whichever is appropriate.

Students moving in to **Year 10 Foundation VCAL 2016** will be required to attend the Headstart program on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**. They will not be required to attend school on Wednesdays or Fridays, as these are the days they will be at VET or Work Placement in 2016.

Students enrolled in **Year 9 ALP for 2016** will be required to attend the Headstart program on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**. Students will not be required to attend school on Tuesdays, as this is the day they will be at their TAFE program in 2016.

**REDEMPTION PROGRAM**

Students who do not satisfy the College’s Promotion Policy in 2015 will not be directly promoted to the next year level. These students will have the opportunity to redeem their results by undertaking a Redemption Program during the Headstart Program. The program will provide students with the opportunity to prove they are capable of advancing to the next year level with the real potential for success. During this program students will be under direct supervision of the Principal class and will be required to work independently.

For students who are not meeting the expectations of the program a place will be held for them in their current year level. Students who are clearly meeting the expectations during the Redemption Program may be promoted to the next year level.

To satisfactorily complete the Redemption Program students will be required to:

- Complete all set work to a satisfactory standard
- Arrive on time for all classes
- Follow all teacher instructions the first time they are given

**LAST WEEK OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

**Friday 11th December** is the last day of the Headstart program. In the last week, December 14th to 18th, students will undertake work set by teachers however no new work will be introduced and the work the students undertake will not be included in assessment.

During the last week teachers will be correcting Headstart work and finalising marks that are part of 2016 assessment. The Headstart work contributes 10% to the students’ overall 2016 assessment.

**KEY DATES**

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School Holiday Program
January School Holidays
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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
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