

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 11

Friday, 18th November 2022

Saturday 19th November	Basketball Academy USA Tour leaves (returning 08/12)
Monday 21st November	Year 10 English and Maths Exams—Students can sign out at 2pm or work in Senior School
Friday 25th November	Report Writing Day—Student Free Day
Sunday 27th November	Basketball Academy leaves for National Competition (returning 02/12)
Monday 28th November	Headstart - 2023 Academic Classes Year 9 Morrisby Testing Week Auditions for the 2023 School Production 3:30-5:00pm—PAC
Monday 5th December	Year 9 Tasmania Tour leaves (returning 09/12)
Thursday 8th December	Celebration of Achievement Evening 6pm—Stadium
Friday 9th December	Final day year 11 & 12 2023
Monday 12th December	Year 8 Canberra Tour leaves (returning 16/12) Year 7, 2023 Information Evening 6-7pm Stadium
Tuesday 13th December	Year 7, 2023 Orientation Day Auditions for the 2023 School Production 3:30-4:30pm—PAC
Friday 16th December	Semester 2 Reports available
Monday 19th December	Gumbuya World Excursion
2023 Key Dates	
Monday 30th January	Year 7 and year 12 First Day Parent Teacher Conferences for years 7 to 11
Tuesday 31st January	Years 8 to 11 First Day—Whole School Assembly Period 1

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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 newsletter, following us on Facebook and contacting the appropriate Home Group Teacher if you have any concerns.

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Principal's Report

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There have been a number of outstanding community events over the past few weeks. The Basketball Academy Trivia night was a lovely example of community spirit, families coming together to raise money to assist our students to travel overseas. The 2001 and 2002 reunions where past students shared how much Berwick meant to them and the influence their teachers had on them. This is the reward of teaching—making a difference in the lives of our students.

The Valedictory dinner held this week was a very special event; the class of 2022 will become part of our extensive alumni and history. My thanks to the Senior School team: Assistant Principal, Mr Andrew Barker, year 12 Coordinators, Ms Amy Pyke and Ms Stephanie Loiacono, and all classroom teachers for their hard work and consistent support of the year 12 students. Our Careers Team will always be available for students to discuss their varied career pathways and options.

Two of our staff who have been recognised for doing just that are Mr Adam Nettleingham and Mr Travis Tuck. Mr Nettleingham has achieved the WorldStrides World's Best Teacher Award for 2022, for consistently creating experiential learning opportunities for our students and creating a welcoming environment at Berwick College. Mr Tuck has been nominated for a 2023 Casey Community Award for outstanding individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Casey community.

My thanks to Mr Kaplon, Ms Platt and student leaders for preparing the Remembrance Day presentation, activities and flag protocols.

Student assessments are being finalised to enable teachers to make informed and consistent judgements to improve student learning and complete Semester 2 reports on Report Writing Day, Friday, 25th November.

Our staff are looking forward to celebrating and rewarding student achievement and personal growth at the Celebration of Achievement night on Thursday, 8th December at 6pm. Many of our past staff, alumni, local businesses who support our College, universities and local politicians sponsor these awards with bursaries, vouchers and/or names on plaques and medals. We are very grateful for their on-going association with our College and their encouragement to our students and their families.

I recently attended a Department PD on Cyber Safety. Cyber safety is an issue from as young as the age of ten, where children are targeted through online games. In their innocence and naivety, they do not want to disappoint people, including these predators, and so they find themselves in some terrible situations. While at school, phones must be switched off and securely stored during school hours. This has helped to ensure we have a positive and respectful school environment. Bully Stoppers and the eSafety Commissioner www.esafety.gov.au have excellent resources to assist children who experience serious cyberbullying and image-based abuse. Together we can support our students in using digital technologies safely and responsibly.

The Headstart Program (2023 classes) commences on Monday, 28th November, and gives our staff the opportunity to establish early positive relationships with students and assists in building the frameworks around high expectations. It also assists in identifying the level of prior knowledge and understanding necessary to ensure we can maximise student learning growth in the coming weeks.



Principal's Report continued...

We are looking forward to warmly welcoming our 2023 year 7 students on Orientation day and building connections through the comprehensive pre-orientation program prepared by our Student Learning Leaders and Acting Assistant Principal, Mrs Michelle Lewis.

I look forward to presenting the following school service awards to staff towards the end of the year: ten years of service – Ms Kristine Klados; fifteen years of service – Mr Paul Cook, Ms Danielle Edwards, Ms Liana Mannens, Mr Rod Park and Ms Dani Vitalich; twenty years of service – Ms Jenny Osborne, and twenty-five years of service – Mrs Tracey Anastasi. These awards and acknowledgements are a testament to our tireless, professional staff who support our students to develop, believe in and reach their potential.

Ms Kerri Bolch - Principal

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BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Trivia Night– Huge Success!

On behalf of the Berwick College Basketball Staff, we send out a huge thank you to all the families and friends who supported us and the students in raising funds for the upcoming USA trip.

The Trivia Night was a huge success, the attendance numbers were awesome and every item was bid on. While staff and students were running around like headless chooks, it was great to see everyone having so much fun, a tonne of conversations and laughter happening at tables and plenty of competitive juices flowing in regards to the trivia questions. There was also some amazing food floating around keeping everyone's bellies full.

The students were also great, with setting up, raffle ticket and sweets sales, scorecard collection, tallying up results and finally packing up. Again, many thanks go out to all the families that sought out or donated items to be auctioned and also those who contributed money directly to the fund. With the Aussie dollar the way it is, every dollar raised counts.

The night definitely exceeded our expectations and has now set a high standard for any future events.

The money will be spent on providing our students with as many meals as possible while away and, with any luck, potentially an unplanned extra activity/experience or two. A shout out goes to team "Broke Parents" who were the eventual winners of the Trivia bonus points from the dance-off which got them over the line.



Athletics Victoria

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding sporting achievement at the Victorian All Schools Track and Field Championships. A podium finish qualifies the athlete to compete in the Australian All Schools Track & Field Championships that will be held in Adelaide on Friday 9th - Sunday 11th December. Wishing you all the very best in the next round of competitions.

Berwick SC Results

Status: Final

W16

Javelin: Claire Wilson 27.15m (6th);

M20

Pole Vault: Andrew Bull 4.10m (2nd);

M15

Long Jump: Josiah Stanford 5.94m (+0.0) (1st);

M14

800m: Dinath Silva 2:11.05 (5th); 2:14.26 (P);

Pictured left to right: Claire, Andrew, Josiah and Dinath



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BASKETBALL ACADEMY

State Champions!

An enormous congratulations goes out to our year 7 and Intermediate SSV Boys teams who won their State Finals against Blackburn College and Box Hill respectively at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Monday.

Our year 7s went undefeated, and our Intermediates did it the hard way after narrowly dropping a game during the rounds.

Also, a huge shout out to the year 8 Boys team who just missed out making the final by a few percentage points in a top of the table tie. Following those results, Tuesday also proved a successful day for our year 7 and Intermediate Girls teams, notching up impressive wins over some strong schools only to just fall short of making the final.

Congratulations to all students and staff, and to Jason Rivet for helping coach on the day. Our Junior programs have tasted a lot of success over the year which helps validate all the hard work our student athletes have put in since joining the Academy.



Valedictory Glamour—an outstanding night!



Mighty Monash News



The 2022 school year is starting to close, with Headstart fast approaching. We wish our year 11 students the best of luck with their exams and the rest of our students putting the finishing touches on their last assessments.

Next week our year 10 students fly out to the Gold Coast to represent the school at the National Championships. They have all put in a tremendous amount of work to get to this point and we look forward to sharing, what we hope will be, some fantastic results.

A reminder to all of our students to get their payments submitted for Gumbuya World which is being held on Monday, 19th December. This event is always a highlight for many and we highly encourage our Monash students to sign up and end the year on a high.

We would like to take a moment to send a massive congratulations to our newly appointed Learning Team Captains, **Ally Mitchell** and **Kaiden Roewer**. Ally continues as captain from last year and Kaiden takes over from Truman Byrne. The Monash Learning Team thanks Truman for his efforts this year and appreciates the role model he was for younger students.



Attendance

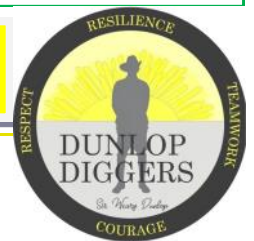
Please ensure that you are updating student absences on Compass. If you are unaware of how to do this yourself, your child's homegroup teacher can help if you update them through email or phone call.

Uniform

It is important that we continue to keep up the uniform standards (including socks and shoes), to ensure connection to school and student safety. If your child will be out of uniform, send them with a note detailing the item of uniform and how long it will take to correct.

Keep up the great work, Monash! Mr Daniel Coco and Mr Mitchell Wood — Monash Student Learning Leaders

Dunlop Diggers News



As the year begins to come to a close, it is important that we recognise what has come before and what is to come in the future.



We would like to take a moment to thank our 2022 Learning Team Captain, **Ruby Andres**, for her efforts this year supporting the students as well as the causes that it supports. We wish Ruby all the best for her upcoming year 12.

Looking to the future, we are happy to announce that **Regan Gay** and **Allanah Thorn** will be representing the Learning Team as its Captains for the 2023 year. These girls have been fantastic representers of the College through the Dance Academy and we cannot wait to see what they bring to Dunlop in 2023.

As this long term continues, we understand that it may be necessary to take a day at home for mental health or other purposes. We would simply appreciate it if you could make communication with the College, either through notes on Compass, a call to the attendance line or an email to ourselves, the Student Learning Lead-

ers or your child's homegroup teacher. This allows us to ensure our records are clear and precise regarding our students. Take care, and please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

Mr Jake Uhlenberg & Ms Devi Aruna

Frost Falcons Learning Team



As we wrap up the end of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Learning Team Captains for this year, **Chloe Dawson and Tarran Frost**. They have not only made the Frost Learning Team proud, but the Berwick College community too. It is with great excitement I congratulate and introduce to you our Learning Team captains for 2023, **Tarran Frost** (for a third year in a row) and **Chris Jensen**. We are so excited to be working with you both in 2023.

Welcome to our Learning Team Captains for 2023



Hi everyone! If you don't already know me my name is **Tarran Frost** and 2023 will be my third and final year of being a Frost Learning Team Captain. If you don't already know me, I'll tell you a little bit about the girl that is going to spend, and has spent, the year trying my best to get everyone as involved in our learning team as I can and do the best for you. I am 16 years old and a year 11 student for 2023. At school I have always enjoyed almost all my subjects as long as they do not include Science. Outside of school I play netball and work at Ozmosis. I also like going for walks and runs with my dog, going out to do things with my friends and I really look forward to doing these things over the summer, as well as going water-skiing, swimming and going to the beach, all the fun things we get to do throughout the summer holidays. During this role I have learnt a lot about myself and the people around me and how I can do my best to get to know them and encourage them to get involved in activities at our school, in particular swimming carnival and athletics and subjects that some people aren't quite sure of or don't know much about. I am really looking forward to having another amazing year, meeting all the new year 7s coming in, hopefully being a part of a team that's off the bottom of the ladder and bringing some of my ideas to life in this learning team!



Hello, my name is **Chris Jensen**, and I am your Frost Captain for 2023. I am currently 16 years old and in year 10 as I write this, but in 2023 I will be in year 11. In school I play saxophone for the school's band and my favourite subject is History. Outside of school I take part in the senior volunteer program of the CFA which is loads of fun. I can't wait to see you all next year.

Upcoming dates

Monday 14th of November – Year 11 exam week commences

Monday 21st of November – Year 10 Math and English exam

Friday 25th of November – Student Free day | Report writing day

Monday 28th of November – Headstart 2023 commences

Monday 19th of December - Gumbuya World excursion (current year 7, 8 and 9s)

Tuesday 20th of December – Final day of Term 4, 2022

Ms Leah Green – Student Learning Leader & **Ms Lauren Varadi** – Assistant Student Learning Leader

2023 School Production—Legally Blonde Junior

Berwick College is doing a School Production in 2023! LEGALLY BLONDE JUNIOR

We are so excited to showcase our talented singers, actors/actresses and dancers all together on stage.

Meeting: All students are invited to attend an information session on Monday, 21st November at lunchtime in the PAC.

Auditions: will be held Monday, 28th November 3.30pm until 5pm PAC

Call backs: Lunchtimes during that week and into the next week

Year 7 2023 Auditions: 13th December 3.30pm until 4.30pm

Can't wait to see you all! **Ms Julie Wotherspoon**—VCE Theatre Studies/Dance Director - Junior School



Flynn Phoenix Learning Team



As we move into Term 4, it is evident that while resilient, students are gradually becoming more and more fatigued. It is important that we collectively monitor students to ensure that this fatigue doesn't result in burnout. Holidays are only weeks away, which will give students a much-needed rest and opportunity to recharge after the first full academic year post lockdowns. We encourage families to check in with their child, monitor their workload, review Compass to check for notices and due dates. As usual, communication is key, so please get in contact with your child's homegroup teacher should you believe they need any support or have any concerns.

We would like to thank all the students and teachers who came out to support the Flynn and O'Donoghue Learning Team Day. While it was a long time ago, we would like to acknowledge all the work that went on behind the scenes and congratulate both teams for the amount of money raised.

We would also like to thank **Matt Shambrook** and **Emma Guthrie** for their continued leadership and work across the year as the Flynn Learning Captains. They have always shown an exemplary example and demonstrated the ICARE ideals in every exchange. They have both been assets to our learning team (and College!). Thankyou for everything!

In addition, we would like to thank **Taj Pentland** for his ongoing efforts with our junior students. He has always been a positive presence and students have enjoyed seeing him in their rooms for a chat or group activity.



This being said, we would like to welcome **Mitzi Henry** and **Taj Pentland** as the new 2023 Flynn Learning Team Captains.

Both students are fantastic leaders and have often been advocating student needs.

We would also like to welcome **Sayla Baldacchino** and **Stella O'Loughlin** as our 2023 junior school ambassadors. We have a fantastic leadership team next year and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they can make for our students and College.

Mr Vaughan Chaplin and **Ms Kristen Healey**-Student Learning Leaders

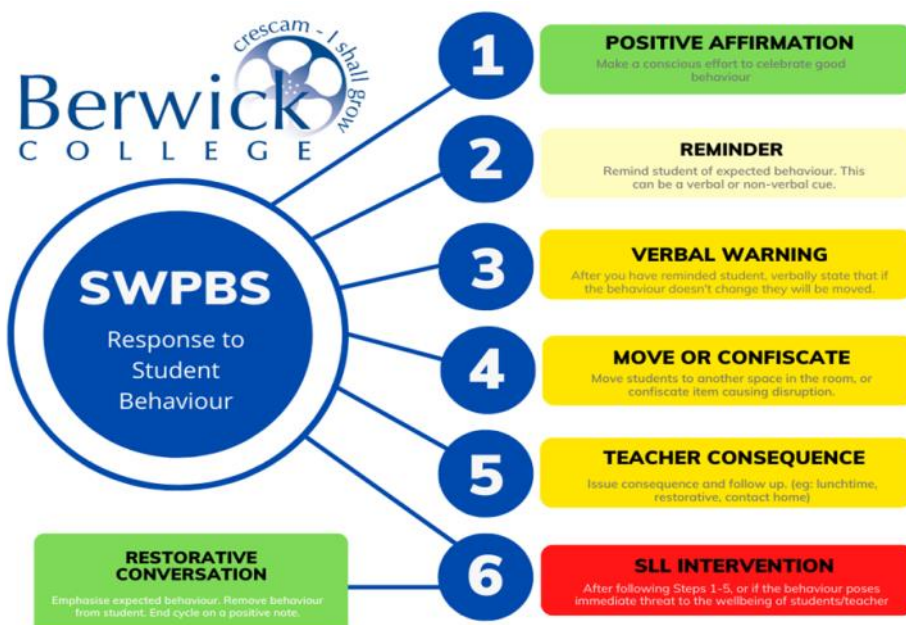
School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The staff at Berwick College use the School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support program (SWPBS) focussing on recognising and acknowledging the positive behaviour that our students demonstrate throughout the day. Our hope in working with this model is to increase the positive behaviours to ensure students are ready to learn in a calm and orderly environment.

A key element of SWPBS is the use of Positive Behaviour Postcard emails generated by teachers in line with our College's I.C.A.R.E. Values. Inquiry, Cooperation, Achievement, Resilience and Empathy, which are the traits we hope to see in all students at the College. Perhaps your child has already been recognised in this way.

Pictured right, you will find the classroom behaviour staged response matrix our staff follow to recognise positive behaviour and also redirect that which distracts from learning in the classroom.

We hope that you will take a moment to familiarise yourself with our process.



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