


NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2

Friday 10th March 2023

2023 KEY DATES—TERM 1& 2	
Monday 13th March	Public Holiday—Student Free Day
Tuesday 14th March	KENNY Learning Team Day
Wednesday 15th March	Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN Testing commences
Sunday 19th March	Buy a sausage & drink at the Bunnings (Fountain Gate) Fundraiser for our Dance Academy students
Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd March	Year 7 Camp 1—O'Donoghue, Kenny and Flynn Learning Teams
Tuesday 21st March	College Council AGM and General Meeting
Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th March	Year 7 Camp 2—Chisholm, Dunlop and Hollows Learning Teams
Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th March	Year 7 Camp 3— Frost and Monash Learning Teams
Thursday 30th March	Athletics Carnival
Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 4th April—6:30pm	 "The struggle is real...how to get my adolescent to school and stay there?" Helpful tools and tips delivered by our SSLs and Wellbeing Team. Further information will be provided via Compass.
Wednesday 5th April	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Thursday 6th April	Last day of Term 1 Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00am to 2:00pm
Monday 24th April	First Day Term 2
Tuesday 25th April	ANZAC Day—Public Holiday
Wednesday 3rd May	Year 7, 2024 Information Night 6:30pm

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Principal's Report

"Measuring a student's knowledge, skills and understanding in a subject assists us to provide our students with literacy and numeracy skills at the appropriate level and helps pinpoint where they are in their individual learning pathway—and what they need to progress".

With just four weeks to go of Term 1, staff have begun to finalise assessments and complete interim reports in preparation for Parent/Student/Teacher conferences.

NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy testing for years 7 and 9 students will commence next week and students in years 7 to 9 have been completing their PAT tests.

Measuring a student's knowledge, skills and understanding in a subject assists us to provide our students with literacy and numeracy skills at the appropriate level and helps pinpoint where they are in their individual learning pathway—and what they need to progress. The organisation and logistics to complete testing is quite complex for a school our size and attendance is extremely important to ensure every student can maximise their learning opportunities and set goals for the year ahead.

Our students and staff are enjoying the opportunities that this year has brought with year 11 students undertaking weekly dance sessions, with the support of The Rotary Club of Berwick and coordinators, Ms Natasha Rallis and Ms Lauren Hutchinson, in preparation for the Presentation Balls next term; interschool sport; VET Dance showcase; environmental research tasks and field trips to Cardinia Reserve and Acoonah Park; Outdoor Education activities such as the Surf and Scuba camps; Division swimming, and our Dance Academy students have commenced the Victorian State Schools Spectacular rehearsals. The upcoming year 7 camps will also assist in building positive relationships between students and staff.

The annual Swimming Carnival was an excellent opportunity to build connections with our students, to connect them with their Learning Teams and for our year 12s to celebrate and participate in their last Swimming Carnival. My thanks to our Sports Coordinator, Ms Claise Janssen, for organising the day. We look forward to the 'sea of colour and activity' at the annual Athletics Carnival.

Last week our staff enjoyed a Professional Learning Day which was themed "Fast Effective Feedback and Assessment" with Educational Specialist, Glen Pearsall. Staff were given the opportunity to work together to explore questioning techniques and other feedback strategies. The final session on correction tools was very valuable. My thanks to Assistant Principal, Ms Alison Birkett, and Instructional Practice Learning Specialist, Ms Natasha Sales, for organising this high-quality professional learning day.

This week we were delighted to celebrate a number of our teachers whose subject/s achieved a mean study score over 30 in 2022; Ms Caitlin Besim, Mr Daniel Bowen, Ms Virginia Danahay, Ms Claise Janssen, Mr Kanti Lal, Ms Sasha Lanyon, Ms Stephanie Merchant, Ms Deana Mihalos, Ms Dewi Mulia, Mr Adam Nettleingham, Ms Marnie Platt, Ms Brittany Richards, Mr Jason Walsh and Mr Gavin Watson. We also acknowledged Ms Jenny Osborne for her 20 years of Service to the students and College as a learning support officer.

You will be aware of the staffing issues facing our school as well as schools across the Country. We are working hard to cover classes and have persistently contacted the Department of Education and agencies to help. If you are a teacher, not currently working or would be interested in some casual work, we would love to hear from you!

We will all be ready to relax briefly for this long weekend, returning rejuvenated to continue with determination to ensure higher quality learning outcomes for all our students.

Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal

Tuesday, 4th April 6:30pm



"The struggle is real... how to get my adolescent to school and stay there?"

At Berwick College, we want to see all of our students at school, engaged in their learning and reaching their full potential. When a young person is refusing to come to school, and parents or carers are not sure what to do about it, this can become an enormous stress for the whole family. This Parent Forum will be looking at: What is school refusal? What are the signs? What causes school refusal? What are the consequences? Along with helpful tools and tips, and where you can go for help. Further information will be provided via Compass.

Athletics Carnival Information

Dear Parent or Carer,

On **Thursday, 30th March**, Berwick College will be holding its annual Athletics Carnival. Students will be representing their Learning Team in a range of track and field / novelty events on the day.

The day is an important part in the development of the Learning Team culture within the College. It will enable students and teachers to work and have fun together, and to further develop positive relationships, which we believe are central to a student having success at school. With this in mind, it is compulsory for all students to attend.

When: Thursday, 30th March 2023
Where: Edwin Flack Reserve (Manuka Road, Berwick 3806)
Carnival Time: 9:30 – 3:00 pm

- Students will arrive to school as normal – 9am
- Students should endeavour to wear their Learning Team colours to show their support for their team
- Students will be dismissed from the Athletics Track at 3.15pm

Further Information:

Students are to attend Home Group at 9:00am, followed by a short Learning Team assembly before walking over to the athletics track.

Make sure your child brings sunscreen, a hat, something to eat and drink and most importantly, a positive attitude!

Canteen will not be in operation but food will be available to buy from the fundraising BBQ being run.

Asthma sufferers must bring their appropriate reliever medication.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

If you have any queries about the above information, please contact the Sports Coordinator, Ms Claise Janssen, or Assistant Principal, Mr Kevin McCall, on 8768 1000.



Maths After School Help Sessions

MATHS AFTER-SCHOOL HELP SESSIONS

Maths After-school Help Sessions have started back up. Students can come along if they would like a scheduled, quiet space to complete their Maths Homework or unfinished class work. Maths teachers will be available to assist with any questions students have. Sessions will run every Tuesday in A13 from 3.20-4.30pm.

All year levels are welcome.

Term 1 Sports Report

YEAR 8 MIXED BASEBALL

On Monday, the 13th of February, a group of mixed year 7 and 8s went to Sweeney Reserve to challenge Gleneagles in baseball. With super coach, Mr Bowen, and Grace to help, the kids took to the field with great spirit and enthusiasm.

The game was great and Berwick quickly asserted their dominance, with **Vivien Turner** showing real skill with the catcher's mitt. With a great team effort Berwick prevailed to win 4-1 and go on to the next round which will be held at Kingston Heath Reserve on Friday, 5th of May.

Players included: Ethan Mrozowski, Cruz Salerno, Rylan Sawrey, Vivien Turner, Xavier Ford, Kura Te Paki, Jensen Turner, Riley Honey, Lucas Clements, Jaylen Phillips, Cooper Campbell, Cody Fernandez, Stuart Black. Well done and good luck for the next round.



INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

On the 23rd of February, five volleyball teams from Berwick went to Dandenong Stadium to take on the other schools in our District. Led by the highly experienced Ms Robinson, along with the dedicated Mr Herrington and passionate Mrs Sommers, all five teams took it to their opponents on the day. Success was experienced throughout the day, however the skill level from some of the competitors was too high on the day. Berwick's five teams represented the school with pride and it was great to see so many teams keen to represent the school in volleyball. Well done to all involved.

Senior Players included: Fardeen Alimi, Tia Charles, Ashlee Cooper, Samantha Dickinson, Faith Garrity, Olivia Garrity, Jhai Guttenbeil, Stefan Kuljanin, Kai Lawrence, Ammon Llerena, Tony Paila, Luca Pohatu, Jemma Szybkowski, Felicity Terry and Archana Yapa Mudiyansele.

Intermediate Players included: James Allott, Jemma Breasley, Alix-Jade Chambers, Jacob Collings, Elijah Cornell, Tyler De Jong, Harrison De Koning, Gurnoor Dhaliwal, Paige Ford, Lexi Hodge, Elise Holmes, Spencer Ingle, Levi Kamande, Elijah Kata, Filip Kuljanin, Matilda Mahon, Nikola Prvulovic, Ben Thomas, Noah Whitaker, Jack Wittke Joce and Mitchell Zeunert.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TENNIS

On Monday, 27th of February, our senior and intermediate tennis teams took to the court on a drizzly day at the Pakenham Regional Tennis centre. With Mr Maksic in charge of the boys, the two senior teams took to the court first and showed real promise. The Intermediate boys followed up with a solid win in their first round. All achieved success throughout the day, with the Intermediate boys ending up runners up on the day, but unfortunately Nossal were just too strong.

The Senior girls took to the court with no real tennis experience, at least in a few years - but had lots of fun and pushed Nossal in the doubles. **Ebony Code** was the stand out, winning her singles against their toughest opponent. The Intermediate girls had a delayed start to the day, due to the Gleneagles bus not showing up, however after a long warm up they took on the skilful Nossal team. **Gabrielle Gelderbloem** won her singles in a tight contest against Nossal's toughest opponent and **Leone Esera** showed off her powerful serve and court strokes, but missed out on the win. **Casey North Final Results were:**

Senior Boys	Senior Girls	Inter Boys	Inter Girls
Winner – Nossal	Nossal	Nossal	Nossal
RU – Gleneagles	Berwick	Berwick	Berwick

Senior Players included: Lewis Bianchin, Nikolina Blagojevic, Brodie Cameron-Leek, Ebony Code, Joshua Cox, Thomas Day, William Dendroulakis, Tess McToldridge, Ajay Miller, Holly Newman, Oscar Spink, Jack Stockx, Jordan Walsh and Mason Williams.

Intermediate Players included: Leone Esera, Paige Ford, Gabrielle Gelderbloem, Ayomi Herath - Mudiyansele, Isaiah Mathew, Callum McPhee, Matthew Pickering and Mitchell Robertson.



Term 1 Sports Report Continued...

YEAR 7 AND 8 BOYS CRICKET

After being so intimidating as teams, Berwick's year 7 and 8 boys' Cricket teams have progressed to the next round after all other teams pulled out. They will now play their next rounds later in the year. Mr Maddison and Mr Guy are looking forward to the teams playing as they have shown a high level of skill so far at training sessions.

Year 7 players included: Campbell Addison, Younus Batcha, Ben Hand, Will Justice, Sai Ritesh Kanakamedala, Hir Maisuria, Thomas Moloney, Jinuka Mudalige, Zach Ravenhall, Thenuka Senanayake, Jack Singh, Henry Snell and Thenuje Wickramasinghe.

Year 8 players include: Riley Atkinson, James Cross, Leroy Gullifer, Jack Hall, Rishith Kumar, Kody McLaren, Jaxon Murphy, Mason Murphy, Brodie Oost, Brody Robbins, Kady Shipway, Sushant Vijayakumar and Trent Westra.

YEAR 7 AND 8 BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Well done to the year 7 boys for giving all their effort into a wonderful day out at volleyball. The boys gelled well together early on, showing plenty of enthusiasm, and encouragement for one another. This energy and competitiveness proved to be very important in their performance of three wins and just the one loss. This carried into their respect for others as they shared many thanks to referees and competitors. The highlight of the day was **Hugo Doty** serving for eight winning points in a row. It was a pleasure to take these groups of boys out to represent the school through pride and respect.



Congratulations all for your amazing efforts. Mr Coe

Well done to the year 7 girls for playing enthusiastically and competitively! Between the two teams we had four wins and four losses, with Team B coming runners up, losing only one match to Hallam. Special mentions to **Sanuli, Sabina, Taya and Mabel** for stand out performances in their respective teams. The highlight of the day was Team A taking out an extremely close match against Fountain Gate late in the third set, with **Taya Birkett** sending down three accurate serves to secure the win. Most importantly, our girls demonstrated respect and sportsmanship throughout the day to all they came in contact with. Well done all!

Mr Sam Crotty

Year 7 Players included: Taya Birkett, Evie Blunt, Ruby Clark Noble, Cooper Collins, Shadow Colpoys, Hugo Doty, Torah Frost, Maddison Glassenbury, Tamsin Kruger, Mabel Le Guier, Yaneth Malasinghe, Lily McToldridge, Hannah Miracle Roki Siamomua, Skye Oravec, Quinn O'Rourke – Saliba, Sanuli Perumal Wijayawimala Siriwarde, Monique Richards, Cristian Scalia, Thenuka Senanayake, Sabina Shaw, Akshay Thinagaran, Mike Tricarico and Carla Webb

A big well done to the year 8 Girls for their hard working efforts in volleyball today! Every one of you worked together with great encouragement and sportsmanship throughout the four games - all with a smile on your faces. The highlight of the day was winning our first game against Timbarra, where we came back from being down in the first set and secured the win in the second and third set by only a few nail-biting points! A special mention to all of the girls for their positive attitudes on the day, you're all STARS! Many thanks, **Ms Mason**

Year 8 Players included: Anisha Ahmedi, Emily Baxter, Abiei Chol, Kealey Leeming, Olivia Roberts, Theanna Senarathna, Paige Thomas, Allegra Volange and Holly Vugs.



Term 1 Sports Report Continued...

SWIMMING SPORTS

After a bit of a cold start to the day, with the cloud providing a little drizzle and looking like it wasn't going to blow away quickly, the many buses arrived at the Doveton Pool full of enthusiastic students looking fantastic in their school learning team colours.

The day began with the teacher swim/novelty race. It was great to see the students eagerly encouraging their learning team, lining the edge of the pool until no space could be seen. It was a keenly fought out race, involving different strokes, pool noodles and even a walking lap. Some rules were pushed to the edge, however the dominant team on the day ended up being the mighty team from Flynn, consisting of their fearless leaders, Mr Chaplin and Mr Cunningham, along with the super speedy Mr Nettleingham and the Olympic paced speed walker, with her dancing feet, Ms Foster. The staff race was followed by the always fun and colourful year 12 dress up parade. There were fairies, bananas, school kids, the Scooby Doo gang, plus many, many more. All highly entertaining and completed in great spirits.

Then it came to the real racing. All strokes and age groups provided some amazing displays of swimming skills, which has resulted in a school division team with a high level of talent that hasn't been seen in years. I eagerly look forward to seeing them compete against the other schools in the district on Tuesday, March 7th.

Along with the many swimming races that were occurring, the water slide was in operation and providing many smiles, as was the novelty pool where egg and spoon races, nightie dressing, boogie board racing and water volleyball all took place. The year 12 student versus teacher swim/novelty race was also closely watched, with the students being victorious on this occasion. Teachers will rally next year and ensure this doesn't happen again!

Overall it was a well-attended, and enthusiastically participated, event by all. Big events would not happen without the support of all the teachers, but I would also like to especially thank our student sport leaders – **Emily Dundon and Matt Shambrook** with helping throughout the day with anything that needed doing, as well as coming up with the ideas for the teacher versus student race and year 12 activities on the day.



Bring on Athletics! Thursday, 30th of March at Berwick College.

STILL TO COME IN TERM 1:

- Year 8 Tennis – 16th March
- SMR Swimming – 27th March
- Berwick Athletics Carnival – 30th March – See parent information letter on page 3.

TERM 2 SPORTS

Sign up has begun for Term 2 sports. These include Football, Netball, Soccer, Badminton, Hockey and Cross Country. Check the Stadium Foyer Windows for sign up sheets. Students will not be locked into a team until they attend try-outs and trainings.

Year 7 ICARE Day

ICARE day is a day for year 7 students to get to know each other and their learning teams, and understand what the College's ICARE values are. The year 7s had a fun day learning about the school, our values, their learning team and each other. Our ICARE Values are:

- Inquiry -Cooperation -Achievement
- Resilience -Empathy

On the 16th of February the year 7 students spent the day participating in different activities that included: a session with guest speaker Sonia; social and emotional learning and team building; and camp activities with our learning team leaders, Mr Chaplin and Mr Cunningham.

The learning teams were split into three groups before we started our activities. Our group started by listening to our guest speaker, Sonia, who taught us about indigenous artefacts and even brought some in for us to see. Period 3 we met some members of the Wellbeing team and completed booklets about our emotions, identity and social skills.

Lastly, we ended with some knowledge about Flynn Learning Team and what they have achieved. We also got to interact with our peers and get sorted into our camp cabins alongside having a camp discussion. Overall, it was a great day, and we learned many things from Sonia, a lot about our emotions and more about our learning team.

By: **Tinaya Ranaweera, Torah Frost and Miss Varadi**

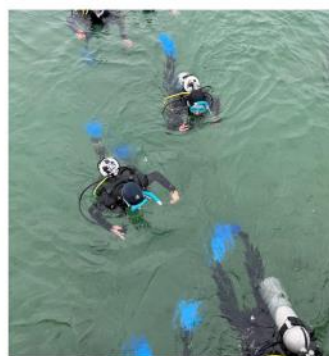


Year 12 Scuba Camp

In week 5, our Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental studies had the opportunity to try Scuba Diving!

Day 1 was spent visiting various locations around Western Port Bay looking at the relationships humans have had with these environments, directly linking this to the content we have been learning about in class.

Day 2 saw the students have a pool introduction session to Scuba before heading out to Blairgowrie Pier and having their first go at Scuba Diving.



Was an amazing experience for all!

Mr Jack Soroczynski—HPE and Outdoor Education

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Surf Camp

Our Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies classes headed down to Sandy Point for their surf camp. Although there weren't any waves, the students had a fantastic three days on the coast exploring natural environments and bonding over beach activities!

This camp gave the students the chance to link what they have been learning in class to the environment whilst giving them the opportunity to mingle with their peers.

Mr Jack Soroczynski—HPE and Outdoor Education



Dance Academy

JUNIOR DANCE ACADEMY

What a great start to the term.

Our classes have started off well, learning new techniques, with jazz, ballet and contemporary.

Congratulations to our year 9 Dance students who presented their Dance film clips to an audience alongside the amazing VET classes, who performed their dances live, to family and friends.

The year 7 students had the pleasure of watching Mary Poppins live at Her Majesty's Theatre on the 22nd February.

New York Study Tour

We have 24 students ready to hit Broadway in June this year! Please come and support them at a Bunnings BBQ Sunday, 19th March. We will be selling sausages and cold drinks all day! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Dance Academy 2024: If you know of any students who are interested in Dance and want to know more, please contact me via email, julie.wotherspoon@education.vic.gov.au or 87681079.



Ms Julie Wotherspoon

Junior Dance Academy Director

Learn how to dance or extend your talents during school, alongside an academic program.



Berwick College Dance Academy



Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Privacy-Collection-Notice.pdf>

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365/Compass safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If, after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Compass for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese.

2023 Swimming Carnival Report

For this year's Swimming Carnival, the year 12s voted for 'Kids TV Shows' as the costume parade theme. This brought out heaps of great costumes amongst the cohort, with the minions winning best dressed! Some year 12s participated in the races (and some got disqualified...) while others enjoyed the waterslide and even volleyball in the pool. This year, as Sport Captains we helped organise a slight twist to the usual year 12 vs teacher race, which was very entertaining for the rest of the year levels to watch. The winners of the race were the students, who barely got to the finish line before the teachers!

We hope everyone enjoyed the memorable day as much as we did! Also congratulations to Monash for winning the Swimming Carnival! **Senior Sport Captains Matt Shambrook and Emily Dundon**



Hollows Hawks Learning Team



It has been a very successful term so far for Hollows with us coming second at our first House event of the year, House Swimming. We had so many exceptional results over the course of the day. Congratulations to all the students who got involved. I'd like to make a very special mention to the Year 7s for having the highest participation rates.

YEAR 7 CAMP

Our Hollows Year 7s are off to Phillip Island for camp on Wednesday 22nd - 24th March. It's going to be a great few days for everyone involved! Students will have the opportunity to make new connections, experience new things and make lifelong memories. If you haven't consented or paid yet for the camp it can be done through Compass. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Student Leadership team.

ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder that if your child is absent please make sure to update their attendance on the day they are away. If you have any issues with Compass or require assistance doing so, please do not hesitate to contact us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Year 7 Camp (Hollows) - 22nd March - 24th March
- Athletics Carnival - 30th March
- Parent Teacher Conferences - 5th April (4pm - 8pm) & 6th April (9am - 2pm)

We are super proud of how Hollows have started this year and we are looking forward to a fun and positive end to the term.

Ms Annabel Bond & Ms Maddison Fenton

Student Learning Leader - annabel.bond@education.vic.gov.au

Assistant Student Learning Leader -

maddison.fenton@education.vic.gov.au



Frost Falcons Learning Team



IT'S BEEN BUSY IN FROST!

The last few weeks have been busy in the Frost Learning team with several events and activities going on within the College. It has been great to celebrate achievements within the classroom whilst also seeing a great sense of community outside of the classroom.

YEAR 7 - ICARE DAY

ICARE day is aligned with our College values - Inquiry, Cooperation, Achievement, Resilience and Empathy. Our year 7s had an amazing day. We started the day looking at social and emotional wellbeing, and then had our 'Welcome to Bunurong Country' session. We wrapped up the day with a number of team building activities. Well done to our year 7 home groups on working so cohesively and enthusiastically participating in such a great day!



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to all of our Frost students who attended the Swimming Carnival. We hope to see a larger participation rate for the upcoming Athletics Carnival. Students who competed in the main swimming events will soon receive an invitation to a pizza lunch as a reward for their representation of the Frost Learning Team.

YEAR 7 CAMP

We are excited for our upcoming Frost camp. This will be on the 27th to 29th of March. It will be a great opportunity for our year 7 students to get to know their teachers and peers.

ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately, unexplained absences are creeping up. If your child is away, please log the reason through Compass, or contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Sharyn Collins, on 1086.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 7 Camp (Frost & Monash):

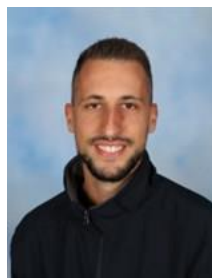
Monday 27th of March - Wednesday 29th of March

Athletics Day: Thursday 30th of March

Parent Teacher Conferences: Wednesday 5th of April (4:30pm-8pm) and Thursday 6th of April (9am-2pm)

Ms Leah Green & Mr Stefan Maksic

Frost Student Learning Leaders - (03) 8768 1089



Flynn Phoenix Learning Team



It has certainly been a busy couple of weeks for the Flynn Learning Team which included our year 7 ICARE Day and the Berwick College Swimming Carnival. Overall, Flynn placed fifth at the Swimming Carnival and we showed a good level of participation across the day. A special mention to our year 7 cohort, who demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm for the events across the day. It was great to see our students representing the learning team and we can not wait to see the continued participation at the Athletics Carnival later this month!

Year 7 ICARE day was a great success as well. Students were lucky enough to take part in the Welcome to Bunurong Country and had an opportunity to see first-hand, some of the incredible artefacts from our First Nations people. Throughout the remainder of the day students explored the different elements of social and emotional wellbeing, as well as taking part in learning about John Flynn and The Royal Flying Doctors Service. The day finished with the excitement of preparing for Year 7 Camp, which will take place for Flynn from the 20th-22nd of March!

Thank you to the 50 students who have achieved over 95% attendance to start the year, an awesome effort! And also, a reminder that if your child is absent from school you will need to add a note to Compass to explain this. The contact details of our wonderful homegroup teachers are below for you if you require any assistance at all.

- FL1 Timothy Ellix - Timothy.Ellix@education.vic.gov.au
- FL2 Jorgia Foster - Jorgia.Foster@education.vic.gov.au
- FL3 Dustin Cunningham – Dustin.Cunningham@education.vic.gov.au
- FL4 Catherine McGregor - Catherine.McGregor2@education.vic.gov.au
- FL5 Fotini Pouzet - Fotini.Pouzet@education.vic.gov.au
- FL6 Qinglin Song - Qinglin.Song@education.vic.gov.au
- FL7 Adam Nettleingham - Adam.Nettleingham@education.vic.gov.au
- FL8 Claise Janssen - Claise.Janssen@education.vic.gov.au

Mr Vaughan Chaplin and Mr Dustin Cunningham

Flynn Student Learning Leaders



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Dunlop Diggers Learning Team



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to the Dunlop students who attended the Swimming Carnival. We hope to see a larger participation rate for the Athletics Carnival. Well done to our year 7 students in particular who we received most of our points from on the day.



YEAR 7 ICARE DAY

Year 7 ICARE day was a great success, with our students displaying the school values of Inquiry, Cooperation, Achievement, Resilience and Empathy. It was lovely to see the way the students worked together to complete the activity about Sir Edward Weary Dunlop. It was good to see how students took leadership and presented their findings to others. Well done Year 7s.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Unfortunately unexplained absences are creeping up. If your child is away, please log the reason through Compass, or contact our attendance officer Sharyn Collins on 1086. We hope that all our students have enjoyed the first five weeks of term 1.

We are already past halfway!



Ms Rebecca Kosach — Dunlop Learning Team Leader 8768 1012
Ms Devi Aruna — Dunlop Learning Team Assistant 8768 1035

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S RISK

Students, staff and visitors often bring personal property to school. Berwick College and the Department of Education does not accept responsibility for private property brought to school. This includes mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and also cars parked on school premises.

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and carers of students who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Chisholm Chargers Learning Team



What a busy start to the year we are having! Challenge-Tuesdays, homegroup pancakes, Swimming Carnival and Homegroup Captains' lunch to name a few of the activities we have seen.

Congratulations and welcome to Chisholm Leadership to the Homegroup Captains for Term 1. **Isabella Quirk, Blake Beattie, Charlee Lancaster, Addison Scott, Bindi Wood, Brandon Pele, Oliver Graeme, Rishith Kumar, Bethany Foster and Kupa Cridland** have celebrated their first meet last Friday with a KFC lunch.

Led by one of our Homegroup Captains, **Bethany Foster**, our year 9s were treated to a pancake brekky. Thank you to Bethany and Ms Lanyon for bringing the class together in a fun and delicious way, and for inviting your Learning Leaders to join!

New to 2023, Chisholm Challenge Tuesdays are bringing some fun and competition to homegroup. Congratulations to CH6 (year 8) and Ms Robinson for their challenge win in week 2 with the Wordle and Nerdle! Week 3 challenge was the swimming carnival sign up and the homegroup who volunteered themselves the most was our lovely year 7s, CH2! Week 4's challenge was swim participation for which congratulations go to our other year 7s, CH8!

This week we are completing the 'How well do you know your homegroup teacher' quiz. While I have loved the flood of emails (with Chisholm having 187 students) and seeing some of your comments, I may need to rethink this plan going forward... However, it was very reassuring to read how well our students are engaging with their homegroup teachers, and to see the relationships that are being built.

The Swimming Carnival was a massive day of fun in the sun! It was great to see so many students getting involved in races, novelty activities and cheering on their team! It was disappointing to see our staff relay team take silver and give up the gold to Flynn, but overall Chisholm did really well in placing 4th, just two points behind third place. Special mention to our Chisholm Leader, Mr Bowen, for his contributions in the pool on the day...

A shout out to our Chisholm homegroup teachers, Ms Brittany Richards, Ms Claudia Jozwiak, Ms Stephanie Merchant, Ms Julie Wotherspoon, Mr Mitchell Guy, Ms Linda Bourke, Ms Kristen Robinson, Ms Sasha Lanyon and

Mr Ryan McMahon, who are an integral part of our learning team. The effort that these incredible humans are giving to our homegroups and Learning Team is phenomenal.

Mr Daniel Bowan and Ms Courtney Moran

The Chisholm Learning Team Leaders



O'Donoghue Otellas Learning Team

At our recent whole school assembly, O'Donoghue was announced as the Learning Team Champions for 2022! What an amazing effort and achievement for the whole O'Donoghue Team. This reflected the participation and effort for each of the carnivals, activities and Learning Team Days throughout the year. We couldn't be prouder of the achievement, being the first time O'Donoghue has won since 2009! We are hoping for another successful year.

Charlie Cosgrove and **Ethan Smith** were also introduced to the College and presented with their leadership badges. We look forward to working with both boys over the year.

Thank you to all students who came along and participated in the Swimming Carnival. We had lots of representation in a majority of the events, and even though we didn't place on the podium, we were happy to see everyone having a great day.

In a few weeks, we head down to Phillip Island for our Year 7s first high school camp. We look forward to all the fun activities and the opportunity for new friendships to be formed.



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Mighty Monash Learning Team



Wow! What a start to the term! We have seen such improved engagement in the classroom, improved attendance and uniform standards. We really appreciate the consistent contact from home in these areas, which has helped us manage these standards.

Our year 7s have made a flying start to their time here at Berwick College! ICARE day gave the students an opportunity to complete some education around Social Emotional Learning (SEL), heard from a guest presenter and held Indigenous Australian artefacts, while learning more about why our team was named after Sir John Monash. Students conducted themselves to a high standard and we have set high expectations for this year.

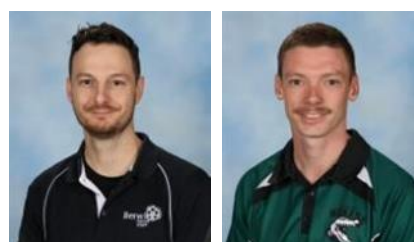
Monash achieved some great success at the Swimming Carnival, returning to the top of the podium and scoring 281 points across the day. This was 130 points clear of second place! What made this possible was the fantastic attendance standards across the learning team and having so many willing participants. Special mention to: **Megan Halkyard, Zoe Phillips, Jack Woodward and Stefan Kuljanin**. Congratulations to all involved!

Unfortunately, we only managed to finish in 7th for the Learning Team competition last year. We will be looking to bounce back this year and are off to a great start!

UPCOMING DATES:

- 14th March - Kenny Day
- 15th -17th March - NAPLAN
- 27th -29th March - Year 7 Camp

Mr Coco and Mr Wood - Monash Student Learning Leaders



Kenny Kangas Learning Team



It has been fantastic to see students settling in to the routine of school. Our year 7s are getting lots of practise of the Landing Patterns in HG and I think have worked their way around the whole school as we are seeing less and less asking for help finding classrooms. That is no mean feat with how big our campus is.

On the 21st February the Swimming Carnival was run. It began as a cool day, but once the clouds lifted and the sun shone through, it got quite hot. Ms Zuccolo and Mrs Bates were so impressed with the amazing efforts of all students who participated in the races as well as the novelty events. Congratulations to all students involved throughout the day.

Kenny Day is coming up very quickly (14th March). We will be running stalls selling pizza's, Krispy Kremes, BBQ sausages, soda cans and throw the water bomb at the teacher.

We also will be running a no hands eating competition between the Learning Teams.

So please bring your money as all proceeds will be given to a charity chosen by our Kenny student leaders.

Ms Zuccolo and Mrs Bates



Library News



GAMES DAY IN THE LIBRARY

Every Wednesday at lunchtime we will have Games Day in the library. Students will be able to play cards, board games, chess, checkers or various other games. Wednesday lunchtimes will also be SCREEN FREE days!

We have noticed that many of our students are glued to their screens for the whole of lunchtime, instead of interacting with their friends.

We have found in the past that students who are disappointed that they can't use their devices often find that it is actually a lot more fun playing cards or a board game with friends.

Sometimes they even choose to play games before school as well, once they discover how much fun it can be!

PRE-LOVED BOOK GIVEAWAY

For one week only, from Friday 10th March, we will be giving away pre-loved library and text books. Come and check them out and take as many as you like. You may like to make a gold coin donation but this is not essential. Just check with library staff before you take the books out.



RECESS IN THE LIBRARY

The library will be open at recess for students who wish to spend the time reading or doing schoolwork. No games, no talking. Just a quiet peaceful space to get work done or read.

DEVICES

The library has been able to loan out iPads over the past few years to students who need them in class. Unfortunately, we now only have a small number of iPads to loan out, mostly due to students damaging them or changing the password so they are unusable. It is now more important than ever that students bring their device to school, fully charged and ready for the day.

It is essential that students take ownership of being prepared for class with their device, pens, text books or whatever they will need in class to ensure that they can maximise their learning. If you are unable to purchase a device for your child please see their Learning Team Leader to discuss whether the College can do anything to help.



Ms Helen Tonkin
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