

#### **NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3**

## **Thursday 6th April 2023**

2023 KEY DATES—TERM 2		
Monday 24th April	First Day Term 2	
Tuesday 25th April	ANZAC Day—Public Holiday	
Wednesday 3rd May	Year 7, 2024 Information Night 6:00pm; Elite Programs 7pm	
Thursday 4th May	Dunlop Learning Team Day  House Cross Country—Period 5 & 6 School Production Legally Blonde Jr 7:30pm https://www.trybooking.com/CHGDC	
Friday 5th May	School Production Legally Blonde Jr 7:30pm https://www.trybooking.com/CHGDC	
Saturday 6th May	School Production Legally Blonde Jr 5:00pm https://www.trybooking.com/CHGDC	
Tuesday 16th May	Year 10 Immunisations	
Wednesday 17th May	Year 11 Presentation Ball 1	
Thursday 18th May	Year 11 Presentation Ball 2	
Monday 29th May to Friday 9th June	Vocational Major Work Placement	
Friday 2nd June	Year 10 English and Maths Exams	
Monday 5th June	Year 11 Exam week	
Friday 9th June	Assessment & Reporting Day—Student Free Day	
Monday 12th June	King's Birthday—Public Holiday	
Tuesday 13th June	End of Semester Music Concert 1	
Wednesday 14th June	End of Semester Music Concert 2	
Thursday 15th June	General Achievement Test (GAT)	
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Monday 19th June to Thursday 29th June	Dance Academy New York Tour	
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#### **Principal's Report**



# "My thanks to our whole school community for their commitment and hard work each day".

This week, staff, students, parents and carers will celebrate student learning growth, and take the opportunity for self-reflection and goal setting for the year. My thanks to our whole school community for their commitment and hard work each day. Students will be encouraged to act on the advice and recommendations provided by our professional teaching staff at the Parent Teacher Conferences—this will make a tremendous

difference to their growth and learning outcomes.

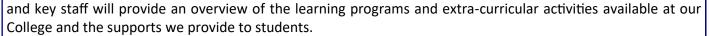
I extend my thanks to all the teachers who have participated so energetically in providing a variety of learning experiences for our students, such as the annual year 7 Camp, Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Outdoor Education adventures, competing in interschool sport and Basketball Friendlies, Dance performances and production rehearsals, environmental fieldwork, and facilitating the year 10 Work Experience. Year 7 Dance students are rehearsing for the annual Victorian State Schools Spectacular to be held in Term 3 and year 11 students for the annual Presentation Balls to be held next term.

It has been a pleasure to teach a number of classes across the year levels and see that students have been settling into school routines this term.

I have met again with the General Manager for Basketball Victoria, Mr Jake Keogh, Ms Tammy Bower, CEO of Casey Basketball Association and the Member for SE Metropolitan Region, Michael Galea MP to raise the need for additional basketball courts for our school and the wider community.

Congratulations to year 12 student **Ethan Bolton**, pictured right, who won the Secondary School Category for outstanding sporting achievement in Basketball at the SSV Victorian School Sports Awards.

Early next term our Grade 6 into year 7 2024 Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, 3rd May at 6:00pm. Our Junior School Leader



Our School Council for 2023 met on Tuesday 21st March for the AGM and council meeting. I am thankful for the new and returning parent members who have joined our council this year. We are very proud to share with our school community our 2022 Annual Report in the parent forum on Tuesday, 16th May from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. We hope you can join members of our College Council, parents and students to hear of future initiatives that will benefit all of our students, present and future. We have two students, **Emma Guthrie** and **Teaghan Glassenbury serving** on our College Council and a fantastic student leadership team who serve the College in a number of ways. We value student voice to improve student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction.

We have farewelled Mr Sam Crotty, who has taken a role as a Mental Health Practitioner, Mr Alex Maddison, who has commenced personal leave until the end of year and Ms Leah Green.

Our year 7 and 9 students have participated in NAPLAN testing which is one of the checks to see how well students are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics – skills that will set them upon the path to success as adults.

Early next term we will be surveying our school community on the area of Chaplaincy, and mid term students will complete the annual, voluntary 20-minute Attitudes to School Survey offered by the Department of Education and Training in class, to assist us in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. It has been a long term and I hope all of our school community take the time to rest and relax. Next term is just nine weeks which will fly!

Have a wonderful break and a very happy Easter.

Ms Kerri Bolch—Principal





# Term 1 Sports' Report

#### YEAR 7 GIRLS' AND BOYS' TENNIS

On Thursday, 9th of March, the year 7 boy's and girl's tennis teams ventured off to Pakenham Regional Tennis club for the division competition.

Competition was very tight on the day. Local schools were quite evenly matched, and it became clear early in the day that results would be very close. After playing three schools each, both the boys' and the girls' teams won the day! Congratulations to the eight athletes and we look forward to the next round of competition early next term.

Mr Park

Players Included: Madilyn Biviano, Lily Bui, Jimmy Day, Hugo Doty, Martin Lang, Tiana Maguire, Sarah Marjolin, Mia Mercuri, Sam Robinson, Aleksandar Safrin-Milosavljevic, Cristian Scalia and Mike Tricarico

#### **YEAR 8 BOYS TENNIS**

Year 8 boys' tennis went very well. The boys won all rounds and beat Gleneagles in the Casey North Final 4 sets to 2. On to the next round in Term 2!

Players Included: **Shail Dissanayake, Oliver Fernando, William Gelderbloem, Kai Hurst** and **Zhi Dong Xu** 









#### **DIVISION SWIMMING**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 37 Swimmers from Berwick College went to Doveton Pool to take on other swimmers from different schools at Division Swimming. It was not the warmest day but all swimmers were keen and eager to take on the competition. We had some great results, with Berwick College coming second overall to Nossal High School. Stand out performances from **Lithara Alwis Samarakoon** and **Jack Woodward** in all their events along with multiple relay teams saw the Berwick team come home with many blue and red ribbons. Well done to all involved. All students represented Berwick College with pride and displayed the ICARE values throughout the day. **Well done. Students included: Lithara Alwis Samarakoon, Mackenzie Auhl, Emily Baxter, Lillian Boswell, Max Bury, Heath** 

Chalmers, Isabelle Chalmers, Jimmy Day, Cooper Finlay, Noah Fitzpatrick, Maddison Glassenbury, Teaghan Glassenbury, Zahra Halabi, Shaya Hennessy, Xavier Hobson, Jason John Britto, Summer Kelly, Beau King, Xuanyi Liu, Yash Middha, Violet Moens, Dahamsa Molligoda, Thomas Moloney, Grace Norton, Robertson, Rylan Sawrey, Samantha Sellers, Matthew Shambrook, Filip Trpenoski, Mona Trpenoski, Anine Van Der Merwe, Aiden Vanderzee, Cameron Visser, Dulsandu Wataraka Gamage, Jack Woodward and Isabella Youngs.









## Term 1 Sports Report Continued

#### **REGIONAL SWIMMING**

On Monday the 27th of March the Berwick swimming squad took off for Harold Holt Pool for Regional Championships. The weather has not been our swim teams' friend this year and this day was unfortunately not an exception. Huddled under a tree out of the rain the group of 18 students tried to stay warm, but to their credit they never lost their enthusiasm. With much Regional SSV apparel purchased, the swimmers were ready.

The competition was fierce from the get go and all our swimmers swam their hearts out, but were not quite strong enough to beat power house schools such as Melbourne High School and Frankston High School. I was immensely proud of each and every swimmer that put on their blue Berwick cap and gave their all. Congratulations to all students on their achievements. **Mrs Janssen** 

#### **BERWICK COLLEGE ATHLETICS DAY**

Well yet again the weather gods did not answer my prayers, however nothing they could throw at us could dampen the enthusiasm of the eager students ready to represent their houses and battle the conditions to try and make the school team ready for their next outing in Term 3 against the other schools in our area.

The array of colour across the track was amazing with each and every house represented in all the track and field events held throughout the day. Some trials will need to take place in term 2 for those interested in high jump, hurdles and distance races, due to time constraints or it being too unsafe to conduct the event in the slippery conditions. Look out on the student bulletin for information if you are interested.

The day saw many ribbons handed out to some very worthy winners, however I'm not sure that Mr Wood will be allowed to run with the microphone in the final event of the day when the teachers take on the girls' relay teams next year. (I was secretly hoping the other teams were going to catch him – it was super close!)

Thank you to all the parents and students who came out and supported the day. Thank you also to all those who supported the VCAL BBQ, and World Challenge who sold MANY donuts and pizzas on the day too. Funds raised will go to some very good causes.

The biggest thank you, though, has to go to all the staff that turned up, stood in the rain supporting the students, encouraged them, helped them, pumped them up and made the day a great success.

Congratulations to Monash for winning the day.









#### **TERM 2 SPORTS**

Massive numbers of students have signed up for sports in Term 2 and I look forward to them all having the opportunity to participate and represent their school with pride. **Go Berwick!** 



Ms Claise Janssen—Sports Coordinator

# Year 7 Camp

On Monday the 20th of March, through to Wednesday the 27th of March, year 7 students participated in the Year 7 Camp at Phillip Island Adventure Resort. Students participated in a range of activities including high ropes, giant swing, twin flying fox, raft making, koala park walk and team building, and built lifelong friendships and memories. Here's what the year 7s had to say:

- My highlight of camp was being the best at Gaga ball. Mikey Tricarico 7.6
- My highlight was definitely the giant swing, I went all the way to the top. I also liked all the free time so I could just hang out with my friends. **Tahlia Kenny** 7.6
- My highlight of camp was raft making, everyone was included and everyone had fun. **Samara Hewawasam** 7.6
- My highlight was the zipline, it's scary when you don't jump but it gets relaxing about 50 metres in, but it's my highlight mainly because I got to go twice. **Mehran** 7.7
- My highlight was the cabins, they were spacious and welcoming and cozy. Bella and Phoebe 7.7
- Our highlight of camp was the raft making, our team won and our raft managed to stay together. Madi and Dempsey 7.10

#### Ms Lauren Varadi

Junior School Leader











## **Dance Academy**

# "Every time I dance, I'm trying to prove myself to myself." – Misty Copeland

This has been the motto of the year 7 dance students this term. They have been working on improving their own goals and looking at what they need to strive towards to be the best they can be.

They have realised that everyone is different and has their own strengths and weaknesses, therefore comparing themselves to each other does not help with their confidence and growth.

The junior students have been busy working on their own choreography ready for the in-school competition on Sunday, 4th

June. It has been a pleasure to see the variety of different styles the students have been working on and the growth and maturity of the students' works through the years.

If you know of any grade 6 students interested in the Dance Academy please direct them to filling out this expression of interest form- <a href="https://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au/elementor-13061/">https://www.berwickcollege.vic.edu.au/elementor-13061/</a>

We can not wait to meet you at our 2024 information night on **Wednesday, 3rd May at 6pm** for the general school information session in the Stadium and then 7pm for the Dance program in the Library.

We wish all of our families a happy and safe Easter holidays, enjoy the family time.



Thursday 4th May and Friday 5th May at 7.30pm then Saturday 6th May at 5pm

The students and staff have been busy rehearsing, painting, building the set, designing costumes and preparing the lighting for the show. We can't wait to see it all come together. We are excited to release the tickets to the general public now via trybooking: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CHGDC">https://www.trybooking.com/CHGDC</a>

We thank our VET building and construction teachers, Mr Jayden Keen and Mr Jim De Vries, and of course the students (pictured below) for all your hard work in constructing our set for the show. It was great to see the boys working hard on a project for the school. Thanks again boys.

Thanks to the amazing staff who are working so hard with the students to make this happen and giving so much of your time and effort: Jorgia Foster, Annalise Occhietti, Michael Couche, Catherine McGregor.







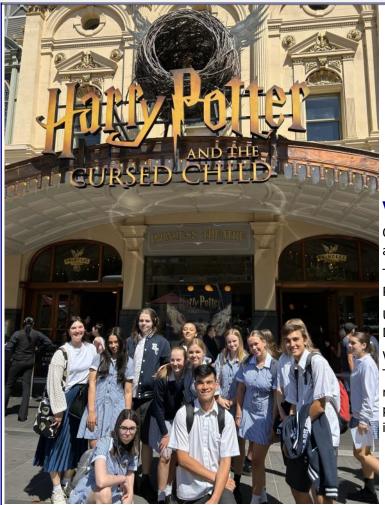
Berwick College Dance Academy

#### 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.



# **Dance Academy**





#### **VCE THEATRE STUDIES**

Our students have had a great term, working on assessments and their performances.

They were lucky enough to go and watch Harry Potter as part of their assessment.

Upcoming performance: A Midsummer Night's Dream.

We wish our Year 11 and 12 Theatre class all the best in their rehearsals for their upcoming performance next term. More information to come about tickets.



**Ms Julie Wotherspoon** Junior Dance Academy Director

# **College Captain Report**

On Thursday the 30th of March Berwick College held its annual Athletics Carnival. There were doubts over whether the event would go ahead due to the miserable weather, but that didn't stop everyone from having a great day. In the cold rain and winds the teachers again put together a wonderful day full of activities. From running events like

100m sprints, to throwing events like discus and shotput ,there was plenty to keep all year levels busy.

Thanks to the Vocational Major (VM) students for cooking a sausage storm and the World Challenge participants for the pizza and doughnuts to keep everyone fed.

Even in the rain, students and teachers alike kept a smile on their faces and participated while wearing their learning team colours with pride.

The Year 12s were wearing their best PJs for the day, with an extra long break in the middle to allow us to participate in Athletics day.



For those of us who were not keen on those events, it gave us an opportunity to engage is some intense uno games and very competitive Mario Kart tournaments.

A day full of questions and enthusiasm to be sure!

Stefan Jorosz-Setiawan—College Captain









# Mighty Monash Learning Team

We would like to congratulate all students, staff and families on making it through another term at Berwick. For some, this was their first term and for others they are getting closer to the end of their Monash journey.

It has been a challenging year with staff shortages across the country. It has been amazing to see the perseverance of our students in the face of so many changes inside of the classroom. We have seen some fantastic results and we couldn't be prouder!



The year 7 camp was such a positive experience for our little Monash members. Students engaged in a range of activities from the giant swing, an afternoon at Smiths Beach and raft making. These experiences brought our students together and allowed them to develop their teamwork and communication. The students conducted themselves in such a way that would have made every family so proud of them. They seemed to share so many laughs and maybe a couple too many lollies!

We then moved onto another big event—Athletics Day! It was impressive to see such a strong cast of Monash members attend the day, even with such horrific weather conditions. This assisted Team Monash in once again being named the 1st place getters. This was largely due to engagement of our students and a willingness to give everything a go. Star students from the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals will be receiving a pizza lunch next term to celebrate their amazing efforts. A big shoutout to our Year 7s and Year 11 Monash Captains Ally Mitchell and

Kaiden Roewer!

As we head into a restful break, Team Monash wishes all our students and families a relaxing and safe holidays! We hope to see everyone back in Term 2 with a big smile on their face!

Mr Coco and Mr Wood - Monash Student Learning Leaders



## **Frost Falcons Learning Team**

#### YEAR 7 CAMP

Our year 7s had an amazing time at their camp in Phillip Island. They were involved in a range of activities including the giant swing, twin flying fox and raft building. They also got to compete in a range of challenges during our trivia night

and during the church group's incursion.



#### **ATHLETICS DAY**

It was great to see so many positive faces despite the weather that we had. All of our students gave it a great shot, and many received first place ribbons!

#### **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.







We wish all our families a relaxing break over the term holidays, and we can't wait to see all of our students back at school after a well-deserved rest. Well done to all students who have demonstrated the school values throughout Term One; we look forward to working with you next term.

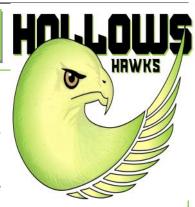
#### Ms Leah Green & Mr Stefan Maksic Frost Student Learning Leaders - (03) 8768 1089

# **Hollows Hawks Learning Team**

Term One has been a really busy, successful and fun-filled term for Hollows.

#### **YEAR 7 CAMP**

In Week 8 our Year 7s traveled down to Phillip Island for three days of activities. The camp was designed to give our Year 7s an opportunity to get to know each other, challenge themselves and practise their teamwork skills. Over the three days, students participated in a range of activities including raft building, high ropes, the giant swing and the flying fox.







#### **HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY**

On Thursday, 30th March, Berwick College had their annual House Athletics day. Congratulations to the students who came on the day and participated for Hollows. It was great to see so many students give the events a go even though the weather definitely wasn't the best. Well done Hollows!

#### **HAVE A FANTASTIC HOLIDAYS**

Before we wrap up for the term, congratulations to all our students in Hollows. Term One has been very busy and we hope you're feeling proud of all the hard work you've put in. As you head into your term holidays, we hope you get a chance to relax, catch up on sleep and recharge your batteries.

We're so excited to see what the rest of the year brings, and we can't wait to see you all back at school for Term 2. In the meantime, enjoy your break!



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# Flynn Phoenix Learning Team

The end of another Term has approached us! While this term was longer then usual, students maintained their engagement for learning and are to be commended for their efforts.

The annual Year 7 camp went ahead again this year, with staff and students keen on adventure. The weather was fantastic and so were the student. On camp, Flynn students were all very well behaved, engaged well with all activities and represented our learning team and College well. Hearing camp leader feedback of student manners, polite natures,



and smiles all around is always pleasing feedback! Of particular note, were the students who extended above their comfort zones to complete some of the more confronting activities like the giant swing and high ropes course. A big thank you to Junior School Leader, Ms Lauren Varadi, for organising the camp, and all the staff who attended.

The College's annual Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 30th March at the Edwin Flack Athletics Field. Students in Flynn were well represented in many of the events, with a variety of purple face paint, clothing and accessories being worn. Many of our students completed in multiple events, just for participation points on the day.

On the day, rain hampered our events (no high jump ran) but not our spirits. Much of the day saw students continue to compete between showers, some even persisted despite some heavy downpours. In the end, Flynn placed equal 4th with Kenny.

The Flynn Learning Team would like to extend best wishes to all our students and their families over the coming holiday break. We encourage everyone to make the most of their time away to recharge in preparation for a busy Term 2. Thank you to students, staff and parents for all the support this term and we look forward to continuing the

good work after the break.















**Mr Vaughan Chaplin and Mr Dustin Cunningham** Flynn Student Learning Leaders



# **Dunlop Diggers Learning Team**

#### YEAR 7 PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP

Our year 7s have returned from their camp at Phillip Island held from Wednesday the 22nd to Friday 24th of March. The weather was in our favour as we had amazing sunny, warm days for all three days.



For the most part, Dunlop students were such a credit to our school and themselves in regard to their behaviour. Students were able to master their fear of heights on the high ropes course, flying fox and the giant swing. They also participated in team building activities and visited the Koala Conservation Reserve. At night there was the trivia competition and a series of games on the second night in which students had a lot of fun. All the classes went down to the beach on the second day to play games or participate in a sandcastle competition. There were some extraordinary efforts, and it was difficult to choose a winner.

It was great to see our students make new friends and for us, as staff, to get to know our students much better.













#### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A big thank you to the students who attended the Athletics Carnival and got involved. It was lovely to see the students encouraging each other and giving the events a go.

#### **HOLIDAYS**

We wish all our families a relaxing break over the term holidays, and we can't wait to see all of our students back at school after a well-deserved rest. Well done to all students who have demonstrated the College ICARE values throughout Term One; we look forward to working with you next term.





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

# **Chisholm Chargers Learning Team**

Happy Easter break! As we wrap up this term, I wanted to take a moment to say a big thank you to all of our Chisholm students for all of your hard work and commitment to our learning team. Your behaviour and schooling throughout the term has been outstanding, and I can't thank you enough for instilling the right values and culture within the college community. We are incredibly lucky to have such an awesome learning team!



I also want to give a huge shoutout to Chisholm 6 for being the champions of Chisholm Chewsday Challenges for the term and more recently, entering the most athletics events. You guys are truly leading from the front and setting a great example for the rest of the school. That is not to say that we are not incredibly proud of our other homegroups' achievements because we are! Our year 7s who went on Camp recently to Phillip Island were outstanding and demonstrated strength, resilience and grit in a range of different activities. It was fantastic to be involved in this and we hope you all took something away from the experience. Our year 11s are also leading from the front, as they are no doubt working through SAC after SAC in Senior School and are doing so with determination; we couldn't be prouder. With our year 10s we see a mix of Basketball success and some new students settling in to the College and they have each done so amazingly well throughout the term. Our year 9s have been showing continued growth in both their social and academic settings and yet again we are incredibly proud of the progress they have shown since the middle of last year!

A huge thank you to our homegroup teachers in the Chisholm Learning Team. It's evident that our students thrive under your guidance and positive energy, and we are lucky to have you all here.

As you take a well-deserved break, we hope you have time to relax, recharge and enjoy the Easter festivities with your loved ones. Thank you again for all your hard work this term, and we look forward to working with you all in term 2. **Mr Daniel Bowen and Ms Courtney Moran**—The Chisholm Learning Team Leaders















# O'Donoghue Otellas Learning Team

This action-packed term is finally coming to an end. We know our staff and students are looking forward to a well-deserved break. Thank you to all involved in making the Athletics Carnival a huge success, especially for O'Donoghue, taking out 2nd place for the day!

Parents and staff on the day were impressed by the enthusiasm and participation from O'Donoghue students, with the majority of our students competing in multiple races and enjoying themselves even though the rain tried to dampen the mood.

A huge thank you to our Student Learning Team Captains, Ethan Smith and Charlie Cosgrove, for encouraging so many students to get outside of their comfort zones and give everything a go!



The year 7s had a great time on camp. The weather held up and allowed for most outdoor activities to go ahead as planned. It was great to see so many of our students having fun and we hope camp provided students with an opportunity to make some lifelong memories and build some new friendships.

Thank you to all families who connected with teachers at the end of term for our Parent Teacher Conferences. We also would like to thank Mr Weber for all efforts as the O'Donoghue Assistant Leader over the last few years. He will be stepping aside at the end of the term and we will all miss him.

We wish all O'Donoghue students and families a safe and happy Easter break and look forward to another actionpacked Term 2

Mr Jesse Nugent O'Donoghue Student Learning Leader Jesse.Nugent@education.vic.gov.au 8768 1052

Mr Joshua Weber O'Donoghue Assistant Student Learning Leader Joshua. Weber@education.vic.gov.au 8768 1098









## **Kenny Kangas Learning Team**

It's been an exciting few weeks for the Kenny Learning Team!

Our year 7s headed off to camp at Adventure Resort in Phillip Island. The three days were filled with plenty of activities to challenge the students, including a high ropes course, the giant swing and the flying fox, as well as social and emotional learning activities for team building.



Night one saw our students take on the O'Donoghue and Flynn students in Trivia and some very competitive minute to win it activities. Our very own Noah Fairweather smashed the competition, easily standing up fastest without the cup falling off his forehead. I'm still not sure how he does it so easily!

Next the team was ready to take on the challenge of Kenny Day. For Kenny Day, the team organised a variety of activities to help raise money for the school. From selling pizzas and Krispy Kreme donuts to throwing water balloons at teachers including our Principal Ms Kerri Bolch, (the kids did not go easy on you either, sorry Ms Bolch), the team was able to raise a substantial amount of money. The student leaders of the Kenny Learning Team will now be in charge of deciding how the raised funds will be spent. We're sure it'll be a great opportunity for the students to make a positive impact on the school and shape their educational environment. We'd also like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the year 7 camp and Kenny Day. Without the help and support of the

staff and student body, none of this would have been possible. Let's keep up the good work, Kenny Learning Team!

#### Ms Zuccolo and Mrs Bates















# **Careers Education/VET News**

#### Year 12

Year 12 students completed their post-secondary careers transition session during their Orientation Day at the start of the year. This included completing a Career Action Plan (CAP). Within the CAP, the students researched courses, training and employment requirements to support their preferred Career choice. It is important that students who have not completed a CAP do so as soon as possible as this is a compulsory requirement before the application process commences in August. For information, see Mrs Karen Crawley or Ms Carly Lentowicz in the Senior Careers office.

#### Year 11

Year 11 students have been participating in a careers education session during Term 1. These sessions have involved students investigating their preferred careers and the required education and/or training. This includes the necessary pre-requisites such as subjects, folios, external tests, interviews etc. Students' findings have been documented in a Career Action Plan.

# Year 10 – Game of Life classes (Semester 1) and Work Experience (Monday 3/4 to Thursday 6/4/23)

Students participating in Game of Life classes during Semester 1 have been given the opportunity to undertake work experience during the last week of term. It has been great to see most students involved. Placements have included retail, hospitality, trades, health and education in particular.

The Semester 2 Game of Life classes will have the same opportunity during the last week of Term 3; you can start planning for this now. For information, see Ms Madeleine Collins in the Senior Careers office.

#### **Year 9 My Career Insights – Morrisby Profiling**

Year 9 students will be creating a Morrisby Profile early Term 2 (9<sup>th</sup> May, 2023) at school during periods 1 to 3. An event has been created on Compass requesting parent/carer permission for their child to participate in this highly recommended career opportunity provided by the Department of Education and the Careers Education Association of Victoria. Please provide permission for your child ASAP or sign the permission slip sent home and have your child return it to the Senior Careers office.

What is My Career Insights – Morrisby Profiling?

My Career Insights is a program for all Year 9 students in Victorian Government Secondary Schools. My Career Insights helps students to discover, develop and drive their career planning.

It is a unique opportunity for students to learn more about their strengths and abilities, while exploring potential career options – giving them the confidence to start taking control of their future. This is an ideal time for students to take a moment to reflect on who they are, and what they might want from a career. It is a time for self-discovery and an opportunity to think about their strengths and find new ones.

#### **VET (Vocational Education and Training)**

Students are beginning to complete a number of units within their Certificate courses at Berwick College or off campus. It is important that all students attend classes regularly to ensure they do not miss valuable learning, hurdle tasks and assessments. Further, students who attend classes off campus must not leave the class early without teacher permission and a parent approved note.

If your son/daughter is unable to attend their external VET course off campus, please ensure you contact our school (Mrs Amanda Komen on 8768 1059) to advise of their absence as well as contacting the institution directly (the class teacher).

#### **Uniform and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform to all VET courses at Berwick College or off campus. This includes bringing along Personal Protective Equipment such as boots or overalls for classes such as Construction Pathways or Automotive.

Any VET queries, please contact Mrs Amanda Komen on 8768 1059 or Mrs Karen Crawley on 8768 1058.

# **Careers Education/VET News**

#### **Year 7 and 8 Career Action Plan Sessions**

In term 1 our Junior Careers team finished the Year 8 Career Action Plan sessions. During these sessions students set up a careers tools profile. They start to assess their skills, passions and set goals for themselves in the year ahead. It was great to see these students complete their plans and start thinking about their pathway options.

In Term 2, our Year 7 students will all attend a session to start their Career Plans. We ask students to start thinking about their strengths, study goals, and how their hobbies and interests could align with a career and their future. We look forward to working with these students and encouraging them to dream big and see the skills they already might be starting to develop!

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE PROVIDERS WANTED**

Our college encourages students in years 10, 11 and 12 to take on work experience as part of their crucial learning, to gain experience within the workforce and explore career pathways. In particular we have a cohort of year 11s and 12s looking for two weeks' work experience between May 29th – 9th June.

There are many benefits to taking on students for work experience including:

- Investing in your future workforce, and addressing skills shortages
- Developing the supervisory skills and management skills of your staff
- Helping your staff feel valued by mentoring participants
- Helping staff rediscover their passion by discussing their role with students
- It doesn't cost you anything!
- · You can gain a fresh perspective of your business and add something to your business profile

If you have your own business, or an opportunity that might fit one of our work experience students we would love to hear from you! Please contact Maddie in Careers on 8768 1015.

#### **Key Contacts for the Careers & VET offices for 2023**

#### **VET (Vocational Education and Training)**

Amanda Komen – 8768 1060 – VET/VASS Administration Amy Crawley – 8768 1073 – VET/VASS Administration

#### Careers – Senior students

Karen Crawley – 8768 1058 – Careers/VET Leader Carly Lentowicz – 8768 1059 – Senior students – Careers teacher Madeleine Collins – 8768 1015 – Work Experience Coordination

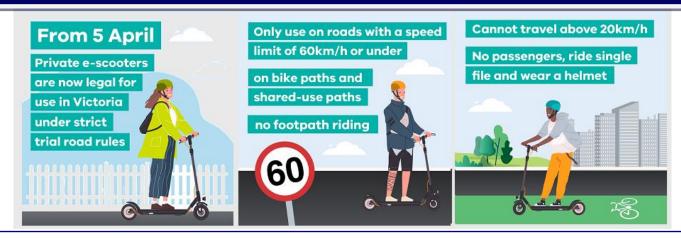
#### **Careers – Junior students**

Corinne Duhau – 8768 5002 – Junior students – Careers teacher Narelle Mills – 8768 5002 – Junior students - Careers classroom support/administration





# Community News—e-scooters in Victoria



We're extending Victoria's e-scooter shared-scheme (hire) trial for 6 months and from 5 April 2023, privately owned e-scooters can be used under strict trial rules across Victoria.

This decision follows the trial of hire e-scooters in Ballarat and Melbourne, which sought to understand the safety implications of the transport mode, and now will monitor how both hire and private e-scooters are being used.

You can legally ride your private e-scooter if:

- you ride on shared-use paths and roads up to and including 60km/h
- you're over 16 years
- you wear a helmet
- you don't ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- you ride up to a maximum speed of 20km/h
- you're not using your mobile phone or carrying a passenger (dinking)
- it's not a high-speed e-scooter capable of more than 25km/h (this is considered an unregistered vehicle and penalties apply)

and never on footpaths.

To operate within a council's area, commercial e-scooter rental companies will be required to establish an agreement with the local council.

To keep everyone safe, e-scooter riders must:

- not carry passengers or animals
- have proper control at all times and ride responsibly
- use a warning (e.g., bell, horn or verbal) to avert danger
- not ride two abreast
- give way to pedestrians where appropriate
- not lead an animal, including by tethering the animal to the e-scooter

In Victoria, there are about 100,000 e-scooters that are privately owned.

Over the next six months, we will monitor how hire and private e-scooters are being used.

This is being done to make sure that the rules and regulations that are in place are fit-for-purpose and can effectively handle any safety concerns that may arise.

The trial found that e-scooters are a popular way to get around and there is a high demand from Victorians to be able to use them.

Although the trial gave us a significant amount of information, we need to ensure that e-scooters can be safely incorporated into the transport network on a long-term basis.

Extending the trial will provide additional data to evaluate and inform future regulations.

Our number one priority is the safety of everyone who uses roads in Victoria.

e-scooters in Victoria - Summary of trial findings March 2023 [PDF 158 Kb]

# **Community News**

# JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN





Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4
Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities,
modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun Junior Girls is all about giving girls (turning 7-12 years old in 2022) the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through fun activities and modified game.

#### WHERE:

Beaconsfield & Berwick Holm Park Recreation Reserve



Friday 21st April



**REGISTER HERE!** 

# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING

What we

We are a free and confidential service that provides ongoing support by appointment. We offer telehealth (phone and video) services in addition to face to face counselling.

#### Youth Counselling

 Individual counselling for young people aged 13 - 25

#### ho we Parent Support Sessions

 Adolescent parenting skills, strategies and mental health information

#### Parent Assisted Therapy

 Support for young people aged 10 - 12 with the participation of their parent or guardian

How to

support

For more information or to request a service: Call 9792 7279 to speak to an intake worker or Text 0417 347 909 with your name and number

Berwick

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