

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 7

Friday 4th August 2023

2023 KEY DATES—TERM 3 & 4	
Tuesday 8th August	HOLLOWS Learning Team Day
Monday 14th August	White Card Training (Bookings essential via Careers)
Wednesday 16th August	Parent Seminar—Cyber Bullying 6:30pm PAC
Thursday 7th September	O'DONOGHUE & FLYNN Learning Team Day
Friday 8th September	International Literacy Day
Saturday 9th September	Victorian State Schools Spectacular
Monday 11th September to Friday 15th September	Year 10 Work Experience
Thursday 14th September	Professional Practice Day—Student Free Day Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday 15th September	Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00am to 2:30pm Final Day Term 3
Monday 2nd October	First Day Term 4—Year 12 Practice Exam Week
Thursday 12th October	MONASH Learning Team Day
Monday 16th October to Friday 20th October	The Arts & Technology Week
Tuesday 24th October to Wednesday 15th November	VCAA Written examinations commence (Stadium)
Monday 6th November	Melbourne Cup Eve—Alternative Student Program
Tuesday 7th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 20th November	Year 10 and 11 exam week
Friday 24th November	Professional Practice Day—Student Free Day
Monday 27th November	HEADSTART 2024
Wednesday 6th December	Celebration of Achievement Evening 6:00pm—Stadium
Friday 8th December	Final Day 2024 years 11 and 12
Tuesday 12th December	Year 7 2024 Orientation Day

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BERWICK COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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

"We aim to offer all our students the greatest choices available to optimise pathway options, engage our students and maximise learning outcomes".

Planning for the 2024 year continues with transition meetings with grade 6 teachers scheduled for later this term, and the selection of 2024 course pathways and subjects by students with parents and staff this week. Through the outstanding Careers Education Expo for years 9 to 12, parent information sessions and course counselling afternoons, we aim to offer all our students the greatest choices available to optimise pathway options, engage our students, maximise learning outcomes and stimulate learning. In many cases the pathways will change over the years. Our leadership and careers staff work with students in every year level throughout the year to help students identify and pursue their goals and make a successful transition into the next year level or further education, training and employment.

Over the past four weeks students have experienced a wide range of extra-curricular activities such as regional finals in Soccer, Netball and AFL; a VET Community Services excursion to the Salvation Army; competed in the State Cross Country; participated in mentoring sessions and the Year 12 Wellbeing Day, and Dance students enjoyed a workshop provided by Patrick Studios to enhance their connection with industry experts. Congratulations to the **Basketball Academy** students and coaches of the Intermediate Boys' and Intermediate Girls' teams who competed in the Champions Cup this week and won their tournaments, qualifying for the 'Elite 8'.

The whole school assembly to celebrate NAIDOC, and the Cleansing Ceremony near our learning stone and indigenous garden, were both excellent celebrations of our Koorie students, families and local culture.



We wish year 11 student **Justin Wilson** all the very best in the upcoming National Worldskills Australia competition in the VETiS category of Metals and Engineering. Each competitor will be tested on their skills in welding components and assessed on different facts of the project including workplace health and safety, sizes and tolerances of components and workmanship.

The recent Professional Learning Day was a valuable day for staff to collaborate and review student data. I am keen to continue providing staff and students with the tools and strategies to help students with dyslexia to have learning and personal growth. The consultant from Thoughtful Works brought a depth of knowledge and stories on dyslexia that will be a great resource for our staff and benefit to our students.

Learning Team days such as the recent highly successful Chisholm Day and later this term Hollows, O'Donoghue and Flynn Learning Team days, are invaluable in fostering the positive relationships between students and teachers, bringing a greater sense of belonging and connectedness as well as fundraising for a cause in the wider community.

The College will continue to analyse feedback from DE surveys, including the online Parent Opinion Survey which will be open from Monday, 7th August to Friday, 8th September, and the Bullying Prevention Survey which is issued twice a year, Term 1 and 3, to assist us in making important improvements and address any student behaviour issues. We value our school community's views and suggestions.

Observations from the hundreds of parents who take part in our school tours, many of whom are past students, are always positive and encouraging. I am very grateful for our dedicated teaching and support staff, who together with the principal class, are working together to ensure students are achieving personal growth and improved learning outcomes. **Ms Kerri Bolch - Principal**

Wellbeing News

Parent Seminar – Managing Challenging Teenagers – Feedback!

We want to extend a big thank you to all the parents who attended and supported our parent seminar on managing challenging teenagers. It was great to be able to get together and it has been wonderful to have such positive feedback from parents and carers.

Hearing Michael's story and listening to the experiences that his parents went through was both emotive and insightful. Michael shared his journey of struggling with mental health issues as a child, turning to drugs, and ultimately being incarcerated. Despite the challenges he faced, Michael's story serves as a testament to the power of resilience and the human spirit.

One take home message was as parents or carers, to go with your gut feeling. If you think there is something not quite right with your child, ask; keep asking, seek help and take the time to find the right professional for your child or family. **Prevention is key.** If we can identify early, that something is going on, it is a lot easier to find a solution. The other take home message was to encourage parent collaboration.

Reach out, talk to people, don't allow shame or embarrassment to stop you from seeking support. It takes a village to raise a child!

We would love to hear of any other topic suggestions for future parent seminars.

Please email: kyra.dawson@berwickcollege.vic.gov.au



REMINDER: 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.

Upcoming Parent Seminar

Bookings: <https://compasstix.com/e/uyh316avse>

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

PARENT SEMINAR ABOUT CYBER BULLYING



Wednesday 16th August
6.30pm to 8.00pm
Berwick College PAC

<https://compasstix.com/e/uyh316avse>

BULLY ZERO!

Bully Zero works to prevent and reduce bullying through evidence-based education, advocacy and support for all communities across Australia. They operate on the front line, delivering educational programs that inform and empower everyone to put an end to bullying.

Join us and together,
we can help create a
world free from
bullying.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

- What is bullying?
- Statistics
- Current online/social media trends and dangers
- Account management, privacy and reporting
- What parents can do to help reduce online risks and harm
- Where to go for help



The High Achievers' Program

HAP Hub News



This week was a big one for our HAPStars with visits from Assistant Principal, Ms Claire Hanley, and Junior School Leader, Ms Lauren Varadi. Also, **Evie Taylor**, one of our amazing Monash Scholars, gave our members some solid advice on how to set themselves up for their senior years.

Students enjoyed the delicious food from the highly successful Chisholm Day and it was awesome to see many of our students in national dress. We also loved the impromptu singing and dancing.

Don't forget that this is your Hub, Year 7-10. So please come along. The HAP Hub is open every lunchtime in F5.

Dr Saraya Lubarsky—HAP Coordinator



PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Our College 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 some time to remind yourself of our College's collection notice, found on our website: [Berwick College Policies](#)

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.

Chisholm Chargers Learning Team



We are thrilled to share that Chisholm Day was an **overwhelming success**, thanks to the incredible efforts of our Chisholm students and the support of our entire school community. The day was filled with a wide range of activities that brought everyone together to celebrate different food cultures and multiculturalism within our College.

Throughout the day, we had delicious treats available for purchase, including fairy floss, sausages, peanut satay, and pizzas. These delectable options reflected the diversity of our College, and it was heartwarming to see everyone enjoying the festivities. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the staff and students who joined in the spirit of the event by dressing up in free dress attire.

We are proud to announce that we successfully raised over \$2,800.00 on Chisholm Day. The funds raised will be used to support 'State School Relief' and our new initiative, the 'Chisholm Project.' This project aims to reinvest in our students' growth and well-being, enhancing their overall learning experience. We welcome suggestions from students, teachers and families regarding any specific needs or ideas they may have for the project.

In other news, we bid farewell to an exceptional advocate for our students, Ms Courtney Moran, who will be starting a new role at Wantirna College. Courtney's dedication and contribution to the Chisholm Learning Team has been invaluable, and we wish her the very best in all her future endeavours.

We are excited to introduce Mr Daniel Leane, who will be stepping into the role of Chisholm Student Learning Leader Assistant. Daniel brings with him a fresh perspective and innovative ideas, and we are looking forward to collaborating with him to further enhance the learning experience for our students.



During Week 3, we celebrated the achievements of some outstanding students at our learning team assemblies. Congratulations to the following students who received EPIC (Every Period In Class from Term 2) awards:

Jordan HILLBRICK Justin WILSON
Zac HOWARD Rudy KONECNY
Lily BUI

We would also like to extend our congratulations to the following students who topped our lists for Green Chronicle awards:

Jordan HILLBRICK Hamed RAKIN
Ella PAPAS Michelle ABDELKODOU
Sathvika BALAJI

Well done to all these students for their hard work and dedication.

As we move through Term 3, let's continue to uphold the high standards that make Berwick College such a remarkable place of learning.

Remember to adhere to our uniform and behaviour expectations, and keep up the fantastic work that makes us proud to be part of the Chisholm community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to sharing more exciting updates and achievements with you in the coming weeks.



The Chisholm Learning Team—Mr Daniel Bowen, Ms Courtney Moran and Mr Daniel Leane

Dunlop Diggers Learning Team



Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you had a fantastic break and are feeling refreshed and ready to jump back into another busy term.

As we begin this exciting chapter, we are delighted to introduce our new Assistant Learning Leader for Dunlop, Ms Nerissa Treveil. Nerissa comes with a wealth of experience and a passion for helping students thrive not only academically but also in their social and emotional learning. **Welcome Nerissa!**



COURSE COUNSELLING

A big thank you to all Year 9 and 10 students and families for actively participating in their course counselling conferences. We hope that each of you had a valuable and engaging conversation, and that you now feel confident in the subject choice you've made for the upcoming 2024 academic year. For any students who were unable to attend conferences on their designated day, we will be reaching out shortly to arrange a time to discuss your subject selections for 2024.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We would like to congratulate all students who had 100% attendance and the highest number of Green Chronicle posts exemplifying our school's ICARE values in Term 2! We are incredibly proud of all the students who achieved this remarkable feat.

E.P.I.C Award Winners: Anisha Ahmedi, Lily Blackhurst, Nathaniel Hinton, Zachary Lock, Grace Marandawela, Kayla Rhodes, Tim Snelling.

ICARE Award Winners: Summer Jabke, Alice Shumova, Kady Shipway, Hamish Mitchell, Alexis Amos, Eden Skues, Jessica Sellers.

To celebrate their dedication and commitment to their studies, a special sausage sizzle was organized on Monday at lunchtime. It was a fantastic opportunity to recognize and reward their outstanding efforts.

ATTENDANCE

Since we have returned to Term 3 there has been an increase in the number of unexplained absences in Dunlop. If your child is ill/absent or on holiday, can you please let the College know either through Compass or via our Attendance Officer, Ms Carly O'Loughlin on 8768 1097.

UNIFORM

Winter has definitely arrived! We are seeing an increase in non-school hoodies and tracksuit pants. It is important that we continue to keep up uniform standards, 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. If you are having difficulties obtaining the correct piece of school uniform, please feel free to contact either of your learning leaders and we will endeavour to help in any way we can.

Ms Rebecca Kosach and Ms Nerissa Treveil – Dunlop Learning Leaders



O'Donoghue Otellas Learning Team



Welcome to Term 3!

As we welcome everyone back to school after the holidays, we want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support in fostering a positive and enriching learning environment.

Last term was the State Cross Country. Well done to O'Donoghue students **Kade Rooke** and **Arandjel Stojilovic** for participating.

We would like to congratulate Chisholm for a successful Chisholm day. Thank you to **Oscar Youngs** and **Cameron Visser** for representing O'Donoghue in the Chisholm Day learning team challenge, and well done for coming second!

This term we have had an O'Donoghue Learning Team assembly to recognise the achievements of students who have outstanding attendance and outstanding behaviour in class. Well done to the recipients of the Every Period In Class (EPIC) awards: **Dallin Seppings, Sara Mita, Oliver Weston, Jason John Britto, Manasi Vajrala and Anuki Godage.**



Congratulations also to all the recipients of the Green Chronicle awards for outstanding behaviour: **Younus Batcha, Isaiah Prince, Tahlia Kenny, Ivanka Upasena, Chloe Nunn, Oliver Weston, Cameron Visser, Stephanie Nellen, Max Hayward, Macy Kerr, Dakota Vogrig, Dallin Seppings and Max Marotta.**



Mr Jesse Nugent and Ms Isabella Sawatzky

O'Donoghue Student Learning Leader & Assistant Student Learning Leader



Flynn Phoenix Learning Team



Flynn, we have hit the ground running for term 3, already celebrating Chisholm Day, handing out our EPIC awards and acknowledging our top Green Chronicle achievers.

During week 4, our year 9 students heading into year 10 and our year 10 students heading into year 11 had the opportunity to complete their course counselling. This was a huge success and provided a great opportunity to look at the different pathways available to students heading into 2024!

It was great to see so many faces at school for the event, however if you are still wanting to discuss this with either of your Flynn leaders, please don't hesitate to reach out as we still have a small amount of time to be able to do so.

ATTENDANCE AND UNIFORM

Over the first few weeks of term, we have noticed a decline in our attendance numbers. Can you please ensure that if your child is absent that you are adding a note on Compass to block your child's attendance for that day. Also, recently we have seen more and more students wearing incorrect school uniform, particularly an increase in students wearing PE uniform for the entirety of a school day. Currently only year 7 and year 8 students are permitted to wear their PE uniform on days that they have PE. All other students are expected to wear their academic uniform and to change into their PE uniform when they have that class.

Looking forward to a great term ahead!



Mr Vaughan Chaplin & Mr Dustin Cunningham

Flynn Student Learning Leader and Assistant Student Learning Leader



Term 3, 2023

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 3 topics:

- **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help you (30 min)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Online boundaries and consent (30 min)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary school.
- **Getting the most out of gaming (45 min)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.
- **Online relationships and consent: !**
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram (30min)**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



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[eSafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)



THEATRE NEWS

WHY CHOOSE DRAMA/THEATRE?

"It's not often you hear a business-minded demographer endorse theatre as the most important school subject. But late in 2021, in an interview with the ABC on the future of work in the age of technology, that's exactly what Australian demographer Simon Kuestenmacher did.

Responding to questions about which skills will be prized by future tech employers, Kuestenmacher argued: 'The most important subject in school is not necessarily maths or science to survive in the tech world. It would be theatre – drama – where you learn how to interact with other people in a collaborative way.'

<https://www.artshub.com.au/news/features/why-drama-is-the-most-important-school-subject-2527005/>

Students have been busy this term in our Theatre classes!

The VCE Theatre class went to see a beautiful Australian play at Theatre Works called "Away" written by Michael Gow. The play explores the themes of family, death, the power of communication and being trapped in the past.

The year 10 students have hit the ground running with their play "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" a play set in a concentration camp in World War II. A child shares her story of living in the concentration camp; while retaining a world filled with butterflies and flowers with other children in the camp.

The Year 9 Theatre class are working hard on Verbatim Theatre, which is a style of theatre that uses a process in which a playwright interviews subjects on a particular topic and issue.

The year 7 students are working on Mime performance and their mime research tasks.

We can't wait to share more news with you during this term.

Ms Wotherspoon, Ms Foster and Ms McGregor



Careers Education/VET News

Berwick College Careers Expo!

On Tuesday, 18th July, students in years 9 – 12 took part in our annual College Careers Expo! Over 900 students came along to take the next step in planning for their futures and meet with local education and employment providers.

The expo follows our Career Education Sessions which have now been completed in terms 1 and 2. In these sessions students complete a Career Action Plan, mark out goals for themselves and learn how to explore courses and career pathways online.

By bringing the providers to the College for the expo, students are able to walk over and chat with providers, in a safe space, to get more information on the research they've done in their sessions.

We had a huge array of providers attend this year including Monash University, Employment agencies, Apprenticeship support providers, Chisholm, Melbourne University, Deakin University, Federation Uni and more!

We were very fortunate to be featured in the Berwick Star Newspaper for this event. The Careers team would like to thank all the providers who attended on the day and all the staff who supported the event and the students for taking an active interest in researching their future.



Careers Education/VET News Continued...

YEAR 10 GAME OF LIFE WORK EXPERIENCE TERM 3

All year 10 Game of Life students are required to participate in our Work Experience Program from the 11th September - 15th September.

By now, all students have participated in a class information session. Students have been provided with all the work experience forms including information on how to search, contact and apply for work experience. This is their first opportunity to put themselves out there and make contact with employers. Students need to organise work experience, return their forms and have their Safe@Work Certificates done by Friday, 18th August, for processing and school signing.

If your child intends to do any work on a building or construction site, please contact Ms Maddie McKeon to arrange their White Card Training Qualification, which they can do at the school on Monday, 14th August. This is a legal requirement for anyone intending to complete work or learning on a building site and it is also a great idea to get your child to complete this training now, if it's something they are looking at doing in the future.

Should you have any questions or if your child requires extra support please feel free to reach out to our Senior School Careers Team.

VET COMMUNITY SERVICES RSPCA EXCURSION

The 2023 VET Community Services class attended the Burwood RSPCA Centre and spent the day learning about the role of the RSPCA in advocating for the fair treatment of animals, their community-based initiatives and the services offered by the RSPCA. We also spent time exploring the animal shelter facilities.

Students had the opportunity to interact with an assortment of animals (domesticated and farm animals) and explored the journeys and statistics of animals who make their way to the shelter for rehabilitation and adoptions.

We also discussed the RSPCA's current community-based campaigns relating to Australian laws and what changes they hope to bring about by working closely with State and Federal Governments.

A great day was had by all who attended!



Library News



Book Week is coming! We are planning many fun activities to celebrate how much we love books! Check out the posters around the school or ask library staff for more information, then come along and join the fun!

Monday

We will start the week with our budding authors who love writing stories! We will have a **story writing competition**: The theme is **Read, Grow, Inspire!**

We will also have some **art activities** available for our craftier students!

Another competition will be our **'To Read or Not to Read'** challenge. Borrow a library book or eBook on Monday, read it over the week then **write a review** on one of our 'To Read or Not to Read' slips and hand it in on Friday (you could write the review even if you haven't finished reading the book).

Tuesday

On Tuesday we will have a **Book Face** competition. Find a book cover then use it to change your face!

Wednesday

On Wednesday we will have our **Minute to Win it Challenges**:



Spoon Race
Cookie Face
Ping Pong Ball Bounce Flip
cups challenge



(Left) One of our Minute-to-Win-it competitors from last year.
How many cups could you pick up using a balloon?

Thursday

On Thursday, we welcome back **Kenny Chan, Manga artist**, who will run a drawing workshop.

Kenny is an artist and illustrator of manga books and will teach students how to draw the popular manga style. To book a place in Kenny's manga drawing workshop please see library staff as soon as possible as places will fill quickly! We are charging just \$1 for students to participate in this class.

(Right) Kenny Chan, our visiting Manga artist.



Friday

On Friday, we are hoping to hold our first ever **Living Library!** Staff members with a fascinating story to tell can be 'borrowed' by a small group students. They will share their story with the students and will then answer any questions the students may have. We look forward to seeing staff and students sharing this wonderful experience!

Book Week 2023 promises to be a fabulous week of fun activities and we hope to see you all joining in the fun!

We are excited to welcome Eliza Floyd to the library as she completes a placement for her Teacher Librarianship studies. Eliza is excited to share her ideas and expertise with staff and students. Please make her feel welcome if you see her in the library.

Ms Helen Tonkin and Mrs Shamaila Tariq
Library team

Community News



BEANIES FOR SALE



**PURCHASE THROUGH
THE FRONT OFFICE
\$20**

**BEANIES DESIGNED BY STUDENTS
FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY**

Festival of the World

A celebration of cultures

Friday, 1st September 2023

♥ 4:00pm – 7:00 pm ♥

Cranbourne West Community Hub,
4 Flicka Blvd. Cranbourne West 3977

All ages welcome. free entry!

Live performances, food, Henna, face painting,
activities and more!



Bookings essential. Scan
QR code for your FREE tickets!



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