

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 8

Friday 25th August 2023

2023 KEY DATES—TERM 3 & 4	
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 Game of Life—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 Year 7 Immunisations
Monday 16th October to Friday 20th October	The Arts & Technology Week— Exhibition Official Opening 17/10
Tuesday 24th October to Wednesday 15th November	VCAA Written examinations commence (Stadium)
Monday 6th November	Melbourne Cup Eve—Alternative Student Program
Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November	Year 11 VCE Vocational Major Work Experience Week
Tuesday 7th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November	Year 11 Exam Week
Monday 20th November	Year 10 Maths and English Exams
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

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Principal's Report

"I am very proud of what is being accomplished in the life of our College, and of the way our staff and students support each other".

Recently, I attended the Southern Melbourne Area Principal Forum where the focus was on the implementation of the Senior Secondary Pathway Reforms. Our vision of preparing each student for diverse pathway choices and to make a successful transition into further education, training and employment is supported by careers staff, leaders and education support staff who all work with students and families to ensure our young people can explore a variety of career pathways that best align with their strengths and interests.

One of the ways we implement a safe and orderly learning environment for all members of our learning community is through shared expectations for student behaviour, applied through the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program and all members upholding our ICARE values and processes. Green Chronicles, EPIC (Every Period In Class) and Reward and Recognition awards are all visible reminders of student achievement and growth as we demonstrate these shared values.

The consistent wearing of school uniform has been an emphasis this term to continue to build a sense of belonging and an inclusive and supportive learning environment. Due to recommendations from the students, the uniform and dress code policy has been updated with College Council approval on Tuesday, 15th August. My thanks to our students and parents for supporting, respecting and abiding by our uniform policy. A reminder that parents seeking exemptions to the uniform policy and student dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, gender, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to me, and if possible, we will endeavour to provide appropriate support for this matter.

Our staff also consistently review data to ascertain if there are gaps in skills and knowledge or learning barriers that prevent a student from achieving positive outcomes. The Bullying Prevention week with the presentations from the Pat Cronin Foundation and Dollys Dream, 'Kick for Connection' soccer match and recent parent forum on cyber safety, all assist in building student resilience and strengthening the health and wellbeing of students. We welcome parent and carer feedback on the confidential DE Parent Opinion Survey which asks questions around elements of the school experience for students and parents. Our NAPLAN results have proven to be highly pleasing, particularly in the area of year 9 writing. Well done to staff, students and parents for their involvement in this assessment process.

Term 3 has continued with opportunities for students to experience a wide range of extra-curricular activities such as interschool and School Sport Victoria National competitions, the Basketball Academy competing in the Champions Cup, Outdoor Education students enjoying Cross Country Skiing, indoor rock climbing, cycling at Lysterfield lake, a VET Dance excursion to see the performance 'Moulin Rouge', year 12 Biology students excursion to the Melbourne Zoo to analyse, compare and contrast primate evolution, Humanities students visiting the Holocaust Museum and Victorian State School Spectacular rehearsals.

The Hollows Learning Team Day raised over \$1,700 for the charity The Fred Hollows Foundation and towards the end of the term, both the Flynn and O'Donoghue Teams will do the Walk for Watarrka, raising much needed funds for the Watarrka Foundation who deliver educational programs to support Indigenous children and their communities in outback central Australia. The year 11 Market Day will also be raising funds for the RSPCA and Breast Cancer Foundation Australia.

The last three weeks of this term will pass very quickly, and we strongly encourage parents and students to book promptly for Parent Student Teacher Conferences, Thursday 14th September (Student Free to enable a Professional Practice Day for teachers) from 4:30 to 8:00pm and Friday 15th September, (Student Free Day), from 9:00am to 2:30pm. These conferences are an opportunity to provide feedback on your child's progress and goals for this year. Compass opens on Monday 4th September to make on-line bookings for interviews and Mid Semester progress reports will be available by Friday 1st September.

In the term break, year 12 VCE students have access to the September Holiday Exam and Revision Preparation Program and I encourage them all to attend. I am very proud of what is being accomplished in the life of our College, and of the way our staff and students support each other and we look forward to concluding a very successful Term Three.

Ms Kerri Bolch - Principal

Berwick College Council Report

The most recent meeting of the Berwick College Council was at the College on Tuesday, 15th August 2023.

The College Council is the governing body of the school. It is responsible for developing and maintaining policies that assist and direct the operations of the school.

Victorian government schools are child safe environments. Our College actively promotes the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all school staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment, in accordance with their legal obligations, including child safe standards. The Child Safe Standards were explained by Assistant Principal, Mr Andrew Barker, to ensure Council Members were aware of their duty of care to protect young people and their role relating to four specific standards.

The meeting agenda followed the standard format and contents. This included a report from the principal about the key activities and achievements since the last meeting, noting the work that is being undertaken to identify and support students with dyslexia, reports from the Council's sub committees (Policy and Planning, Facilities and Finance) and from student members.

Council members actively welcome students providing genuine feedback that will contribute to a positive learning environment and culture for present and future students. The student report presented by **Emma Guthrie and Teaghan Glassenbury** provided the three recommendations from the Student Congress that had been approved for Council consideration.

1. The return of the rugby jumper to academic uniform from sport only
2. Additional tables/chairs and outdoor activities for students to do
3. Upgrade of the bathroom facilities

Students had found the Congress process a positive experience to voice their ideas. Council members, which include parent members as representatives of the parents in the school community, endorsed the return of the rugby jumper.

If you have any questions about the above or are interested in the work of council, please contact the College Council President at phil.wightman@education.vic.gov.au **Mr Phil Wightman—President**

Attendance Matters

As we approach the end of term 3, we want to emphasise the crucial role that consistent school attendance plays in our students' academic success. Regular attendance not only enhances your learning experience but also contributes to the overall school environment. Here are some important reasons why attendance matters:

1. **Academic Achievement:** Attending classes regularly ensures that you receive vital information, engage in discussions, and participate in activities that are essential for your academic progress.
2. **Active Participation:** Being present in class allows you to actively participate in discussions, ask questions, and collaborate with peers, which enriches your learning journey.
3. **Building Relationships:** Consistent attendance helps you establish strong relationships with teachers and classmates, creating a supportive network for your educational endeavours.
4. **Developing Discipline:** Practising punctuality and regular attendance instils a sense of discipline that will serve you well in your future pathways.

Berwick is proud to celebrate the attendance achievements of our students and would like to acknowledge the following students for maintaining 100% attendance to date which is an exceptional achievement.

Harry DU BOIS	Year 9	HO3
Zac HOWARD	Year 7	CH2
Emma LOEWE	Year 7	FR2
Declan RONALDS	Year 8	FL1
Zhiyuan (Jason) SONG	Year 8	DU3



Careers Education/VET News

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. Completed arrangement forms were due Friday, 18th August. Thank you to those students who have shown great initiative arranging a placement and a huge thank you to our employers for volunteering their time to take on our students.

If your child requires an extension in completing these forms in please contact Ms Madeleine McKeon in Senior School Careers on 8768 1015. Students without work experience arrangements are required to attend school as normal that week.

SENIOR SCHOOL COURSE COUNSELLING

The Senior School Careers Team and Learning Team Leaders hosted Course Counselling for families and students transitioning into years 10, 11 and 12. These sessions are run yearly to ensure students have relevant information to make informed decisions about their subject selection. The two days were successful, with students showing great inquiry into their futures and how different pathways at Berwick can support their goals. If you missed the opportunity for a course counselling session and want to confirm your subjects are aligned with your future plans you can always make an appointment with a Careers Counsellor in the Senior School Careers Office.

WHITE CARD TRAINING

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the recent White Card Training Program at Berwick College. This training allows students to work, learn and gain experience on building and construction sites. For many of our students it is their first qualification and first time doing a full day training with an external institution.



This year our College has successfully facilitated three sessions of White Card Training in conjunction with CFMEU. We booked out each session and have had a whopping **70 students gain their White Card qualification this year!** Well done to our students for seeking opportunities that relate to their passions and putting in a full day of detailed theory to get there. We hope to bring the program back in 2024; stay tuned for updates.

TERTIARY COURSE GUIDES

The Senior School has an abundance of hard copy Tertiary Course Guides for student to help themselves to. These guides are sent to us from each Training Institution and provide valuable information about the campuses and courses offered at each institution. We have guides for RMIT, Monash University, Chisholm, Federation University and more! Please help yourself to this information in the Senior Study Area.



YEAR 12 PATHWAYS SESSIONS

Our year 12 students are well on their way to wrapping up their time here at Berwick College and our Senior School Careers Coordinator, Mrs Crawley, has been hosting lunch time support sessions on a variety of topics.

These sessions have been running every Monday – Thursday lunch time with the focus on giving year 12 students a hand applying on VTAC, for SEAS, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Tertiary courses.

All sessions run in E3 and will continue to run for the remainder of the term. Please see the white board in the Senior Study Area for a schedule of these sessions and sign up sheets.

Hollows Hawks Learning Team

Hollows Day was on the 8th of August and what a day it was. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our amazing Hollows students and the support of the school community we managed to raise over \$1700.

Since it only takes \$25 to provide life-changing eye surgery to people in need, these funds will help 68 people gain the chance to see.



This year we introduced a new game, 'Hollows Hide and Seek', where students needed to find special objects around the school to win a mystery prize. Miss Bond thought she had found some amazing hiding places however she was proven very wrong when most of the objects were found by some very eager students who came in before school to seek out the prizes.

At lunch, Hollows had some delicious treats to purchase including fairy floss, Krispy Kremes, soft drinks and a sausage sizzle. Big thanks to our Captains, **Jake and Nikolina**, for helping to organise the day and an even bigger thanks to Will Sala for doing the most important job of the day; controlling the BBQ.

Celebrating Hollows Success

Congratulations to the students who achieved 100% attendance and the highest number of Green ICARE Chronicles in Term 2!

E.P.I.C Award Winners: Alex Chol, Harry Du Bois, Jemma Hanrahan, Yash Middha, Max Monteith, Jacob Loewe



Miss Fenton has restocked the awards for Hollows so if you have some green chronicles, come up to F9 for a prize.

Lastly, a huge congratulations to Hollows Superstar **Kaylah Young** (year 10) who recently competed in the World Hip Hop Championships in Arizona, USA! Her team ended up coming 24th in the world which is an amazing accomplishment.

We would love to highlight more Hollows achievements so if you have achieved something or know someone who has, please let us know.

Ms Bond & Ms Fenton - Hollows Learning Team

COMMUNITY POLICE REMINDER—E-SCOOTERS...

E-scooters are only legal for people over 16 years and older. Riders of an e-scooter must wear a helmet, ride at a maximum speed of 20km/hour and must have flashing or steady front and rear lights if riding at night or in low-light. Riders must not: ride on the footpath, use a mobile phone while riding, ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, carry passengers, animals or ride in tandem and ride on roads with a speed limit over 60km/h. Anyone over the age of 14 can be issued an infringement notice for breaching these rules. **Rules and penalties : VicRoads**



Celebrating 15 years of partnership—AFL SportsReady

AFL SportsReady 15 Years of Partnership!

On Thursday 3rd August, Berwick College was recognised at a State luncheon for 15 years of partnership with AFL SportsReady. This event recognised the value of trainees in schools and acknowledged schools with a longstanding partnership. The AFL SportsReady traineeship at Berwick College, has given 16 graduate Year 12s an opportunity to work within the school and gain their Certificate 4 in Sport and Recreation. Half of these 16 students have since gone on to become teachers, including Ms Lauren Varadi, our current Head of Junior School.

The traineeship will continue again in 2024 and will be presented to the graduating class of 2023 for someone else to take up this fantastic opportunity.

Mr Jack Soroczynski accepted the award on behalf of Berwick College.



Term 3 Sports Update

Wow, what a jam packed term of sport it has been. With so many teams winning their division finals they were all off to the regional finals in Term 3. Some great results but not quite making it to state finals this year. I am most proud of the way all our teams have conducted themselves, along with the guidance of some great staff and coaches, to uphold the Berwick College values and represent our school with pride and great sportsmanship – usually being announced as great teams by convenors of the day, or even other schools' coaches.

Great work from everyone. **Mrs Claise Janssen**



Intermediate and Senior Boys' Table Tennis

What a great day out to Dandenong Table Tennis Association. Both Intermediate Boys and Senior Boys had a great day out playing against some fierce competition on the day. All students represented the school with pride, but were unfortunately just not strong enough to beat the power of the Nossal team, who ended up winning the day.

Well done to all who participated on the day. The boys learnt a lot on the day and got some expert tips from the master coach, Mr McMahon.

Senior Team – Artin Foroughshams, Jack Greenshields, Nazar Kolinchuk, Hudson Osborne, Shevon Ratnayaka-Gamage

Intermediate Team – Daniel Bouchard, Hayden McGrath, Jed Williams, Jack Wittke Joce and Taha Zahid

Year 7 and 8 Table Tennis

On Friday, the 21st of July, four Berwick College teams represented the school at division table tennis. This included two teams from year 7; both a boys' and girls' team. We also had two teams in the year 8 boys' competition.

All students displayed excellent fairness and spirit for the day.

The year 8 boys both defeated two of our neighbouring schools, but missed out on winning the day.

Both the year 7 boys' and girls' won their division and will go on to the next level of competition in October.

Well done to all involved.

Mr Park and Mr McMahon

Term 3 Sports Update continued...

State Cross Country

Wow, what an amazing day. I felt very proud to be with the amazing team of Berwick runners on the 13th of July at Yarra Glen Race track. The results of our students were amazing, along with the blistering times of some super athletic and very fit students. I was in awe the entire day. Congratulations to all who participated on the day. Just to get to that level of competition is a credit to each of the students, but to achieve such great results is just AMAZING!

Results

3km

12/13 Boys - **Max Peplow** – 13th in the State with a time of 12:14

14 year Girls - **Sienna Andrews** - 34th in the State with a time of 14:46

14 year Boys – **Kade Rooke** - 23rd in the State with a time of 12:02

Arandjel Stojilovic - 26th in the state with a time of 12:06

Xavier Hobson - 42nd in the State with a time of 12:26

Dinath Silva - 61st in the State with a time of 12:57

The 14 year boys' TEAM came third in the State!

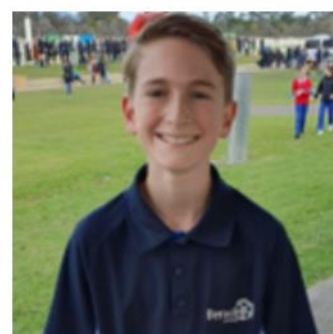
16 year Girls - **Paige Ford** – 28th in the State with a time of 14:34

Gabrielle Gelderbloem – 61st in the State in a time of 15:42

5km

16 year Boys - **Alex Smith** – 35th in the State with a time of 19:09

17-20 year old Boys – **Hudson Osborne** – 16th in the State in a time of 18:07



Term 3 Sports Update continued...

Senior Boys' AFL

Congrats to our senior boys' footy team on making it to the Southern Metropolitan Regional Finals. They were unfortunate to not get the result we were after but the boys should be proud of their efforts on the day.

We had a successful start to our three games with a win against Koo Wee Rup SC. **Owen Thomas** was impressive gliding off the half back all game and even kicking our first goal of the day. **Kynan Auhl** did a great job through the middle of the ground whilst it was **Cooper Thomas** who made an impact down forward, kicking three goals. **Jamie Roberts** and **Captain, Blake Westra**, were other key players for the win.

We took the momentum into game two against Mornington SC, drawing level at the half time break before we conceded some late goals that put them ahead at the final siren. Again, it was our **Captain, Blake Westra**, who was the driving force running off half back, doing what he could to get the boys across the line. **Lachlan Coverdale** showed why he is becoming a star on the rise and fought hard all game. **Kynan Auhl, Jamie Roberts** and **Owen Thomas** held strong all game too.

That left our final game against Frankston HS as a must win match to advance through. Again the boys matched the intensity with Frankston in the first half but were outrun in the end. The afore-mentioned students left it all out on the field whilst **Kai Lawrence, Will Dendroulakis** and **Jake Oost** showed plenty of skill as year 11 players.

Well done to all players and good luck with your local footy teams as your seasons start to head into finals.

Mr Jack Soroczynski and Mr Travis Tuck.



Senior Girls' Netball

Section A: Berwick came out strong for their first game, beating McClelland College 22 - 6, they then came up against Koo Wee Rup who proved too strong with a 15—25 loss.

Jenna and **Kim** combined well in goals shooting some great long range goals. **Bella De Jong** had some incredible intercepts and combined well with **Cass** and **Sienna**. **Ellie** played brilliantly in the mid court providing plenty of drive, creating some great passages of play with **Shaya** and **Caitlin**. They fought back in the second half against Koo Wee Rup but they had too big a lead.

Section B: The girls only had seven players for the day so had no interchange. **Abby** was fast through the centre third, feeding brilliantly into the goalers. **Paige** played brilliantly in goals with **Holly** and **Millie**. **Bella, Ruby** and **Tia** came up against some very tall opponents getting their hands to a lot. They had some impressive passages of play but couldn't always capitalise on the position.

They were unlucky not to get a win for the day.

Lost 17 - Koo Wee Rup 33

Lost 11—Mornington 22

Lost 14 - Frankston 28



Term 3 Sports Update continued...

Intermediate Boys' AFL

What a fantastic effort by our Intermediate boys' AFL team to come runners up in the southern metro regional finals. Having won all the games in their pool against Kambrya, Dromana and Frankston, the boys just fell short in the final against Parkdale. It was a huge effort by the boys playing four games of footy and they should be stoked with their efforts.

Mackenzie Rees was dominant all day long, showing his classy skills and the ability to win contested ball.

Marcus Krasnadamskis was also a consistent contributor with his great athleticism proving difficult to contain.

Captain, **Jed Robertson**, and fellow midfielder **Archer Radings** fought hard all day. Whilst down forward, **Ben Booth** and **Brandon Pele** were stacking on goals.



Again, great effort boys, you'll go one better next year!

Mr Soroczynski and Mr Paterson

Junior Girls' AFL

Congratulations to the Junior year 7 and 8 Girls' AFL team for their performance at the Regional Finals today!

We kicked off the day with a strong win against Koo Wee Rup, but lost the two remaining games.

The girls demonstrated great teamwork, persistence and skill, playing as if they had been a team for many years!

A big thank you to our parent helpers and supporters for coming down to cheer on the team.



Term 3 Sports Update continued...

Senior Girls' AFL

The Senior girls' AFL team made the regional finals which were played on Thursday, 27th July. Unfortunately a few injuries and unavailability meant that the squad was a little depleted, however we managed to have some of our Intermediate girls step up and fill in to give us 16 players. We were tasked with three matches and things started well with a four goal win over MacRobertson girls. The team played with freedom and managed to get our running game up and going. The next two games proved to be more of a challenge, losing by eight and three goals respectively against Parkdale and SEDA, both of whom were equipped with academy players.

The girls are to be commended for their efforts on the day. **Ruby Andres** was excellent as captain and proved to be a strong defender repelling many attacks, along with **Paige Brooks-MacMillan** and **Paige Whitehead**. The girls in the midfield did a great job with **Tia Charles**, **Steph Dickinson** (intermediate) and **Dakota Pattison** (intermediate) getting plenty of the footy, largely due to **Isabella De Jong** and **Alysha Turfboer** (intermediate) winning their ruck contests and giving our girls first use of the football. **Sophie Orgill**, **Hayley Ward** (intermediate) and **Georgia Buckland** patrolled the wings and contributed some excellent forward 50 entries. Our forwards did well to apply plenty of pressure with **Sam Dickinson**, **Lexi Cruse**, **Abby Osborne** and **Jasmine Nation** all contributing to scoring involvements.

Given we had a team with several intermediate girls and girls who were filling in and had never played before, the girls did an excellent job across all three games. They all showed great sportsmanship and played in the right spirit whilst having plenty of fun. Well done girls! **Mr Watson and Mr Cunningham**

Year 7 Boys' AFL

On Tuesday, 1st of August, the year 7 Boys' Football team travelled to Lloyd Park in Langwarrin to compete in the regional finals competition. The boys had a very tough first game against a talented Beaumaris side. The boys battled hard in the very windy conditions but were outplayed by a very skilful team.

The second game was against Koo Wee Rup on the much larger senior ground. This suited Berwick's running power and the boys played a great game together to win comfortably.

The third game was against Frankston High School. The boys continued from where they left off in the previous game, running hard and moving the ball well to create many scoring opportunities. At halftime, Berwick had a decent lead but Frankston High worked back into the game, making it a close finish. The Berwick boys played very hard in the last couple of minutes to secure another win. The boys finished second in the pool for the day.

Outstanding players for the day were our **Captain Max**, **Kevin**, **Josh** and **Connor**.

Well done to all the boys on a good day and representing the College brilliantly. **Mr Kennedy and Trav Tuck**

Year 7 Girls' Soccer

The girls did really well, especially as we only played with seven players for the day. We played Cranbourne East with 7 vs 11 players and only narrowly lost 2-0, but had the chance to score. Next, we played Dromana who agreed to play 7v7 and we lost 3-1 but the girls really put in a shift and created a few scoring chances. Last we played Frankston who also agreed to play 7v7. We lost Skye to an injury in the first half and then only had six players. We lost 1-0 in the last minute of the game. Overall, the girls did amazingly, were super supportive and even got a mention in the convener's post day report about how amazing they were. Well done! **Mr Herrington and Mr Boland**

Year 8 Boys' AFL

The year 8 boys competed really well at regional level football. They won two games comfortably by a few goals against Albert Park and Alkira, and unfortunately just going down in the third game to McKinnon by two goals. This was an incredible effort as we only had one player on the bench for the day. Throughout the day the team found success by excellent teamwork, with players stepping up when they were needed. The highlights of the boys' football were their ability to chain handballs and create runs for incredible team goals. Special mention to **Kadyn Shipway** for being great in the coaches' box with rotations. They should be proud with the way they represented Berwick College. **Mr Coe**



Term 3 Sports Update continued...

Intermediate Girls' Soccer

Wow. How far has girls' soccer come since I used to play in high school! The girls were just amazing. The girls played amazing soccer all day long and won two out of their three pool games, just running out of legs in the third game against Elisabeth Murdoch College (EMC) to make it to the final. The girls beat Minaret 6-0 and then Mount Eliza 3-0 but lost 0-4 against EMC in the gale force wind (that I think should be awarded at least two of EMC's goals on its own). Our girls held their heads high all day long and were often praised by other schools as well as the convener and refs on the day. I was really proud of them.

Stephanie Dickinson – who was only meant to be helping on the day ended up playing goalkeeper for the day as we were short on players. She did an amazing job – even saving two penalty shots!

Our defence line which included **Latysha, Amelie, Indiana, Jana** and **Eloise** played hard all day keeping the ball away from goal as much as possible as well as trying to fight the help of the wind for most of the day.

Our mid field which included **Vicky, Zahra, Miriam** and **Teresah** were brilliant and ran all day, helping the defence as well as pushing forward and helping our strikers to get into some amazing positions with the ball.

Everyone should watch out for our two main strikers in **Heidi Draai** and **Katie Langeveld** as the Matildas should be in their sights for the future! **Katie** has only played her first season with Berwick out of school and is already a force to be reckoned with. Her little controlled touches along with her powerful kick and stamina that never runs out, is a sight to be seen. Then there is **Heidi Draai**. Now this girl has SKILLS! I was in absolute awe watching her play a game she clearly loves – she has it all. Over the day **Katie** scored four goals and Heidi scored five. Even though these two girls stood out in our team – it was 100% a team effort and all players not only contributed and gave their all for the whole day, were needed and all had moments of brilliance that changed the game in our favour throughout the tournament.

Well done to the girls on the day. They told me at the start of the day that it was 'win win' for the day anyway. They either made it to the finals to try make it to State – or they lost before the finals and got to go to McDonald's on the way home. Not sure which was the bigger motivator though.....

Great effort girls – I enjoyed being part of it and watching you all play. **Mrs Janssen**

Players include: Miriam Abdelkodous, Jana Asai, Eloise Brittain, Stephanie Dickinson, Heidi Draai, Latysha Elliott, Zahra Halabi, Indiana Hillbrick, Katie Langeveld, Teresah Lo, Vicky Tsiantoulas and Amelia Wilkin.



Term 3 Sports Update continued...

Junior and Intermediate Boys' Netball

Junior Boys – so close but.... What a great day of play by the boys. It didn't matter where people played, they all gave 110% and supported each other well. In the Pools round Berwick defeated: Kambrya 28-2, Mornington 27-1 and Frankston 20-4.

The grand final saw us take on Parkdale. It was a super tight tussle but, in the end, we finished up runners up. The boys were amazing and I'm so proud of their efforts. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and siblings who came out to cheer us on. Well done boys..... bring on next year. **Mrs Graham**

Junior Players include: **Jacob Booth, Henry Brown, Jack Dawson, Mohammed Farshad, Xavier Ford, Hudson Freeman, Archie Hooper, Ben Lane, Cooper McCallum and Jye White.**



Intermediate Boys

Our intermediate boys' team put in another great performance at our regional netball competition. They dominated their pool, winning all three games and advancing to the finals. The finals were an impressive display of skills from both teams with a neck and neck game. Unfortunately, in the final seconds of the game, Bentleigh scored the winning point. Congratulations to the entire team on their performance. Thank you to **Mitzi Henry** for the support and scoring. **Ms Richards**

Intermediate Players include: **Brayden Brown, Cohen Hopkins, Marcus Krasnadamskis, Brandon Pele, Archer Radings, Jed Robertson, Brendan Sala and Mitch Vinen**

Year 8 Girls' Netball

In an icy cold stadium in Dandenong, the two year 8 teams took on the other division winners in the region.

The A team got off to a good start defeating Koo Wee Rup and Dromana. In the last game, the girls fought hard but went down to the eventual Region winners – Elisabeth Murdoch College.

The B Team were fabulous all day. Playing in any position we asked, tried to execute specific play patterns and supported each other in our games against Koo Wee Rup, Rosebud and Frankston. But today was not our day. Well done to our student coach **Lili Boswell**, who took on the lead coaching role for the A team.

To the girls – well done on making the Region Finals. Bring on next year. **Ms Graham**

A Team – **Molly Allen, Audrey Van Dam, Bailea Shipp, Darcy Scholes, Holly Vugs, Maggie Le Guier, Olive Henry, Olivia Roberts and Paige Thomas.**

B Team – **Anisha Ahmedi, Chloe Lesina, Emily Baxter, Maddy Lancaster, Mia Fredricks, Olivia Lawrence, Tegan Bremner and Theanna Senarathna.**

Intermediate Girls' Netball

B Team - On Thursday 10th of August, our Intermediate A and B girls' netball team completed an amazing day of netball. The B team in their first game against Parkdale Secondary, defending incredibly well, coming to tie the game at half time, however, our defending just wasn't enough in the second half, and we lost 14-18. Special mention to our goalers **Lily, Bindi and Paige** for our second game against Cranbourne West winning 37-2. **Paige** and **Blessed** ran an impressive day switching back and forth in centre, persisting through their exhaustion from defending and intercepting any chance they got. The girls made a great effort in their last game against Mentone Girls, winning, however the loss to Parkdale meant we were not eligible to compete in the final, although all the girls made a great effort throughout the day, showing off their skills and coming out second in our pool. Well done girls. **Ms Bickerton**

A Team – Another fantastic day for Berwick netball with our intermediate girls' team putting on a fantastic show of their skills. Making it all the way to the final, the game ended in a draw and went into overtime! Unfortunately, the girls couldn't hang on to their lead in overtime but fought hard for the entire game. What a fantastic effort by the entire team, with standout performances from **Shayla Dale** and **Mitzi Henry**. Thanks to **Seth** and **Cohen** for helping on the day. **Miss Richards**

Term 3 Sports Update continued...

Year 7 Girls' Netball

Congratulations to the Junior year 7 Girls' Netball team on their performance at the Regional Finals today! The day was filled with intense competition; both teams displayed remarkable sportsmanship and resilience across all games. The A Team won one out of their four games against Patterson River, while the B Team didn't secure any wins, but their effort was truly commendable. A big thankyou to the families who joined us to provide their unwavering support on the day. **Ms Mason and Ms Varadi**

Year 8 Boys' Soccer

Being placed in Pool A, with the stronger teams of this regional finalists, Mineret College, Mt Eliza SC and Elizabeth Murdoch College (EMC) we knew it was going to be a challenging day, but our Berwick boys were up for it.

Round 1 v Mineret College did not go our way. Mineret were the dominant side for the day but the Berwick boys stood strong taking every opportunity with **Sasha Sambrotta** scoring our only goal for the game, and **Mason Murphy** creating some exciting passages through our midfield.

Round 2 v Mt Eliza our Berwick boys found some form and team cohesion, resulting in a 2 – 0 victory. This game is credited to all players, quick passes, effective communication, strong defensive efforts and explosive performances through the midfield from **Mason Murphy** and **Sasha Sambrotta**, led to multiple shots on goal with **Bob Xu** and **Sasha Sambrotta** seeing the ball into the back of net and our first taste of success for the day.

Round 3 v EMC saw our Berwick boys start with the wind in the first half, **Bob Xu** scoring within the first five minutes. This game was played predominantly in our defence, bombarded by continuous attempts on goal, our defensive wall stood strong led by goalkeeper **Rafael Oshana**, running and cleared efforts created by **David Kim**. **Trent Westra**, **Harvey Senior**, **Aj Stojilovic** and **Jack Nathan** stood tall keeping EMC to 0 after surviving 25 minutes of an EMC onslaught.

Placing second in our pooling division, there is a strong sense of belief within the group and we are looking forward to next year and hoping to take it to the next stage of representing Berwick College at the state finals.

Mr Connelly and Ms Sitas



Chisholm Chargers Learning Team



Term 3 is now well past the halfway point. It has been fantastic to see so many different activities happening around the College recently, including the lunchtime soccer competitions, superhero day, the upcoming Team/Colours Day, various fundraisers and general good 'vibes' around the school.

Uniform

Many of the students in Chisholm are wearing their uniform with pride, however there are still hoodies, jumpers and leggings that we keep seeing around the school yard. We understand it's been a cold winter, however the uniform is not only a statement of school pride, but also a safety measure to ensure we can identify students easily if we need to. This includes white shirt, grey pants and black shoes and a jacket if needed.

Year 7-8: PE uniform can be worn all day on PE days.

Year 9+ : PE uniform must be changed into and out of for PE classes.

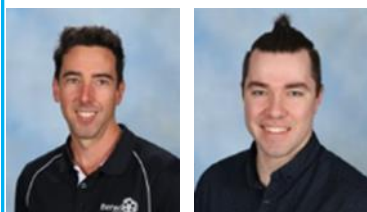
Our new uniform policy has already had an impact in our classrooms and on expected behaviours, keep it up Chisholm! In exceptional circumstances, if your child is going to be out of uniform, please write them a note to take with them so we can issue uniform passes on a short-term basis. Also, if you require assistance in purchasing uniform, please feel free to contact us directly as we are happy to support.

Attendance

As we are well and truly in term 3, it is imperative that your child attends as much as possible to ensure that their learning is not impacted. If your child is absent, it would be greatly appreciated if you could either log into Compass and block their attendance yourself or contact our attendance officer to notify us. This will allow our records to reflect the correct information and will also minimise the necessity for us to be in contact to log reasons.

Other News

Be sure to keep an eye out for the Team Jerseys/Colours Day on Friday the 25th. We encourage everyone to dress up in their favourite Team's Colours and to bring a gold coin donation in doing so. Students can wear AFL, NBA, Soccer, Community Club jumpers, scarfs and beanies etc so long as they are wearing team colours and not free dress. This money is put towards the group of students attending World Challenge to enhance their experience on their trip and to support the local community that students will be visiting. **Go Chisholm!**



The Chisholm Learning Team—Mr Daniel Bowen and Mr Daniel Leane

The High Achievers' Program HAP Hub News



The High Achievers' Program Select Entry Test was held last Saturday at our College. More than 45, Grade 6 students braved the cold and undertook three hours of testing because their desire is to be part of our wonderful community.

It was heart-warming to see the families support their children to be the very best they can be in their future high school journey.

A huge thank you to our Assistant Principal, Mrs Claire Hanley, who met with our applicants and parents, lending some words of support to calm the nerves all round!

Thanks also to our Junior School Leader, Ms Lauren Varadi and Teacher/Librarian, Ms Helen Tonkin, for ensuring the smooth running of the morning. **Dr Saraya Lubarsky—HAP Coordinator**



O'Donoghue Otellas Learning Team



We hope you have had a fantastic term 3 so far and that you are ready to tackle the remainder of the term. We have a number of exciting events coming up to look forward to!

Uniform reminder

We would like to take a moment to remind everyone of our school's uniform policy, ensuring that everyone is dressed appropriately for their daily activities.

Years 7 and 8 Sport Uniform Days: Just a friendly reminder that students in years 7 and 8 are required to wear their sport uniform only on their designated sport days.

Years 9-12 Academic Uniform: For students in years 9 to 12, it's important to remember that the full academic uniform must be worn to school on regular days. You should change into your sport uniform only when you have PE classes.

Flynn and O'Donoghue Day - September 7th

Mark your calendars for one of the most anticipated events of the year - Flynn and O'Donoghue Day on September 7th!

Tasty Treats: On this special day, students can look forward to purchasing a variety of food, including sausages and soft drinks.

Walk for Watarrka: For students in the Flynn and O'Donoghue Learning Teams who are in years 7 and 8, there's an additional treat in store. You'll have the fantastic opportunity to participate in the Walk for Watarrka on this day. Lace up your sneakers and enjoy a memorable walk while soaking in the fresh air.



As always, thank you for your continued support in upholding our College's values and maintaining a positive and inclusive environment.

Mr Jesse Nugent and Ms Isabella Sawatzky

O'Donoghue Student Learning Leader & Assistant Student Learning Leader

Flynn Phoenix Learning Team



Wow, how quickly is term 3 passing us by?

Firstly, we would like to welcome Dr Saraya Lubarsky to the Flynn Learning Team. Saraya is the head of our High Achiever Program (HAP) and is doing some amazing work with the HAP hub, so we are very lucky that she will be joining Flynn until the end of term 3.

Attendance

We would also like to thank everyone for their cooperation surrounding the uniform policy over the past few weeks. We have seen a great response from the Berwick College community, parents and students, in supporting the College's uniform policy. It is important that we continue to keep our uniform standards high, to ensure connection to school and student safety. If you are having difficulties obtaining the correct pieces of school uniform, please feel free to contact our Student Learning Leaders for assistance.

Flynn and O'Donoghue Day

Finally, we have the Flynn and O'Donoghue Learning Team Day on Thursday, 7th of September. We are looking forward to a day of activities and raising awareness for the Watarrka Foundation.



Our year 7 and 8 students will participate in the Walk for Watarrka and we are looking forward to our Flynn students helping out on the day.

As we come to the end of term 3 let's continue to strive for high standards and aim to create a positive learning environment!

Mr Vaughan Chaplin & Mr Dustin Cunningham & Dr Saraya Lubarsky

Flynn Student Learning Leaders and Assistant

Kenny Kangas Learning Team



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Dear Kenny Learning Team students, parents and carers,

Can you believe we are now over halfway through Term 3, and as we head towards the end of winter, we want to congratulate all our students for pushing through the colder days and staying on track with your attendance. Your dedication is truly commendable!

At Kenny Learning Team, we believe in celebrating the achievements of our students, and we're excited to present the EPIC awards. These awards recognize those outstanding individuals who have maintained 100% attendance across all periods.



Your commitment to being present and engaged in your education is truly inspiring. We are also proud to acknowledge the remarkable efforts of our students who are leading the way with positive green chronicles.

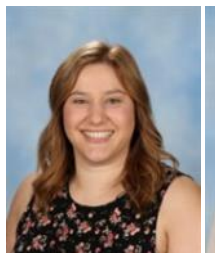


A special mention goes to **Koby Meehl** from Kenny, who emerged as the overall leader from Term 2 across all Learning Teams.

Koby's dedication to maintaining a positive and productive learning environment sets an exemplary standard for all of us.

It's also with immense pride that Kenny Learning Team leads the school in the number of positive postcards received. Your conduct and positive contributions have not gone unnoticed, and we couldn't be prouder of our students' accomplishments. Remember to stop by our office in F9 to receive your ICARE ticket and rewards – a small token of our appreciation for your hard work.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents, carers and students who attended the course counselling sessions. We understand that choosing subjects for the upcoming year can be a daunting task, and we were delighted to have the opportunity to meet with all of our students' caregivers and assist with making these important decisions.



As the weather starts to improve, our lunchtime activities are gearing up. We recently had a thrilling soccer competition in celebration of Chisholm Day. But the fun doesn't stop there – Mr McCall is eager to hear your ideas for lunchtime clubs and activities that you'd like to see. Your input matters, and we want to create an engaging and enjoyable environment for all our students.

As we move forward, let's continue to uphold the values of Kenny Learning Team. Remember, your efforts contribute to the overall success of our team, and we're

here to support you every step of the way. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Miss Zuccolo and Mrs Bates



Class of 1993 Reunion—Huge Success!

Thirty three past students of the Class of 1993 caught up at the D'Angelo Estate Vineyard on Saturday, 15th July with thanks to organiser, past student and current parent, Melissa Henson.

Phil Nicholson, *"My take away from the reunion is that I went to school with good people! I've got some great memories from high school and it was great to bring them to the forefront again".*

It was a fabulous night and all are looking forward to catching up next term again for a BBQ with their families and maybe watching all their high school productions, like 'Salmon Enchanted Evening' one more time!



Careers Education/VET News Continued...

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