



Fields Focus

Friday 23rd February 2024

Week 4 Term 1

Principal's Message

The busy weeks are continuing at Berwick Fields. We had a group of Year 4-6 students head off for Swimming trials- we wish all students who qualified the best of luck for District Swimming coming up on the 4th March at Doveton Pools.

We really enjoyed the Chinese New Year Celebrations. The students enjoyed completing Learning tasks connected to the celebrations and Ms Chrystal Zhang and her team did a wonderful job in presenting our parade including many amazing performances.

A big well done to our new 2024 leaders for running their first ever assembly for Chinese New Year. They presented with confidence and were engaging to listen to – keep up the great work leaders!

The 'Getting Acquainted' Interviews were a huge success despite the intense storm in the middle of it all. These were a great opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and share any information helpful to their success at school.

Our Year 6 students went off to Camp Jungai in Week 3. They have lots of fun enjoying the adventures that camp brings. Thank you to all of the hard work from the Year 6 teachers and any other staff and parents who attended. Without your generosity in giving your time, these events would not be possible.

Important dates coming up in the next few weeks:

- Financial Education Incursion (Grade 6) 19th Feb and 4th March
- Police Cyber Safety Talk (Year 5/6) 21st Feb
- Interschool Sports commencing on 23rd Feb
- School Council Meeting – 26th Feb 7pm
- Paralympian Talk (Grade 6) – 1st March
- JSC Event – 1st March – more details to come
- District Swimming – 4th March
- Hot Shot and District Tennis – 6th March

The School Athletics days have been moved to Term 2 this year – details to come.

Thank you all for your patience with our uniform supplier PSW as they have a shortage of hats. As we have had some very high temperatures lately, please send your child in any wide brim hat whilst the situation is rectified. This will allow your child to be able to play safely outdoors.

Thank you and have a wonderful week ahead.

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NAPLAN Information for parents and carers

2024

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive) which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA supports inclusive testing, so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), and our [series of videos](#) where parents/ carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.



Cranbourne East Primary School

is proud to present

a FREE community event.

Supporting Resilience in Children

A presentation from two of Australia's most highly regarded Children's Psychologists.

+ an opportunity for Q+A.



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

As seen on the top-rated Morning Show on 3AW with Neil Mitchell



Dr Justin Coulson

As seen on Channel Nine's Parental Guidance



Scan QR code or click the link [HERE](#) for tickets

Thursday 7th March 2024

6.00pm-8:30pm

**Location: Cranbourne Community Theatre
Brunt Street, Cranbourne 3977**

Join us from 5pm for coffee and an opportunity to meet our local wellbeing supports.

*Please note this is an **adult only** event.*

**For more information please contact:
David Muzyk or Jenni Kelly
PH: 5990 0400**

This event cannot be live streamed



Communities for Children is an initiative supported by the Australian Government



Term 1 2024

Keep this handy calendar on your fridge for upcoming events at school. Remember to check out Compass, Facebook, or our website: www.berwickfieldsps.vic.edu.au

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
February	Week 1	29 Curriculum Day No School	30 Curriculum Day No School	31 Students First Day of School	1 	2 Whole School Assembly	
	Week 2	5 No School for Preps (Assessment via Appointment)	6	7		9 Chinese New Year- Dragon Parade 2:40pm District Swimming Trials- Grade 4-6 (Cardinia Life, Pakenham)	
	Week 3	12 No School for Preps (Assessment via Appointment)	13 School Photos Grades F-2	14	Grade 6 camp – Junqai 14 th – 16 th		16 School Photos Grades 3-5
	Week 4	19 No School for Preps (Assessment via Appointment) Financial Education Incursion – Grade 6	20 Grade 5 Camp Balance due.	21 Police Cyber Safety Incursion 12:30pm . Grade 5/6	22 School Photos Grade 6/Siblings/Absentees	23 Grade 6 Interschool Sport vs Berwick PS (Berwick Fields PS)	
	Week 5	26 No School for Preps (Assessment via Appointment) School council meeting 7-8pm	27	28	29	1 Paralympian Talk (Grades 5/6) Grade 6 Interschool Sport vs Brentwood Park PS (Berwick Fields PS) JSC Event	
March	Week 6	4 Prep Students Start Full-time Financial Education Incursion – Grade 6 District Swimming Carnival (Doveton Pool in the Park)	5	6 District Tennis & Hot Shot Tennis (Sweeney Reserve, Berwick)	7 	8 Grade 6 Interschool Sport vs Berwick Chase PS (Berwick Chase PS)	
	Week 7	11 Labour Day – No school	12 Maths Community Night 5:30-6:30 Topic: Exploring Math Anxiety	13 Division Swimming Carnival (Noble Park Aquatic Centre)	14 Grade 2 Community Incursion	15 Naplan on the 13 th – 15 th for Gr 3/5	
	Week 8	18	19 Grade 6 Interschool Sports Gala Day	20	21 Division Tennis Finals Harmony Day	22 Grade 5 Camp 20 th – 22 nd Cave Hill Creek Swimming Grade 2 18 th - 22 nd Naplan on the 18 th - 22 nd for Gr 3/5	
	Week 9	25 	26 Gala Day Backup Date	27 BFPS Cross Country	28 Whole School Assembly 1:30 – 2:30 Last Day of Term 2:30 pm finish	29	

Disability Wheel Chair Access

We understand that finding suitable parking can be a challenge, especially for parents with children who have disabilities. We want to address these concerns while also highlighting the importance of accessibility for all our students.

Currently, the disability parking space, particularly within the teacher car park space have been allocated to families who we are aware require support with access to school.

Please be mindful that if you have not had a conversation with the school office regarding access to this parking space, that you continue using the parking spaces along the street or in the church car park, until such time as the school are made aware of your/your child's needs for this space.



We appreciate your ongoing support in making our school an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all of our students.

Berwick Fields Primary
Presents...

MATHS COMMUNITY NIGHT

EXPLORING MATHS ANXIETY



TUESDAY 12TH MARCH
5:30PM – 6:30PM
BFPS STAFFROOM

PRESENTED BY
NICOLE BOYD &
MATH SPECIALIST
WAYNE SPILSBURY
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

An opportunity for you & your children to share in some maths learning that you can explore at home!
Questions welcome!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
nicole.boyd@education.vic.gov.au
8786 9988

Parent Workshops available

<u>DAY/DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Tuesdays, 16 th Jan 13 th Feb & 19 th March	12.15 – 1.30 p.m.	Parents Building Solutions and PRONIA bring you "How To..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S1: Prepare for the School Year • S2: Respond to School Refusal • S3: Run Family Meetings 	ONLINE Single registration will give you access to ALL sessions Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/ parents-building-solutions-and- pronia-present-positive- parenting-strategies	Carey Cole 0437 428 281 carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au
Tuesdays through- out Term 1	9.30 – 11.30 a.m.	Our Time – Supported Playgroup for parents with who have/care experi- encing mental health concerns	Frankston area Call to enquire	Iris Guasch 0436 007 492 Iris.guasch@anglicarevic.org.au Sarah Dickenson 0439 336 808 fapmi@phcn.vic.gov.au
Thursdays, 1 st Febru- ary – 7 th March	1.00 – 2.30 p.m.	School Refusal	ONLINE Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/ school-refusal	Michelle Brown 0429 174 150 Michelle.brown@anglicarevic.org.au
Thursdays, 1 st Febru- ary – 7 th March	6.00 - 8.00 p.m.	Dads Do Matter	ONLINE Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/ dads-do-matter-dm	Jasbir Singh Suropada 0438 004 285 Jasbir.suropada@anglicarevic.org.au
Tuesdays, 6 th Febru- ary – 12 th March	10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	Living with Autism	ONLINE Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/ living-with-autism	Michelle Brown 0429 174 150 Michelle.brown@anglicarevic.org.au
Tuesdays, 6 th Febru- ary – 12 th March	1.00 – 2.30 p.m.	Parenting with Purpose	ONLINE Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/ parenting-with-purpose	Michelle Brown 0429 174 150 Michelle.brown@anglicarevic.org.au
Wednes- days, 7 th February – 27 th March	4.15 – 6.45 p.m.	Beyond the Violence (parent/child program),	Dandenong Location Venue provided following in- take	Ariane Hahn 0499 080 468 Ariane.hahn@anglicarevic.org.au
Wednes- days, 7 th February – 13 th March	6.30 – 8.00 p.m.	Parenting Teens	ONLINE Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/ parenting-teens	Michelle Brown 0429 174 150 Michelle.brown@anglicarevic.org.au
Thursdays, starting 8 th February through- out Term 1	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Play Circle – Supported Playgroup	Dandenong Location Venue provided following in- take	Erin Surrey 0438 459 891 Erin.surrey@anglicarevic.org.au
Thursdays, 8 th Febru- ary – 28 th March	4.00 – 6.30 p.m.	Beyond the Violence (parent/child program),	Rosebud Location Venue provided following in- take	Iris Guasch 0436 007 492 Iris.guasch@anglicarevic.org.au
Fridays, 8 th February – 22 nd March	10.00 – 11.00 a.m.	Mother Goose Parent-Child Pro- gram	Parentzone Hub 75 Army Road, Pakenham Enquiries welcome	Debbie Reid 9781 6710 parentzonehub@anglicarevic.org.au

Parent Workshops available

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Wednesdays, 14 th February – 20 th March	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Parenting After Family Violence	ONLINE Call Erin for bookings and enquiries	Erin Surrey 0438 459 891 Erin.surrey@anglicarevic.org.au
Wednesdays, 14 th February – 20 th March	1.00 – 2.00 p.m.	Parenting Today	ONLINE Call Iris for bookings and enquiries	Iris Guasch 0436 007 492 Iris.guasch@anglicarevic.org.au
Tuesdays, 20 th February – 5 th March	9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Beyond the Violence Facilitator Training	Frankston Location Venue provided following registration. Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/beyond-the-violence-facilitator-training	Carey Cole 0437 428 281 carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au
Wednesday, 21 st February	7.00 – 8.30 p.m.	Supporting Primary School Aged Children and Families with School Refusal and Resistance	ONLINE Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mxO5AjnzQraDmla7kmjs-g#/registration	Emma Rafferty efc_sputern@anglicarevic.org.au
Wednesdays, 28 th February – 13 th March	6.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Baby Makes 3	Cranbourne West Community Hub 4 Flicka Blvd, Cranbourne West Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/baby-makes-3-program-6	Jasbir Singh Suropada 0438 004 285 Jasbir.suropada@anglicarevic.org.au
Thursdays, 29 th February – 14 th March	9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Beyond the Violence Facilitator Training	Pakenham Location Venue provided following registration. Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/beyond-the-violence-facilitator-training	Carey Cole 0437 428 281 carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au
Wednesdays, 6 th March	2.00 – 3.00 p.m.	Growing Resilient Kids	Ramleigh Park Primary School 34 Thoroughbred Drive, Clyde North Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/growing-resilient-kids	Carey Cole 0437 428 281 carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au
Tuesdays, 12 th March	1.00 – 2.30 p.m.	Early Childhood Development Delays— Accessing Services	ONLINE Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_o3\$dv5dKTLqztchlOhrN0q#/registration/registration	Communities for Children Cardinia 0457 825 076 cfccardinia@anglicarevic.org.au
Wednesdays, 13 th March	9.15 – 10.45 a.m.	Positive Parenting Strategies	Cranbourne Carlisle Primary School 15 Silky Oak Drive, Cranbourne Register here: https://events.humanitix.com/parent-building-solutions-positive-parenting-strategies	Carey Cole 0437 428 281 carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au

Parent Workshops available—Term 2

Tuesdays, 30 th April—18 th June	4.15 – 6.30 p.m.	Beyond the Violence (parent/child program)	Pakenham Location Venue provided following registration.	Carey Cole 0437 428 281 carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au
Thursdays, 2 nd May – 20 th June	4.15 – 6.30 p.m.	Beyond the Violence (parent/child program)	Frankston Location Venue provided following registration.	Carey Cole 0437 428 281 carey.cole@anglicarevic.org.au

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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

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

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

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

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

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

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

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

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



WHEN YOUR KID SAYS, "I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL!"

"That happened to me sometimes growing up. Can I tell you about it?"

"It seems like there is something about going to school that is hard. I'm on your team, let's work on this together."

"You are great at problem-solving. Let's work to find a solution."

"Let's rate parts of your school day on a scale of 1-10. 10 being the hardest and one being the easiest. Maybe art class is a 2, but math is a 10!"

"If you could change one thing about school, what would it be?"

"When you think about going to school, do you feel discomfort in your body?"

"Let's not make any decisions right now. After school, let's sit down and figure this out together."



UNIFORM

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Berwick Fields Primary school. For our full uniform list, please see our Website or contact PSW- 407 Princes Hwy Officer- 03 9768 0382.



Polo Shirts
Blue or White



Jumper



Polar Fleece
Jacket



Summer Dress



Black Pants
No Jeans



Black Shorts



Blue Hat **Compulsory** from
1 September till 30 April



Winter Skirt (Tunic)



Socks –
White, Black, Navy



Sport Shoes or Black Shoes



The following items are not permitted as a part of our uniform:

Jewellery



Long Earrings



Nail Polish



Make-Up

