A USTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST.
On Thursday 20th November 2014, at Monash University, Sherry Wang was the worthy recipient of the Prudence Award from the Australian Mathematics Trust. Along with other excellent mathematicians she was presented her award from Adjunct Professor Mike Clapper (Executive Director, AMT) and a representative from the Commonwealth Bank. Well done, Sherry!

Lyn Forsyth,
Leading Teacher, Mathematics

BOOKLISTS AND CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS 2015
The booklists and curriculum contributions notification for 2015 have been distributed. Booklists which are to be filled by Berwick Newsagency are to be returned to school by tomorrow, Friday 28 November. Following this date, they will have to be handed into Berwick Newsagency.

The curriculum contributions letter has also been distributed. The amount of $90 can also be paid by installments of $22.50 per term. Voluntary payments provide a significant boost to the financial health of our school and enable many of the programs our children enjoy to be better resourced. We continue to keep costs as low as possible, whilst still ensuring the funding of quality programs for the children. Our requests are low in comparison to other local schools, equating to little more than $2.25 per week. Parent payment of this moderate amount would be greatly appreciated.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
When the learning and assessments conclude for the students at 3:15 p.m., the learning and assessment of staff often continues through their participation in professional development. Following student dismissal on Tuesday 25 November, staff participated in On-Site Workplace First Aid Instruction through HEALTHGUARD First Aid Training Services. In addition to having Ros Cleversley, our first Aid Officer, all staff are trained and maintain their accreditation in Level II First Aid and CPR. It’s surely reassuring to our community that the children are in safe hands!
Parent Opinion Survey 2014

As you are aware, opinions of parents are sought on an annual basis through the random sampling of school families. From the families selected, we had 86% returned for externally processing and we were recently forwarded the results. These results were presented to School Council on Tuesday 18 November. The General Satisfaction variable revealed that 86% of the parents randomly selected stated that “they were satisfied with the education their child receives at Brentwood Park”. 9% were non-committal and 5% revealed dissatisfaction. These percentages were a little less positive to last year when no parent expressed dissatisfaction. The small degree of dissatisfaction impacted significantly on the school’s overall mean placing it slightly lower than the State mean and achieving a percentile ranking of 35 compared to the percentile ranking of last year of 85. This year’s results were disappointing given that, as a school, we work tirelessly to provide the best possible education for all children.

Results were presented in graphical and tabular forms. The highest ranking elements were Extra-Curricula, Connectedness to Peers, Classroom Behaviour, Homework and Student Motivation. The lowest ranking element was Stimulating Learning however, the numerical data still illustrated that only 5% - 6% of respondents were in disagreement with the positive statements presented and 80% – 84% of parents surveyed expressing satisfaction to the statements. The remaining small percentage were non-committal i.e. neither agreeing or disagreeing to the statements presented.

Comments were more positive than negative and reflected the positive relationships many staff develop with their students and the strong student wellbeing program which we have in place. Less favourable comments were related to specific staff / student / parent interactions on what was perhaps one isolated occasion.

With awareness raised, however, such concerns can be addressed as we continue to evaluate our procedures and programs on an annual basis and in adherence to our continuous improvement agenda.

School Veggie Garden Extension

A huge THANK YOU continues to be extended to two of our school dads, Paul Leys and Jeremy Lucas who have been volunteering their skills in the development of our school’s veggie garden!

To date, the concrete for the floor of the soon to be relocated garden shed and new sheds has been poured and the erection of the upright posts for two new raised garden beds have been installed. These are now ready for the attachment of the side sleepers next week! Once they are topped up with soil, Vicki and the Year 4 team can commence the summer planting, even before works are fully completed!

School Banking News

As you are aware, student bankers receive a Dollarmites token every time they make a deposit to their savings account at school, regardless of the amount. Once they have 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of reward items! Parents, please note that if tokens, in their multiples of ten, are not redeemed this year, they WILL BE carried forward into 2015!

This is welcome news, as a number of the popular incentive reward items are no longer available as stock has run out. These popular items are very likely to be available again next year so your child does not have to select an alternative item to purely redeem tokens for this year.

We have been informed that the swimming bags and handballs are no longer available as stock has run out. Both items have now been removed from the web based system. Please be aware the projector cups and tin moneyboxes are now low in stock and may be completely out shortly.
## Term 4

**Week ending 21st November 2014**

### FTL Jayde
For great addition during maths. Well done!

### FBV Shia
For his improved results in mathematics, particularly addition and subtraction. Well done, Shia!

### F/1S Isabel
For displaying excellent organisation skills during our swimming program.

### 1MM Summer
For always being a fantastic helper around the classroom. Well done!

### 1ER Marcus
For putting in so much effort to write an excellent narrative.

### 2RG Katie
For her creative writing on the Mysterious door. Great wow words!

### 2MB Rihanna
For her enthusiasm and development of skills during the swimming program.

### 2/3C Jordan
For enjoying his time at B.P.P.S. All the very best!

### 3LP Ty
For working hard to improve your narrative writing skills. Your Mysterious Door story was FANTASTIC!

### 4CH Ezy
For writing a caring and thoughtful exposition about a friend. Brilliant work!

### 4SM Brodie
For writing a thoughtful and convincing persuasive text. Well done!

### 4VK Sapna
For being a super student achieving great results in her learning!

### 5HG Rithika
For demonstrating persistence and confidence with learning tasks. WELL DONE!

### 5LF Montell
For seeking assistance when facing unknown Maths concepts. Well done!

### 6TS Sahar
For her excellent writing skills in all text types this year.

### 6JA Noah
For a fantastic job reading his graduation speech.

### 6JD Isura
For being an excellent member of 6JD and always working to the best of his ability.

### ‘SPECIALIST’ Stars of the Week

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stop people from getting bullied TODAY

THE BULLY

Bullies Are:

☐ NOT COOL
☐ NOT FRIENDLY
☐ NOT POPULAR
☐ NOT RESPECTED
☑ ALL OF THE ABOVE

KEEP CALM AND HELP STOP BULLYING

CYBER BULLYING

rumors
insults
threats
name-calling
harassment
mean words

By Tayah 6ja
Dear Parents and Relatives,

You are invited to the end of the year Celebration Concert!

The Foundation, Year One and Year Two combined concert is on Tuesday, 16th December at 11:15 am in the Performing Arts Centre.

The school would appreciate a gold coin donation to further enhance the Performing Arts Centre.

We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

Linda and the Junior School Team
To celebrate Brentwood Park commencing the VCOP and Big Write program we would like you to design the Brentwood Park VCOP characters. There is an example at the top of the page: The characters are Vinny Vocabulary, Connie Connective, Ollie Opener and Penny Punctuation.

Your task will be to design:

- The characters using the correct colours.
- Draw the character/s (don’t make it too detailed and make it interesting)
- On A4 paper.
- Should have the colour of the strategy on it.
- You can design all of the characters or just some.
- *On the page are some examples other schools have used BUT we want our own.

* Due on the 28th of November
* Prizes for the winners
* Winners announced 5th December
Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

**Here's how to win**

Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries).

**Competition runs:** 20 October – 30 November 2014.

*To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers*
BERWICK SPRINGS JFC
REGISTRATION DAY
2015 SEASON

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2014
10 am – 12 pm

ALL AGES WELCOME - U8 to U17
(including girls U9 to U13 & Youth Girls 13-18)

The Pavilion, Glasscocks Rd, Narre Warren South

For registration information, please contact the Club Secretary via berwickspringsjfc@gmail.com
from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.

ENROL BEFORE DECEMBER 7TH TO QUALIFY FOR OUR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

WEEK ONE
Basketball and Netball Camp (12 - 14 Jan)
Indoor Soccer (15 - 16 Jan)

WEEK TWO
Basketball and Netball Camp (19 - 21 Jan)
Indoor Soccer (22 - 23 Jan)

Basketball and Netball Camps will be held at the same time at the same venue but will be two separate camps, with different groups and different coaches. So participants can enrol in either Basketball or Netball not a combination of both.

AGES
6 - 12 years.

Limited vacancies available: Basketball and Netball only 30 places available for each sport per camp. Indoor Soccer 45 places available.

Berwick Indoor Sports 2 and 3 day Sports Camps focus on skill development and fun. Camps involve sport specific coaching and development so that participants not only have a great time but also learn or advance their skills within their chosen sports.

The camps will cater for complete beginners in the sport as well as club level players. Participants will be placed into a group according to their age and skill level.

COST
Basketball and Netball Camps three days $150 per participant. Early bird discount $125 if enrol online before December 7th 2016.

Indoor Soccer two days $100 per participant. Early bird discount $75 if enrol online before the 7th of December. There is also a 10% discount for registering a second child of the same family.

LOCATION
Berwick Indoor Sports Centre (Kambrya College) 68 Bemersyde Drive, Berwick.

ON-LINE ENROLMENTS ONLY
www.berwickindoorsports.com
Berwick Indoor Sports Centre
68 Bemersyde Drive Berwick, VIC
p. 03 8786 7852
Carols by Candlelight

★ Berwick Youth Choir
★ Casey Choir
★ Southern Voices
★ Michelle Alban
and special guest
★ Shu-Cheen Yu
(The King and I)

Family fun night!
Santa

7pm, Sat 20 December

Edwin Flack Reserve
Manuka Road
Newsletter article

Amendments to Working with Children Check (WWC) legislation

Do you volunteer or do paid work with children? If so you need to be aware of important legislative changes to the Working with Children Act 2005 (the Act) coming into effect on 26 October 2014.

New standard definition of child-related work

Child-related work will now be defined as work in one of the occupational fields listed in the Act where the contact with children is direct, unsupervised and part of a person’s duties, not incidental to their work. The specific changes to the definition are:

1. New concept: incidental contact
   Changes to the Act clarify that a worker who has only occasional direct contact with children that is incidental to their work does not require a WWC Check.

   Example: A plumber has been called to fix a burst pipe in the clubrooms of a local sports group. Although children are present in the clubrooms, the plumber does not need to have contact with these children in order to fix the pipe. The plumber therefore does not need a WWC Check.

2. New definition of direct supervision
   Direct supervision now refers specifically to supervision of a person’s contact with children, rather than their work in general. Supervision of a person’s contact with children must still be personal and immediate, but can include a brief absence such as leaving a room to take a phone call.

3. New definition of direct contact with children
   The definition of direct contact with a child previously included ‘physically being within eyeshot’ of children. Amendments to the Act now define direct contact with a child as situations in which a person is able to talk face-to-face with, or be physically close enough to interact with the child.

4. Removal of ‘regular’ from the definition
   To further simplify and remove ambiguities from the definition, the notion of ‘regular’ contact has been removed. ‘Regular’ contact is no longer an element that should be considered.

Disclaimer: This information is intended as a general guide only. It is not intended to be given as legal advice and should not be relied upon as such. It is recommended that you obtain legal advice relevant to your particular circumstances.
The WWC Check is no longer described as a suitability check

The Act no longer refers to the WWC Check as a means of assessing a person's suitability to work with children, as only organisations can do this.

The WWC Check is just a starting point. It screens a person's criminal records and any reports about professional conduct by the bodies listed in 'What is checked' on the WWC Check website.

The government is currently developing minimum 'child safe' standards for organisations engaged in child-related work. Under the standards, organisations will be expected to create and maintain 'child safe' environments by adopting practices such as interviewing and reference checking staff and volunteers, training them in child safety, and monitoring their behaviour around children.

Expiry of a WWC Check

Cardholders can no longer continue to do child-related work after their WWC Check expires.

Previously, there was a 'grace' period allowing people to do child-related work up to 3 months after their WWC Check expired. The amendment means that they must stop child-related work until they have renewed their WWC Check. It is an offence to continue working in child-related work if your WWC Check has expired.

A WWC Check can still be renewed anytime during the 3 months post-expiry period. For more details look at the section under 'Renew my Check' on the WWC Check website.

This change to the Act does not alter the legislative requirements for people working under the Children's Services Act 1996, the Education and Care Services National Law (Victoria) and the Child Employment Act 2003.

Further information about the amendments are available on the WWC Check website from 26 October 2014 at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au.

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Bicycle Thefts

In the Casey Police Service Area, bicycle theft has increased 130% this financial year. Half were from residential locations. The bikes were stolen from the front of the house and were not locked up at the time.

Police Advice:
- Secure your bike with a lock
- Do not leave bikes in the front yard - Move to a secure location out of sight (garage, shed)
- Engrave the underside of the bike frame with the letter 'V' followed by the owner's/parent's driver's licence number to assist police in returning located bicycles
Moonlit Sanctuary School Holidays
Young Ranger Program

Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care,
Fun and Games during **Summer 2015**.

**Monday 5th, Wednesday 7th, Friday 9th January**
**Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th, Friday 16th January**
**Monday 19th, Wednesday 21st, Friday 23rd January**

Cost: $45.00 per day, or $120 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

*Bookings essential* - suitable 7-14 years.

*Hours*: 10AM – 4PM

Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.

*Lunches*: BYO or may be purchased in our cafe

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935
Web: [www.moonlit-sanctuary.com](http://www.moonlit-sanctuary.com)

Open daily between 10am and 5pm

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**NARRE WARREN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Home of the BLACK & WHITE**

**COME AND PLAY FOOTY AT THE**
**NARRE WARREN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**WE REQUIRE PLAYERS FOR THE**
**2015 SEASON.**

**ALL AGE GROUPS**

**AUSKICK-U17**

**SWEENEY RESERVE, NARRE WARREN**

70 MELZAK WAY, BERWICK 111 A10

First Registration date Sunday 7th December 10am – 12pm

Play with your mates, make new friends, but most importantly have a great time keeping fit & healthy.

NWJFC is a family-friendly club that instils the value of sportsmanship & community in our players & officials.
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.
Type 1 Diabetes

Do YOU Know The Symptoms?
You could save the life of someone you LOVE

No-one is ever TOO YOUNG

One of the most common Non-preventable Auto-immune diseases in children

Signs and Symptoms NOT to be ignored
- Extreme thirst
- Sudden weight loss
- Frequent urination
- Blurred vision
- Extreme tiredness
- Mood changes
- Constant hunger
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Infections
- Tummy pains
- Acetone breath

If you notice these symptoms please seek medical advice

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