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Brentwood Park Primary School NEWSLETTER

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TEDM DATES

2024 TERM 1 30TH JAN - 28TH MAF TERM 3 15TH JUL - 20TH SEP TERM 2 15TH APR - 28TH JUNE TERM 4 7TH OCT - 20TH DEC

DATES TO REMEMBER

13-15TH MAR NAPLAN

12-15TH MAR YEAR SIX CAMP—PHILLIP ISLAND ADVENTURE RESORT

27TH MAR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RUN

28TH MAR FINAL DAY OF TERM ONE - FINISH 2:30 PM

15TH APR TERM TWO BEGINS

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL

JENNY REID, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

JO-ANNE DORAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

fficial Opening - An accolade to our School Captains.

As cited in last week's newsletter, our four school captains met our official guests upon arrival, joined in the school tour and conducted our assembly in their presence. Visitors often acknowledge the conduct of our students our guests were no exception. Accolades to our school captains were given by Mr Brad Battin MLA as evident in the following extract from his social media account.

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I had the best tour guides for Brentwood Park Primary School's official opening of its brandnew Grade 4 building. School Captains, Inaaya, Vishvan, Aarav and Angel were so excited to see and show me the new rooms they and their peers have been so eagerly waiting to be finished.

Hearing from the builder's architects lots of thought went into the design to ensure it will be used to its full potential.

Thank you Jim and his team for inviting me to see the wonderful new facilities and I look forward to working with you to on more projects around the school.





ear 6 Camp to Phillip Island
On Tuesday, 139 Year 6 students said their goodbyes to their parents and following roll call on the hardcourts excitedly boarded the buses to set off on the Year 6 Camp to Adventure Resort, Phillip Island.

Following three extremely hot days over the *Labour Day* long weekend, it was welcome relief knowing the next four days were to be much milder with predicted temperatures ranging between 21 and 25 degrees!

We look forward to their safe return on Friday and hopefully viewing their highlights in next week's newsletter!







Our school's cross country event will be held on Wednesday 27th March for which students will be grouped according to age. The schedule is as follows:

BOYS AND GIRLS WILL RUN TOGETHER IN THE 9/10, 11 and 12 YEAR OLD CATEGORY. THE JUNIOR SCHOOL RACES WILL BE SINGLE SEX RACES.

- 9.15a.m Years 3 to 6 arrive at Kambrya College
- 9.20a.m 12 Year old age group
- 9.45a.m 11 Year old age group
- 10.10a.m all Years 3 and 4 (9/10 year age group) except students turning 11

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- 11.10a.m Years Prep to 2 arrive at Kambrya College oval
- 11.15a.m Prep students
- 11.30a.m Year 1 students
- 11.50a.m Year 2 students

Staff will assist with supervision and management of students when age groups are running

Please note that these times are a guide and we would like to keep the program moving. Events may start marginally earlier or later than the programmed time.

This year the course is similar to 2023 due to construction, however, the course has changed slightly due to Kambrya's construction. The course begins and finishes at Kambrya College (back oval, access via our back gate). We will have Kambrya College students leading all races to ensure our students know where to run.

To increase the atmosphere of the cross country, all classes from Year 3 to 6 will need to be on Kambrya's oval at 9.15. Years Prep to 2 at 11.10 a.m.

The students will running for selection in the school cross -country team (Years 4 to 6). They are also running for their house team. The first 10 runners in each age group receive 20 house points, the next 10 runners receive 15 house points, the next 10 runners receive 10 house points and the remaining runners receive 5 house points.

As the students are running for their house teams, please encourage them to wear appropriate colours, along with suitable footwear.



As always, parents are encouraged to attend to cheerthe children on!

Jim Narayan and Erin Walters H. & P. E.

ultural Diversity Week
This year, *Cultural Diversity Week* is 18—24
March. It's an opportunity to bring everyone together to celebrate our state's diverse and powerful multi-



Multiculturalism is a core part of the Victorian identity and the identity of **Brentwood Park Primary School.** Our state is home to people who speak 290 languages and have 314 different ancestries. Our school has 35 different languages represented.

Top 10 countries of birth - parents

	Name	Number	Percent
	India	643	32.94%
*	Australia	337	17.26%
147	Sri Lanka	296	15.16%
*1	China	221	11.32%
C	Pakistan	52	2.66%
	Bangladesh	49	2.51%
(0)	Korea, Republic of	36	1.84%
(• <u></u>	Malaysia	35	1.79%
(a)	Afghanistan	32	1.64%
	United Kingdom	30	1.54%

This year, the *Cultural Diversity Week* theme is "*Our Shared Stories—Celebrating Together*". During Cultural Diversity Week, on Thursday 21st March 2024, Brentwood Park Primary School will celebrate *Harmony Day*. The aim of the day is to celebrate our cultural diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone!

Teachers and students are encouraged to wear their cultural costumes to celebrate their cultural heritage, or they can choose a country's costume to wear. If they don't have a cultural costume, they can dress up in **ORANGE** e.g. orange t-shirt, and/or shorts, hair ribbons etc. Orange is the colour chosen to represent *Harmony Day*. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during *Harmony Day* to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia!





Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



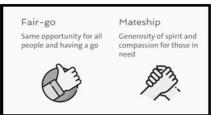
Edward's generosity and inclusivity are evident in his interactions with others. He demonstrates a willingness to share and support his peers, making sure everyone feels included and valued. Whether it's helping someone who is struggling, tidying up for others, or simply being friendly and welcoming, Edward consistently extends kindness and generosity towards those around him. His actions create a positive and inclusive environment where everyone feels supported and appreciated. Edward's behaviour sets a wonderful example of how small acts of generosity and inclusivity can make a big difference in building strong relationships and fostering a sense of belonging. Edward's thoughtfulness and consideration shine through his actions. His behaviour exemplifies the importance of kindness and consideration in fostering a supportive and harmonious classroom.

Congratulations, Edward, on receiving the Aussie of the Month certificate.

Once a month, a student who has been nominated by a staff member, has the chance to be selected as Aussie of the Month.

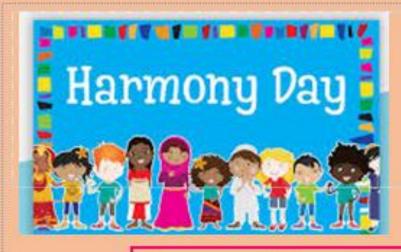


Key Values











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At 9:15 to 10:15am we will be entertained by performances from some of our students and their family members in the gymnasium.

Parents welcome.

To conclude the day, at 2:30pm on the basketball court 'Melanesian Infusion' will perform

Parents welcome.

All performances are free.



Melanesian Infusion

Melanesian Infusion immerses participants in the rich cultural experience of Solomon Islands and the traditional art forms unto uched by the outside world. Natty is a prominent figure from the Lau Tribe with over three decades of professional experience playing wooden log drums, bamboo instruments, and traditional seed rattles and shakers. Through storytelling, traditional singing, chants, instruments and dance from the Solomon Islands, Natty aims to preserve the traditional cultures by sharing knowledge and providing a global experience and perspective unique to Melanesia.

Recreational fishing in Victoria

The Victorian Government is proactive in encouraging all Victorians to fish, specifically focusing on the involvement of women, children, and people from diverse backgrounds. We educate fishers and the community about responsible fishing practices and promote stewardship of our precious aquatic and animal resources via our Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre, Education and Engagement Unit and funding of Fishcare Victoria Inc.

Recreational fishing offers terrific opportunities for people of all ages, skills, abilities, and backgrounds to enjoy a fun and healthy activity and build social connections. Our aboriginal heritage is also deeply linked to fishing, with thousands of years of indigenous fishing history in Victoria.

The VFA run a range of free community fishing festivals across the State, stock 10 million fish into Victoria's waterways each year, including a range of threatened species, install fishing and boating infrastructure to improve access, install recreational fishing reefs and improve habitat and undertake important research into Victoria's many different species of seafood.

For more information about the VFA, recreational fishing opportunities in Victoria and/or a potential future career in natural resource management for your students, please visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au.

Little Anglers Hub

The VFA has created the kid-friendly Little Anglers Hub website (www.vfa.vic.gov.au/littleanglerkit), written specifically for children with useful information, instructional videos about how to safely set up and use the kits, being safe around the water, as well as advice on where to go fishing in Victoria.

There is an electronic copy of the Kids Guide to fishing that was included in the kits available on this site, both in English and five other languages.

Kev Safety Messages

Going fishing is awesome and so much fun! When it comes to fishing, it's important to stay safe, especially around water!

Students can keep their fishing safe by:

- going with a friend;
- being careful with hooks and lures;
- looking behind before casting;
- handling fish carefully;
- being conscious of the dangers associated with water;
- protecting yourself against the elements (sunscreen, drinking water);
- letting someone know before you go; and
- washing your hands after handling lead sinkers, especially before eating or drinking.

The link below is to a short safety video that is posted on the Little Anglers hub website, reinforcing the above safety messages to students.

https://youtu.be/drPLpKXpC3w

Please note that fishing equipment is not for human consumption. If swallowed, hooks can cause serious harm and lead sinkers can be toxic. Young children and those with some disabilities including pica disorder are especially vulnerable and should be supervised whilst fishing. If a child does swallow a hook or lead sinker, seek medical assistance immediately - don't wait for it to pass.

If you would like any additional information about this exciting commitment, please visit the Victorian Fishing Authority's Little Angler Kits FAQs for parents, located on the VFA's website (www.vfa.vic.gov.au).

Term 1 Week ending 8th March, 2024 **OBC** Karanpreet for confidently having a go at spelling unknown words when writing your weekend recount. I am so proud of your efforts. **OLP** Priyash for taking on the challenge for your reading task on 'Will you Play?' **OMS** for always trying your absolute best. I am so proud of you for having a Mikayla go and asking questions when you are unsure. Keep up the incredible effort! ORC Rachael for working hard to complete tasks by yourself. I love that you have a Aarna for trying your best in everything you do. You are amazing. OTI 1AU Nithan for an excellent 'Show and Share' presentation about binoculars. 1CM Kai you put in 100% effort into all your work this week. Keep trying your best and being amazing. 1NG Declan you are a great friend to everyone in 1NG and always give everything a 'red hot go!' **1SM** for producing a wonderful recount using VCOP. Keep up the great Lekisha writing! 1SD Ace for trying his best in literacy. Keep it up! Jaisshu 2AK for settling into school and class routines and making new friends. 2CP Waheeb for quickly and accurately answering questions during math's sessions this week. WOW! 2EC Alisha for always contributing to classroom conversations with a positive attitude. for always participating in class discussion and producing a pleasing 2LD Yumna standard of work. Keep up your amazing effort! Ryan for always participating in class discussion and for always helping out 2MS your classmates. Well done! 2CD Isaac for enthusiastically participating in our 'number talk'. Thank you for sharing your thoughts. **3AB** Seth for your determination and focus in all activities. Your ability to find enjoyment in all lessons is amazing. Well done! 3AM Dylan for his fantastic effort he applied to all his learning. You are a great role model. Well done! Harshvin 3JH for writing a terrific narrative about following tracks. You are so creative! Maxine 3AL for her hard work and persistence during this week. Keep up the great 3GA Henry for taking pride in his writing! Keep it up, Henry! **Amber** for always showing the value of excellence in every piece of work you **3SA** produce. Keep up the amazing work! 4FD Mudaser for writing an incredible 'sizzling start' to your 'Big Write' recount and your 'uplevelled' vocabulary choices. Well done! 4DG **Ameen** for being an incredible friend who always tries to include others. Thank you for being such a kind and respectful member of 4DG! 4LD **Amya** for being a mature class member who makes good choices regarding your learning. You are a role model to your peers. 4TC Moksha thank you for consistently showing an enthusiastic approach to all learning tasks! 4VK Yulani for following directions and creating her one drive files. Wonderful job! 4NJ Zainab for always sharing in morning circle and using her zones of regulation. 5CW Arianna for your amazing organisational skills and always being ready to learn. Well done!

You're a superstar!

for displaying excellence by trying his hardest in all tasks this week.

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Week ending 8th March, 2024

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Christabelle 5RH for being a respectful & responsible member of 5RH!

5KM Alara for consistently demonstrating the school values and always trying her

best. I'm so proud of you!

5BM Armaan for showing excellence and resilience in his preparation for NAPLAN.

58M for taking pride in the presentation of her bookwork. Thank you, Raslyn

Raslyn!

6KW Jai for excellent participation in class discussions and activities.

6JB Austin for showing respect to Jim Bell and the school. You have an

awesome attitude to the school.

6JD Sahane for displaying excellence in all your lessons this week and contributing

to class discussions.

for demonstrating our school value of 'responsibility' when assisting 6KR Angel

our new student by translating. You're a star!

6LM Zanita for being a kind and helpful classmate.

Jett for taking great care in the presentation of your work. You are a role 6MS

model for the rest of the class.

SPFCIALIST



6JD for your great discussions on the Chinese Zodiac lesson this week.

CHINESE-CHUNYAN

FMS

for your excellent engagement in learning the Chinese song. 'Where are my Friends'. Great start, FMS!

DIGITAL TECH-LISA

3AL We are learning how to be safe, secure and smart using the internet.

You are becoming responsible digital citizens using INTERLAND!

MEDIA-DAISY 6KW

For your positive attitude in your coding activity this week. Keep it up!

PA-KENNETH

4NJ for a great lesson composing rhythm patterns and connecting them to

create a musical piece.

PA-FELICITY

FLP for showing patience and being so courteous and respectful while

instruments were being handed out.

PF-FRIN

Well done to everyone for being able to follow the instructions when **FMS**

learning how to throw a bean bag!

PE-JIM/MICHELLE

3AB for displaying great determination during cross country practice.

VISUAL ART-JESS

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FRC for the amazing cutting and pasting of your 'worry monsters'. They

look fantastic.

VISUAL ART-BREE

for working hard to complete your overlapping of leaves and practising colour mixing using blue, yellow and white to create a

variety of greens.

for making good choices when borrowing your books. It was a peaceful, organised & great library session. Keep up the great work!





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At Camp Australia, we believe every child deserves access to high-quality Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) and engaging school holiday programs. Through the range of enriching experiences provided in our Before & After school care programs, your child can enjoy fun and learning with their peers while you get peace of mind that they're having fun with friends, as well as getting time back for yourself to work, study, run errands, or simply relax.

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) makes our services more affordable for eligible families. Through the CCS, your expenses could significantly decrease, offering immediate financial relief. And it's a simple process that could provide you with lasting benefits. So, take advantage of CCS and enjoy the savings!

Brentwood Park Primary School

Hours 6:45 – 8:45	Full fee \$26.99	Fee after max. CCS \$5.35	Fee after 70% CCS \$10.16
Hours	Full fee	Fee after max. CCS	Fee after 70% CCS
3:00 - 6:00	\$34.32	\$3.43	\$10.30
3:00 - 6:00	\$36.82	\$4.37	\$11.58
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Did you know that After School Care could cost as little as \$3.43?

For this, your child will have access to:

- A safe, supervised environment
- Fun and learning through socialising with peers
- Masses of toys, games and experiences to suit their interests
- Afternoon tea

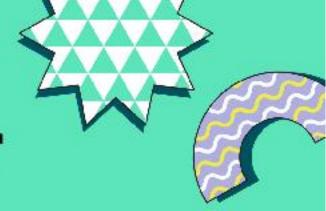
To check your eligibility and find out how much you can save, visit Services Australia or go to education.gov.au/early-childhood/child-care-subsidy/family-eligibility-and-entitlement to learn more.

For further help with registration, bookings, CCS and more at Camp Australia, contact the friendly Customer Care team on 1300 105 343 or email oshc@campasutralia.com.au for more information.





Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

As we near the conclusion of term one, the atmosphere is charged with excitement as students eagerly look forward to the impending Easter break. In the final stretch of the term, our OSHC space is abuzz with vibrant creativity as children engage in a myriad of Easter-themed crafts and activities.

As the school community embraces the spirit of Easter, it's worth noting that bookings are now open for the highly anticipated Rocketeers vacation program. For those seeking adventure and enrichment during the break, Berwick Lodge stands ready as the closest location to embark on a journey of discovery. Don't miss out on this opportunity to join us for a week filled with exciting activities and shared accomplishments. Secure your spot today and let the Easter break be a time of both relaxation and exploration with Rocketeers!

Important reminder-please ensure you are making your bookings as early as possible. We may not be able to accept walks in due to ratios and department regulations. please also remember to cancel any bookings you do not require. So that educators are aware that your child will not be attending the session.

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at <u>no.campaustralia.com.au</u> or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.









Activities coming up

- Easter crafts
- Lego Volcanos
- Origami





What's on the menu

- Easter bread
- Vegetable Pasta
- Cupcakes



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

Visit our blog









REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

KIAI SPIRIT

Martial Arts for Kids Class

CLASS SCHEDULE

EVERY THURSDAY FOR 5 WEEKS STARTS FROM 6.00PM - 7.00PM SUITABLE FOR KIDS AGE 6 - 8 YEARS OLD

CLASS SCHEDULE

EVERY THURSDAY FOR 5 WEEKS STARTS FROM 7.00PM - 8.00PM SUITABLE FOR KIDS AGE 9 -12 YEARS OLD

LOCATION

BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM 139 - 145 Mansfield Street, Berwick Vic 3806

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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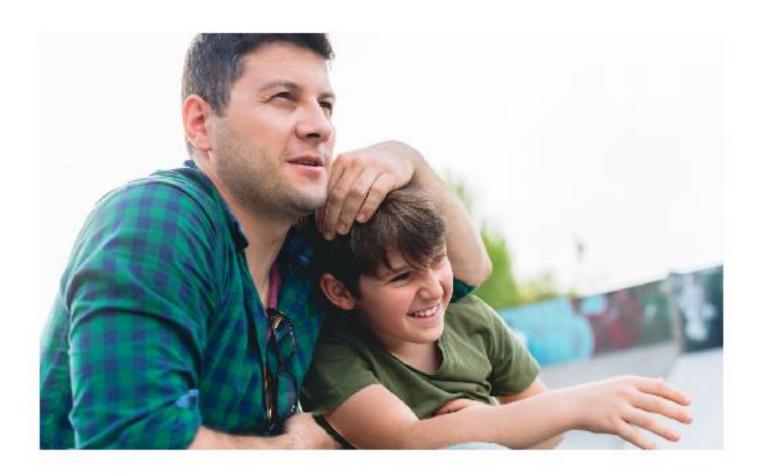
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Being Dad

Do you want to be the Dad you've always wanted to be?

Being Dad is an interactive group for fathers with children aged 0-17.

This 6-week group will help you explore:

- Parenting
- Children's development
- Healthy relationships
- Managing a work/life balance
- Cyber safety
- Supports and activities available to you and your children

Cost: Free

Date:

Every Wednesday

1st May to 5th June 2024

Time:

5:30PM - 7:30PM

Venue:

Uniting

55 Webb Street, Narre Warren 3805

Light refreshment will be served

Get in touch:

Nilesh or Anas 03 5990 8400

Bookings essential





Felicity is starting a

Year 1-3 Choir



Are you in grade 1, grade 2 or grade 3 and love to sing? —then join the new school choir!

Each Thursday lunchtime for the first half of lunch, Felicity will be holding choir rehearsal in the Junior Performing Arts room (near the oval).

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The maintaining of social distancing and personal hygiene habits which includes washing hands thoroughly and practising good sneeze/cough etiquette are all measures we can all take to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze



Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

 avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school



 avoid handshakes and hugs



 keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



 wash your hands regularly.





CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

Please do not enter if you have any of the following symptoms:

- fever
- · shortness of breath
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat or runny nose.

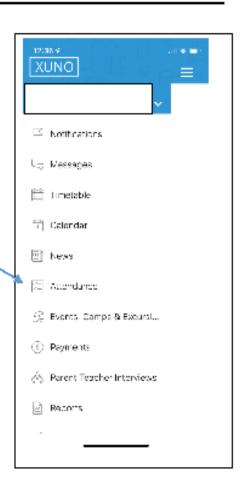




HOW TO MARK ABSENCES IN XUNO

1. Click on "Attendance"





2. Click on blue box