

TERM DATES 2025 **TERM 1** 28TH JAN - 4TH APRIL **TERM 2** 22ND APR - 4TH JULY
 TERM 3 21ST JUL - 19TH SEP **TERM 4** 6TH OCT - 19TH DEC

DATES TO REMEMBER

13 & 14 FEB **PREP PUPIL FREE DAYS-INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS ONLY**
 18 FEB **CLASS PHOTO DAY**
 19 FEB **SIBLING PHOTO DAY**
 21 FEB **PREP PUPIL FREE DAY-INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS ONLY**
 28 FEB **PREP PIRATE DAY**
 10 MAR **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—PUPIL FREE DAY**

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL

JENNY REID, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

JO-ANNE DORAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Council Elections 2025

School councils play a key role in Victorian Government schools. Effective councils have a wide range of skills, expertise and knowledge to support good governance and provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. The annual school council election process provides an opportunity to attract members keen to add value and bring their expertise and skills to assist governance of the school. **We are currently seeking nominations for parents wishing to stand for election.** A parent can be nominated and seconded as a candidate on a completed nomination form or self nominate for the position. The nomination form needs to be returned to the principal by **Friday 21 February**.

The term of office for elected members is two years. Half of the members of a school council retire each year and this creates four vacancies within the parent membership category and two vacancies within the Department of Education of Education (DoE) employee category.

A notice has been issued and a call made for nominations. If you decide to stand for election, the nomination form is completed and returned to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.



Being part of School Council does not require special skills or specific knowledge. All that is needed is a desire to work in partnership with others in shaping the school's future. If you decide to stand for election, the nomination

form is completed and returned to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. If you have an interest and require further information, please don't hesitate to speak with the principal personally.

Please consider standing for election in 2025.

Year Prep Fulltime Attendance

With individual assessments now completed, our Year Prep students will increase their attendance to four days from **Monday 17 February** and to fulltime attendance from **Monday 24 February**. This will enable them to fully experience our comprehensive specialist programs which includes *Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Digital Learning* and *Health and Physical Education* in their 'fit for purpose' facilities. The *Chinese Language and Culture* program will continue to be taken in the children's home classroom. It is anticipated that a new experience for the Year Preps will also be their attendance at their first assembly on **Friday 28 February!**

School Assemblies

School assemblies are held in our gymnasium each Friday at 2:40 p.m. They provide us with the opportunity to address the children collectively and to give recognition to student achievement through the presentation of student awards such as **Stars of the Week** and student performances.

Our assemblies are conducted by our student leaders which comprise our four elected school captains and our elected house captains. They work collaboratively as a team in the execution of their assigned duties. With the school captains already elected, the students in Years 3—6 have cast their votes for the election of their **House Captains 2025**. **Specialist captains 2025**, following personal interviews with our specialist staff, were also selected. The elected house captains and selected specialist captains will be announced at this week's assembly! Parents are always welcome to attend our assemblies!



Schedule 4 - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of **BRENTWOOD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on **Friday 21 February 2025**.

The ballot will close at 4 pm on **7 March 2025**.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	<u>Term of office</u>	<u>Number of positions</u>
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	4
DoE employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2027	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Jim Bell
Principal

“Electorate of the school” means the Department of Education [DoE] employee electorate of the school and the Parent electorate of the school.

“Parent electorate of the school” means all persons (except the principal) who are parents of students of the school, other than those who are DoE employees.

Notes:

“DoE employee electorate of the school” means the principal of the school and –

DoE employees engaged in work at and for the school (other than those who are parents of students of the school) and other DET employees who are parents of students of the school.

“DoE employee” –

means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an ongoing capacity or for a fixed term of at least 90 days -

- (i) under the *Teaching Service Act 1981*; or
- (ii) under the *Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998*; or
- (iii) by a school council of a State school; or
- (iv) under section 5 or 5A of the *Education Act 1958*; or
- (v) under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iv) above, and

does not mean a person employed under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.

Votes may be posted to the principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.

School Injuries and Insurance

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you would also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.



Please be aware that the Department of Education *does not* hold accident insurance for school students, however, reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

The Department cannot advise parents on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase as individual families are likely to have differing needs.

Privacy Reminder for our School Community

The Department of Education and Training, which includes all Victorian Government Schools, central and Regional Offices collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). The management of "personal information" and "health information" is governed by the Privacy and data protection Act 2014 [Vic] and Health Records Act 2001 Vic] which are collectively known as the Victorian Privacy Law. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website www.brentwoodparkps.vic.gov.au We ask parents to review the [guidance on how we operate safely](#) at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information.

Additionally, after reviewing the guidance, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using information communication technologies, please contact the school.



For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Reminder
Parents are reminded to please abide by the lawful requirements of the **Drop Off and Pick Up Zone**.

With due consideration, everyone benefits.



Choir Years 1—6

This year, our school choir will be formed from grades 1 to 6. Each Thursday lunchtime for the first half of lunch, Felicity will be holding choir rehearsal in the Junior Performing Arts room (near the oval) each Thursday lunchtime for the first half of lunch.



Five performances have been scheduled throughout the school year, with the first performance at the end of term 1. Attendance at rehearsals is essential if children want to perform with the choir.

If you want to join, just come along each Thursday lunchtime, starting Thursday 6th February! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Felicity Charrett
junior school performing arts teacher

SunSmart

As a SunSmart School, it is a requirement that students wear a wide brimmed hat during the months that the UV rays are at their most damaging. Despite the fluctuating temperatures that we have been experiencing during the first weeks of school, hats still need to be worn. The UV rays remain high despite cloud cover! No hat means no play outside!



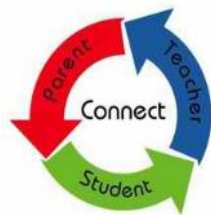
Early Morning Mathematics Classes

We are indeed fortunate to have staff who go beyond the standard expectations of teachers for the benefit of student wellbeing and learning. **Carolyn Hilton**, learning specialist and high ability practice leader and **Ben Maloney**, learning specialist, mathematics are both conducting early morning maths enrichment classes before school, **Carolyn** teaches the **Year 3** students and **Ben** teaches the **Year 5**. Parents have been most supportive by ensuring that commitment to attendance is maintained! The children involved are enjoying the activities presented!



Parent - Teacher Interviews

In the past, Parent/Teacher Interviews were generally conducted in the final week of term, however, this year, staff would like to meet with parents earlier to discuss how students have settled into school and how they are progressing with their learning. As such, **Parent -Teacher Interviews** will be conducted on **3, 4 and 5 March**. Parents will be notified on Xuno when interview time slots are available for booking! Parents are encouraged to attend!





6KW are busy bees making the most of their morning...



They complete their Life Skills Go wellbeing check in to let their teacher know if they are ready to learn.

They can complete puzzles and play games to help them tune in and get ready for learning.



They quietly and independently read their Café novel.



They catch up on outstanding tasks or get homework help.

They engage in collaborative discussions about their Book Club novel.



Sports Shorts

Well done to the 86 students who swam at the swimming trials this week. It was great to see everyone giving their best efforts. There were many fine performances produced in the water. It was exceptionally pleasing to see outstanding sportsmanship from our competitors.

The efforts given by our students was tremendous. Congratulations to these students for some standout performances at the trials. Jayden, Lawrence, Kriti, Penny, Kotone, Amber, Terrance, Jay, Mason, Rayona, Jade, Noah, Andrew, Jerry, Stacey, Anna, Sophie, Leila, Kody, Sean and Sienna. There are certainly some up and coming swimmers who displayed some fine swimming techniques. Well done to the following students who achieved personal best results at the trials. Kriish, Khyati, Onara, Will, Johan, Alex, James, Sanuli, Christabelle, Nevon, Daniel, Agam, Rosie, Alice and Kanish.

Thank you, to all of the parents who supported this event. It was great to see so many parents encouraging the students. District swimming is on the 26th February at Doveton Pool in the Park.

District Tennis Carnival

On the 19th March our school will compete in the annual District Hot Shots Tennis Tournament at Sweeney Reserve. We will take 18 players who will play a combination of singles and doubles games. Currently Erin and Jim are completing trials during lunchtimes.

School Athletics Carnivals

This year the school athletics carnival will be held over three days in the second week of term 2. We are very fortunate to have secured Kambrya College's back oval for our athletics. This is due building developments at our school. Parents are welcome to come and watch the events, please note that access to this oval is via Brentwood Park at the rear gate.

29th April years 4 to 6
30th April years Prep and 1
1st May years 2 and 3

School Cross Country Carnival

The school cross country is being held on Thursday 3rd April. Now is a perfect opportunity to begin some fitness training in preparation for this event, which is in the last week of this term.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Jim Narayan and Erin Walters

SWIM TRIALS



12 year olds



WELL
DONE



11 year olds



9/10 year olds



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Term 1

Week ending 7 February, 2025

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- 1AU** Divyansh for being a respectful student, a great whole body listener, and consistently completing his work!
- 1CM** Charlotte great job, Charlotte! You've been a supportive classmate; always ready to help others with their work!
- 1NG** 1NG you all did an amazing job at making new friends and settling into Year One. Keep up the great effort.
- 1MS** Khaqan for displaying confidence when starting a new school.
- 1SL** Joshua you've demonstrated your excellence and always showed your whole body listening. You've been a great student and nice friend. Good job!
- 2SM** Kiara for an amazing start to the year! You have settled in effortlessly, showing great effort and respect everyday! Keep up the fantastic work!
- 2KM** Vianne for being a great role model and always being ready to listen.
- 2EC** Edward for always being a kind friend and for trying your personal best with your tasks.
- 2LM** 2LM for being kind and friendly to one another. I've loved watching you get to know each other and make new friends.
- 2BC** David for your amazing start to grade two. You have shown a positive attitude to your learning and classmates.
- 2CH** Declan for arriving at school each day with a positive attitude and a fabulous smile!
- 3AB** Amna for showing our school values of respect and responsibility by keeping our room clean. Well done!
- 3AM** Yumna for demonstrating how to be a good friend in 3AM.
- 3DB** Mirthika for always being respectful and listening during class, and putting in your best effort for your work.
- 3AL** 3AL for being a joy to teach these past two weeks. You all have wonderfully demonstrated the school values and I am very excited to have an amazing year of learning with you all.
- 3GA** Huzaifa for taking responsibility for his learning and making a fantastic effort in class!
- 3SM** Isaac for confidently and clearly expressing his thoughts to his peers. Excellent start to the year, Isaac!
- 4SA** 4SA for making such a positive star to grade 4! I can't wait to see what this year brings!
- 4DG** Tashi for demonstrating excellence, respect and responsibility in everything you do, particularly when working as part of a team.
- 4HC** Dian for active listening and following instructions! You did it! Good job!
- 4TC** Zayden thank you for your positivity, you have already brought into our grade. Your smile lights up the room.
- 4VK** Adhitya for demonstrating our school values and for a great start to the year.
- 4JF** Ishan for having a great start to term one and demonstrating school values.
- 5CW** 5CW for having a fantastic start to year five by following routines and expectations.
- 5EB** Poppy for her amazing contributions and outstanding vocabulary used when we discussed the book 'A different Kind of Brilliant'. You blew me away!
- 5RH** Zain for being a kind, inclusive and supportive member of 5RH. Your positivity, patience and willingness to help others is truly inspiring!
- 5MT** 5MT for settling in so well and doing an amazing job during 'Learning and Growing!' Well done!

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Term 1

Week ending 7 February, 2025

- 5BM** Lincoln for a fantastic start to grade five. You have given all tasks your best effort.
- 5JD** Shreya for her amazing contributions to class discussion and her enthusiasm to grade five 'Learning and Growing'. Well done!
- 6KW** Ashir for a great first week at BPPS and for demonstrating the school values
- 6MB** Devansh for demonstrating teamwork, responsibility and leadership skills by assisting his fellow classmates to settle into our class. Well done!
- 6ED** Zoe for being an outstanding example of respect and excellence. You have applied yourself fully to all activities throughout 'Learning and Growing'.
- 6KR** Manahil for demonstrating our school value of EXCELLENCE even though you have started the year with a broken arm and writing with your opposite hand!
- 6LM** Sid for settling in wonderfully and already becoming a valued member of our community.
- 6MS** 6MS for making an amazing start to your final year at primary school.

SPECIALIST

CHINESE-DAISY

5BM congratulations on your hard work and dedication! Keep up the great effort in learning! Good job, 5BM.

CHINESE-CHUNYAN/SARAH

3GA for your excellent engagement in the discussion of Whole Body Listening in Chinese class. Great start, 3GA.

DIGITAL TECH-LISA

All Preps such an amazing start to the year. Your first lessons using the Bee Bot robots! Fantastic work!

MEDIA-LIMING

6KR for excellent computer and internet skills. Well done, 6KR.

PA-KENNETH

4TC for a fantastic start to our 2025 Performing Arts lessons. You showed amazing listening skills and helped sing 'Luke's Desk' with enthusiasm.

PA-FELICITY

1AU for a fantastic, positive start to the year. Well done!

PE-ERIN

5BM amazing start to the year in sport. Your efforts and enthusiasm was outstanding! Keep up the great work!

PE-JIM/SARAH

6MB for the class starting the year off in an outstanding manner. Wonderful efforts given by the whole class with starting a running race.

VISUAL ART-JESS

1MS for starting off the year with fantastic behaviour in the art room. Your whole body listening was beautiful during our entire lesson.

VISUAL ART-BREE

6KW for trying your best at observing what is in front of you, and reproducing the pinecone or seedpod using your drawing skills.

LIBRARY

2EC for your beautiful and respectful manners during your very first library session. Well done and keep it up!



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- Are you or your child/ren finding emotional regulation a challenge at times?
- Would you like to understand what fears, worries and behaviours are "normal" for your child/ren's age and stage of development, and how issues such as trauma or neurodiversity impact on them?
- Would it be helpful to explore strategies to respond to your child/ren's big feelings like anger, anxiety, fear, and frustration?
- Do you find it a challenge to establish clear boundaries that support your child's emotional regulation?

If your answer to any of these questions is "Yes", please join us for this parenting session.

PARENTZONE

DATE: Mondays, 17th February - 31st March (no session on Labour Day)

TIME: 9.15 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. (after drop-off)

WHERE: Berwick Lodge Primary School
139 - 145 Mansfield Street, Berwick

COST: FREE!

For more information contact
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2025

Being Dad Group

6-week interactive group for fathers with children aged 0-17. The group will help 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

2025 Dates :

Term 1:	12/02/25 - 19/03/25	10:30AM - 12:30PM
Term 2:	30/04/25 - 04/06/25	5:30PM - 7:30PM
Term 3:	30/07/25 - 03/09/25	10:30AM - 12:30PM
Term 4:	15/10/25 - 19/11/25	5:30PM - 7:30PM

Venue: Uniting, 55 Webb Street, Narre Warren VIC 3805

Light refreshment will be served

Get in touch: Father's Engagement Focus Team on 03 5990 8400
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Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
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Offered to Year 4 students only - permission required and sent out via **Xuno** at the start of each term. Places are limited so permission forms must be handed to DT specialist asap.

Term 1 - Tuesdays/Thursdays (12:55-1:35pm) lunch time
Terms 2, 3 & 4 - Mondays/Thursdays (3.30-4:30pm) after school

Robotics & Coding clubs offered this year:

- Term 1** - Minecraft Education MakeCode
- Term 2** - Lego Spike robotics (started in 2023)
- Term 3** - Advanced Sphero Bolt coding
- Term 4** - Drone coding (started in 2024)



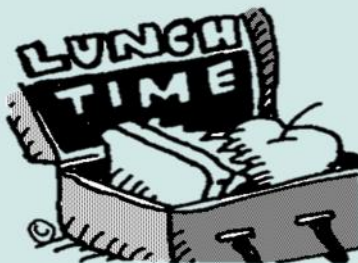
Mondays



Fridays



LEGO CLUB



Movie CLUB