

Brentwood Park Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES2025 **TERM 1**
TERM 3**28TH JAN - 4TH APRIL**
21ST JUL - 19TH SEP**TERM 2** **22ND APR - 4TH JULY**
TERM 4 **6TH OCT - 19TH DEC**

DATES TO REMEMBER

10 MAR
11, 12, 13 MAR
12, 13, 14 MAR
20 MAR

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—PUPIL FREE DAY
YEAR SIX CAMP—PHILLIP ISLAND ADVENTURE RESORT
NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS YEARS 3 & 5
HARMONY DAY ... WEAR A CULTURAL COSTUME OR ORANGE CLOTHING

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL

JENNY REID, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

JO-ANNE DORAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A hoy me Hearties!!!!!!
Last Friday concluded the first full week of attendance for this year's Grade Preps. To mark the occasion, the classes enjoyed a Pirate Day theme!!



The Year Preps were resplendent in their pirate costumes and enjoyed the pirate themed activities! A costume parade was conducted, children sang and danced to the children's classic "A Sailor [Pirate] went to Sea, Sea Sea!" and a collective game of 'chance' was held!

"What's a pirate's favourite letter of the alphabet?" asked Captain Jim.

"Arrrrrrrrrrrr!" chanted the crew.

"How does a pirate like to cook?" asked Captain Jim.

"On the barrrr-be-cue!" chanted the children.

A HUGE THANK YOU must be extended to the parents for suitably attiring the children and for the abundance of parrrrrrrrty food provided for a celebratory lunch!!

A collage of photographs has captured the occasion for all to enjoy!!



Cultural Diversity Week

This year, *Cultural Diversity Week* is 17—23 March. It's an opportunity to bring everyone together to celebrate our state's diverse and powerful multicultural communities.

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 **42** different languages represented.

We often make reference to the cultural diversity of our school community and acknowledge how we are enriched by it.



This year, the *Cultural Diversity Week* theme is *"Embrace the Journey (and) Shape our Future"*.

During Cultural Diversity Week, on Thursday 20th March 2025, 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!



Pirate Day with the Preps

On Friday the 28th of February, the students in year prep completed their first full week of school. We celebrated this momentous event by holding our annual 'Pirate Day'. Students came to school dressed as pirates or pirate helpers complete with swords, eye patches, hooks, fabulous pirate hats as well as maps, gold and the occasional parrot.





Pirate Day with the Preps

The day began with a pirate parade, pirate games and dancing. Activities were completed throughout the day with the highlight being a pirate party at lunchtime.



The prep team would like to thank all the parents, relatives and friends who were able to come along and join in the fun of the day. We hope you enjoyed Pirate Day.

Ramadan

We often make reference to the cultural diversity of our school community and acknowledge how we are enriched by it.

For Muslim families, **Ramadan** is a month full of social festivities such as communal dinners, group prayers, and other gatherings.

Ramadan will see Muslims abstain from food during daylight hours and pray before breaking their fast at sundown alongside family and friends. This year, Ramadan will commence in Australia on **Saturday March 1, 2025**.

The start date of **Ramadan** can be challenging to precisely predict, as it's typically confirmed the **night before, with the sighting of a new crescent moon**. Thanks to modern technology, tracking the moon has become easier. Islamic authorities around the world announce the commencement of **Ramadan** once the moon has been sighted. The Islamic Calendar follows the phases of the moon, or the lunar cycle.

Lasting for 29 or 30 days, **Ramadan 2025** will end around **March 30**, with the celebratory days of **Eid al-Fitr** estimated to start around **30 March**, again with a possible difference of a couple of days.

During its 29 to 30 days, **Muslims abstain from food and drink, including water, every day from dawn to sunset**.

Eid al-Fitr or the "**festival of breaking the fast**" marks the end of **Ramadan**. It is likely to take place on the evening of **Sunday, March 30** depending on the sighting of the moon. It is celebrated as a time for family and friends to come together with communal prayer, gift-giving and dressing in new clothes.



NAPLAN Assessments

NAPLAN assessments are once again scheduled to be conducted in March. These national assessments in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy will be held across three days — **Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th March** for our **Year 3 and Year 5** cohorts:

- *Wednesday 12 March - Writing*
- *Thursday 13 March - Reading and Conventions of Language*
- *Friday 14 March - Numeracy*

International Mother Language Day

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Friday 21 February was **International Mother Language Day**. It is a worldwide annual observance to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism.

A celebration recognising the day was held by the local **Bengali** community at **Brentwood Park Neighbourhood House**, on Sunday, 23rd February. There were cultural performances, along with food stalls serving **Bangladeshi** food and boutique stalls selling **Bangladeshi** clothing. Brentwood Park Primary student, **Nuriyah Y** from **4TC** presented a PowerPoint show detailing the significance of the day.

A replica of the Language Monument (Shaheed Minar) was also built by **Nuriyah's**, dad, **Sharzil**, and presented at the event for people to lay floral wreaths.



Representatives from other cultures were also invited to attend the program. A group of students from a Punjabi Language School performed a **'Bhangra'** dance.



Stefan Koomen (Mayor of Casey), Julian Hill (MP) and a representative for Brad Battin (MP) attended the event.



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Mayor, Cr Stefan Koomen JP - City of Casey is at Brentwood Park Neighbourhood House.

Celebrating International Mother Language Day with South-East Bangla and our local Bangladeshi community.

Language is more than just words—it connects generations, preserves culture, and strengthens our communities.

Personal Achievements

Two of our junior footballers from Brentwood Park Primary School, **Adhiraj T** and **Mehraab S**, participated in the **Summer Under 9s** competition organized by **Berwick Churches Soccer Club**. Both are from class 4VK and played for **Cranbourne United Soccer Club**.

Adhiraj played as a goalkeeper, while **Mehraab** played as a defender and captain of the team. Together with their teammates, **Adhiraj** and **Mehraab** successfully claimed the title of champions, staying on top throughout the competition and securing the championship trophy. As a club, **Cranbourne United Soccer Club**, is incredibly proud of **Adhiraj**, **Mehraab**, and their teammates for this remarkable achievement. We congratulate these boys for their outstanding success and for making their parents, school, and community proud.

Cranbourne United Soccer Club is a close-knit, community-focused club with the primary goal of fostering exceptional talent in young players. We are currently seeking new talent to join our club and community. If you're interested, please feel free to reach out to any of their team members listed below. They welcome individuals with great talent! For more information or to express your interest, contact:

- Jasreena Kahlon: 0434 109 045
- Nav Saini: 0412 674 958
- Harnek Kahlon: 0421 322 019

CAMHS and Schools Early Action (CASEA)

The CAMHS and School Early Action – CASEA Group is an early intervention mental health program delivered by Monash Health mental health clinicians in partnership with the school. It is a program of the **Early in Life Mental Health Service (ELMHS)** of **Monash Health**. The health clinicians provide support to our community, including staff, students and families.

CASEA is working with the school on Fridays, providing a range of different services and support. If you have any questions about the team, please reach out to **Mel Dennis** or **Jenny Reid**.



MonashHealth

Parent Modelling of Safe Practices

Whether in the role of pedestrian or driver, it is important that adults model safe practices to their children and to others! What message do we convey when we drive and park unlawfully or cross roads unsafely!

The City of Casey provides school crossing supervisors to enable parents and students to cross roads safely when coming to school and when leaving school upon dismissal.



Please use the school crossing and then walk the short distance to your parked car. The safety of our children must come before any perceived slight inconvenience by not doing so! **SAFETY FIRST.**

Can I extend a personal **THANK YOU** to all those parents and students abiding by this safe practice. For those families whose home or car is parked south of the roundabout, crossing the road once at the southern crossing of the roundabout is quite acceptable.

Photographing and Videoing School Activities

It is totally understandable that parents like to capture a memory of school events through photographing or videoing their children and friends, however, such photographs or videos should be for **private viewing only** or shared with close family members. When they are placed on social media platforms, photographs or videos can be viewed by an unintended audience. Student privacy should always be maintained.

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BUDDIES

At Brentwood Park Primary School we run a Buddy Program, through which our Foundation students are partnered with the senior students. Senior buddies help the younger students in their orientation of the grounds and of the school experience generally, and also work co-operatively with students through specialised classroom activities and computer sessions.



FTL and 5BM

FTL met their grade 5 buddies from 5BM. Both grades were very excited to get to know their new buddies. They worked together to do a history activity - All About Me.

DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Wednesday the 26th of February, 25 students represented Brentwood Park Primary School at the District Swimming competition at Doveton! The students were outstanding, with almost all students placing in the top 4 for their events! We began the day with the IM relays where the boys team placed a close third and girls team placing fourth. Then followed the 50m individual events for freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Noah was outstanding, placing first for both butterfly and freestyle. Kriti secured a convincing first place for backstroke and second for freestyle. Andrew's technique in the breaststroke and backstroke saw him place first and second respectively. Jay and Rayona were able to race into nail-biting second place in breaststroke and butterfly. Well done to Jayden, Kayla, Terrence and Penelope for placing third in your events! We finished off the day with the 4x50m freestyle relays, where the 12yr girls and 9/10 boys both finished in an outstanding second. All other relay teams took home third or fourth which was exceptional! Overall our school placed third in the district! We could not be prouder of the technique, speed and skill displayed on the day and we wish all our swimmers the best of luck at the Division event!







2025

The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'.
The aim of the day is to celebrate our cultural diversity
and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

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celebrating Harmony Day.**

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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.

At 9:30 am **Music of the Andes** will perform, followed by performances from some of our students and their family members in the gymnasium.

Parents welcome.

In **Music of the Andes**, participants will explore the music and dances of the Inca culture from the Andes Mountains. Students will learn about traditional instruments and melodies that have been part of the Andes for generations. The session highlights the cultural significance of these instruments and their role in South American and Andean music, providing an opportunity to understand the region's traditions and history.



Sports Shorts

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.

We will be starting up **running club** again which will be every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:20am on Brentwood Park's oval. This will begin on Tuesday the 18th of March. Students can participate various running activities to prepare for cross country. All students are welcome!

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

Thanking you for your continued support.

Jim Narayan and Erin Walters



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CLASS SCHEDULE 2025

SATURDAY:
G2-4 BALLET BEGINNER: 9AM -10AM
PRIMARY AND G1 COMBINE JAZZ CLASS G2-4: 10AM-10.45AM
PRIMARY AND GRADE 1 BALLET: 10.45-11.30AM
PRE BALLET: 11.30AM-12.15PM
SENIOR BALLET INTERMEDIATE (G5-7): 12.15PM-1.15PM

TUESDAYS:
PRE BALLET: 4.30PM-5.15PM
JAZZ G2-4: 5.15PM-6PM
BALLET G2-4 - 6PM-7PM

WEDNESDAYS :
STUDIO 2
PRIMARY AND G1 BALLET: 4.30PM-5.15PM
PRIMARY AND G1 JAZZ- 5.15PM-6PM
CONTEMPORARY CLASS: 6.15PM-7PM
SENIOR BALLET ADVANCED (5-7): 7PM- 8PM

STUDIO 2
ACROBATICS PRIMARY & LI: 5.30PM-6.15PM

Melanie's
School of
Dance

Term 1

Week ending 28th February, 2025

STARS OF THE WEEK

OMB	Hamza	for being an amazing friend to all the children in FMB
OEP	Codie	For showing great confidence in trying new things and helping his peers.
OMS	Paisley	for being a bubbly student who has settled into prep wonderfully. Its been great to see you giving everything a go with a smile on your face. You're setting a great example for your classmates. Well done!
ORC	Zongyu	Well done on your confident start to the year. Not only do you have a love for learning but you are also kind and helpful to all your new friends.
OTL	Amaiya	your amazing "can do" attitude with your work.
1AU	Lyriq	for consistently trying his best, approaching each task with enthusiasm & striving to learn & improve. You're a star, Lyriq!
1CM	Aliah	for showing our school values of respect, responsibility, teamwork and excellence. You always put in 100% into all your work.
1NG	Anvik	you are a superstar for completing all your homework and uploading it correctly onto Showbie! Keep up the fantastic effort!
1TN	Max	for your determination and resilience in completing all tasks even with a broken arm! Great job, Max!
1MS	Chajen	always trying your best in class.
1SL	Alice	for always showing her best positive attitude to learn, her willingness to help others and demonstrating her progress through her excellent work!
2SM	Nelson	for settling into 2SM so well! You're doing a fantastic job following instructions and putting in great effort into your work! Keep up the awesome work!
2KM	Soroush	showing excellence in all that you do. You have settled in wonderfully.
2EC	Neyli	for always demonstrating the school values and for being a kind friend. 2EC is lucky to have you!
2LM	Elizabeth	for producing recounts that are detailed and interesting to read!
2BC	Charlotte	for being a kind & considerate member of our class. You display a positive attitude at all times & treat everyone with respect.
2CH	Victoria	for focusing on her classwork.
3AB	Kanish	for working hard to rename numbers that include tens of thousands. Well done!
3AM	Archer	for using a growth mindset when faced with challenges.
3DB	Sarah	for being a fantastic role model, showing kindness and the school values and being dedicated to your learning.
3AL	Vyana	for consistently being our outstanding class member to all your peers, always striving to achieve your personal best and showing a level of maturity that is beyond your years.
3GA	Vitas	for showing a growth mindset with his learning. You are awesome, Vitas!
3SM	Kaarthikeya	for his excellent thinking skills and sharing his understanding with his peers. AWESOME WORK!
4SA	Nevin	for striving to include rich description and ambitious vocabulary in your recount work this week. Fantastic work!
4DG	Yehansha	for your incredible focus, your dedication to your learning and your eager approach to every task. Keep being amazing, Yehansha!
4HC	Zi Ting	for showing initiative when completing tasks and taking pride in your work!
4TC	Sienna	for including interesting & detailed phrases in your recounts.
4VK	Amber Tegveer	for giving a fantastic "spot talk" talk! What a great speaker!
4JF	Nieve	showing teamwork skills and completing his group's graph! Well done. for always displaying listening and concentration skills during learning time!
5CW	Ethan A	for being a productive learner during Words Our Way!
5EB	Selina	for her maturity & responsibility shown during instruction & work time. Keep being a good role model for others!
5RH	Binu	for solving problems involving addition & subtraction of fractions by applying & explaining your understanding of equivalent fractions.

Term 1

Week ending 28th February, 2025

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5MT	Anna	for always putting in more than 100% into all your work. Your dedication and persistence are qualities to admire.
5BM	Lincoln	for showing us your amazing fraction skills and your great efforts in persuasive writing this week.
5JD	Alex	for displaying respect and great participation during our science webinar this week. Well done!
6KW	Tareq	demonstrating the school values in his approach to his school work and his interactions with his classmates
6MB	Jing	for always being engaged and responsive during learning time. We appreciate your positive attitude and feedback.
6ED	Pranav	for taking on feedback & making careful improvements to your symmetry portrait. You committed to excellence — Keep it up!
6KR	Arad	for demonstrating our school values of excellence in your classwork and homework. Keep up the great work!
6LM	Sienna	for demonstrating inclusivity by making everyone feel welcome in our class room.
6MS	Jasmehar	for your enthusiastic approach to reading and determination to complete maths tasks.

SPECIALIST

CHINESE-DAISY	6MB	for a wonderful effort in practising new vocabulary and creating beautiful paper cutting designs.
CHINESE-CHUNYAN/SARAH	4DG	great organisation with their activity
DIGITAL TECH-LISA	4DG	the Excel graphs representing your data were excellent. You enhanced the tables and graphs to improve their appearance using a variety of Excel functions.
MEDIA-LIMING	5EB	great listening skills.
PA-KENNETH	3AL	for a wonderful lesson exploring the instrument families, particularly the string family. As well as a great game of instrumental memory.
PA-FELICITY	2SM	for the enthusiasm, concentration and effort they put into every activity. Great work!
PE-ERIN	2CD	Amazing work throwing the vortex with correct technique and skill. Keep up the great work!
PE-JIM/SARAH		
VISUAL ART-JESS		
VISUAL ART-BREE	3AL	for your beautiful blending of colour and careful linework using a ruler. Well done!
LIBRARY	2LM & 2BC	for your accuracy in borrowing up to 10 books and your respectful behaviour in the library. Well done!



Every Friday in the computer lab students can come in and watch a short movie at lunch time. We need some cushions to sit on - if you have any to donate please bring them to me in the computer room (next to the library).

Lisa - DT specialist teacher



Year 7 2026

Transition Information Evenings

Monday 31st March, and Tuesday 1st April

Location: Kambrya College's Theatre

Kambrya College would like to invite prospective parents and carers of 2026 Year 7 students to attend **one*** of our Transition Information Evenings.

The night will provide the chance for attendees to learn about the excellent education and opportunities the school provides for all our students. In addition, information will be provided on the exciting programs we have available for students in 2026.

Further information regarding the programs will be provided at the start of Term 3 on our website:

www.kambryacollege.vic.edu.au/year7-transition/

To attend **one** of the Transition Information Evenings - **Bookings are essential, each family member attending the session must have a ticket (up to 4 tickets per family)**

As spaces are limited, please carefully choose the date you wish to attend and **only book 1 session.**

Bookings can be made via our website and using the links below:

Monday 31st March 2025

Session 1:

4:15-5:00pm -School Tour
5:15-6:00pm-Formal Presentation
6:00-7:00pm-Program Presentations

Monday 31st March 2025

Session 2:

4:15-5:00pm -School Tour
5:15-6:00pm - Program Presentations
6:15-7:00pm - Formal Presentation

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Session 1:

4:15-5:00pm – School Tour
5:15-6:00pm- Formal Presentation
6:15-7:00pm – Program Presentations

Monday 31st March Session 1: - <https://compasstix.com/e/142dcoeaco>

Monday 31st March Session 2: - <https://compasstix.com/e/3kda44vbi0>

Tuesday 1st April Session 1: - <https://compasstix.com/e/ivuvkqvh22>

(Please note: Program Presentations provide information about our Athlete Development Program (ADP), Musician Development Program (MDP) and our Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL).

2026 Kambrya School Zone

(School Zones are subject to change by DE at any time in Term 1 each year):**

Priority enrolments are provided to students within our current School Zone as set out by the Department of Education. We foresee that students living within our school zone or with older siblings enrolled for 2026 will most likely bring the school to full capacity in Year 7 for 2026. Those living outside our school zone are still invited to attend the transition evening for more information, however due to our current Enrolment Implementation Plan, enrolment applications from outside our zone are unlikely to be successful. This applies to all students, including those wishing to apply for specific curriculum/sporting/other programs (SEAL, ADP, MDP).**

For additional information please refer to the following websites:

<https://www.kambryacollege.vic.edu.au/zone/>

<https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au>

Grade 6 only school tours in Terms 1 and 2: Bookings are essential and places limited. Please refer to our website for details:

<https://www.kambryacollege.vic.edu.au/school-tours/>

* As each session is identical please note you will only need to attend **one** session to gain all the required information.

2025



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TWILIGHT OPEN NIGHT



Wednesday
26 March
4.30 to 6.30pm

Meet the Principal and Assistant Principal,
the Junior Team, as well as our teachers.
Take a tour and learn more about:

- Junior School Curriculum and Subjects
- Year 7 Programs
- Enrichment Program
- Our School Facilities

4.30pm

School Tour Group 1

5:15pm

Information Session
in the gymnasium

5.45pm

School Tour Group 2

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