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Brentwood Park Primary School NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES 2026 TERM 1 28TH JAN - 2ND APRIL TERM 2 20TH APR - 26TH JUNE
TERM 3 13TH JUL - 18TH SEP TERM 4 5TH OCT - 18TH DEC

DATES TO REMEMBER

23-27 MAR	CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK - HARMONY CELEBRATIONS 26 MARCH
30-31 MAR	YEAR FOUR RETHINK, RECYCLING INCURSION
1 APR	CROSS COUNTRY
2 APR	EASTER RAFFLE / LAST DAY OF TERM

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL — JO-ANNE DORAN, JUDY ANDERSON, JIM NARAYAN - ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

School Council 2026

On Tuesday 24 March, the newly elected school council for ***2026*** held its first meeting. Prior to its commencement, an extraordinary meeting was held to induct new members and to elect office bearers. The new 2026 School Council membership and office bearers can now be presented as follows –

Executive Officer:

- *Jim Bell, Principal*

Parent Representatives:

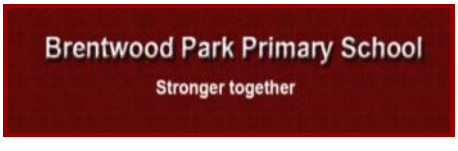
- *Manju Kiriyan—President*
- *Jasreena Kahlon—Vice President*
- *Lakshmi Shankar—Secretary*
- *Ragulan Karunanantham, Hamid Ali Raja, Dimos Kalogiannis, Anna Lumanglad* and *Gaurav Sethi*

Department of Education Representatives:

- *Jo-anne Doran, Treasurer*
- *Trish Shaw, Minutes Secretary*
- *Judy Anderson and Jim Narayan*

In addition to the regular reports—Principal, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Fundraising, Canteen, Policy and Curriculum, the meeting provided the opportunity for all in attendance to collectively celebrate the school's student achievement as measured by the ***NAPLAN*** assessments in 2025 and highlighted in the school's ***Annual Report to the School Community 2025***.

The ***Annual Report to the School Community 2025*** is a legislative and regulatory requirement and was presented for endorsement by School Council. The ***Annual Report*** provides an opportunity to share the year's achievement and progress with the school community and to reflect on the school's performance and how improvement efforts have delivered our positive student outcomes.



Cultural Diversity Week

This week is ***Cultural Diversity Week*** is ***22—28 March*** and it provides us all with the 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 and our school has 43different languages represented.

During Cultural Diversity Week, on Thursday 26 March 2026, Brentwood Park Primary School celebrated a ***Harmony Day***. The aim of the day was to celebrate our cultural diversity and foster a sense of belonging!

Harmony Day Celebration

On our ***Harmony Day,*** teachers and students were encouraged to wear their cultural costumes to celebrate their cultural heritage, or they could have chosen a country's costume to wear.

If they didn't have a cultural costume, they could 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. Wearing something orange during our ***Harmony Day*** shows support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia!

Throughout ***Cultural Diversity Week***, a display in our school foyer commemorated the occasion with a visual performance of the song ***"I am Australian".***

Following an ***Acknowledgement of Country*** by staff member, ***Anthea Barry***, and with an itinerary of cultural performances from the ***Australian Filipino Community*** group, students and parents, the scene was set for a truly heartwarming and rewarding day!

Chinese Language and Culture

On Thursday 19 March, we conducted a parent information session on our proposed student visitation to China and our sister school, ***Yangzhong Experimental Primary School***. The session was presented jointly by ***Jim Narayan*** and ***Kim Renshaw***, two staff participants from 2025, and included a PowerPoint presentation focussing on the 2025 visitation with recorded interviews from participating students.

The session was very engaging and extremely well attended. Parents were informed that Victorian schools will visit Jiangsu in October. At this stage, the dates are yet to be finalised. For the Victorian schools' visit to Jiangsu, the expected costs are $3,500 per student and per teacher, including international airfares and in-China costs for hotels (twin-share room), meals, airport transfers, coach tours, local guides, admission tickets, bullet trains, and sister school visits

Given the positive testimony of the 2025 students, parents at the meeting were strongly supportive of the 14 day trip to enable a visit to the ***Terracotta Warriors*** in Xi'an.

There is great interest from families in having their child attend this culturally rewarding experience with an excess of 50 families in, Year 6 alone, lodging an expression of interest

Brentwood Park is Going Cashless

This year, our Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls will be moving to a cashless system. This decision has been made for several reasons, including improving safety by removing the need for staff to handle and transport large amounts of cash. As we continue to adapt to an increasingly cashless society, we are confident that this change will enhance efficiency without impacting the overall experience for students.

Payments for BPPS tokens will be made via XUNO, and students will receive their tokens prior to attending the stall. All items will be priced accordingly to align with this system. We would like to thank our fundraising team for their flexibility and commitment in implementing this new approach, and for continuing to provide a wonderful experience for our school community.

Cultural Diversity Week
Harmony Day 2026

A HUGE THANK YOU

to our students and parents who performed on our Harmony Day Celebrations!

Harmony Day

SPORTS SHORTS

WEEK 9, TERM 1 2026

HOT SHOTS TENNIS

As term 1 comes to a close, school sport at Brentwood Park has never been busier!

On Monday, 19 students from Years 5 and 6 participated in the Hot Shots Tennis District Competition at Sweeney Reserve. With clear skies and plenty of sun, our boys' and girls' teams took part in both singles and doubles matches against seven local primary schools. It was fantastic to see all students competing with effort and determination while representing our school with pride, passion, and excellent sportsmanship.

The day proved to be a huge success, with both teams finishing in first place to become **District Champions for 2026.** As a result, both teams will take part in the Division Hot Shots tournament, with further information to be shared on XUNO soon.

Congratulations and well done to the following 19 students who represented our school on Monday:

JACKSON R – 6ED
TERRENCE T – 6EK
PATRICK K – 6ED
KODY T – 6LS
ISHAN M – 5RH
KIAAN S – 6KR
JAYSON K – 6EK
JAXON T – 6EK
DEV S – 5KW
DAKSHA M – 6MB
KUSHINI D – 5KW
NINA M – 5NR
RIYA V – 6ED
ANDREA P – 6LM
SARAH M – 6EK
KIANA A – 6SM
POPPY J – 6LM
EMMA S – 6MB
AYATHI B – 6KR

UPCOMING

APRIL 1	Regional Swimming
APRIL 1	Cross Country
APRIL 22	Athletics (F-2)
APRIL 23	Athletics (3-6)

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

VS Rivercrest Christian College

HOME: Basketball, Cricket, Handball
AWAY: Softball, Volleystars

SPORTS SHORTS

WEEK 9, TERM 1 2026

CROSS COUNTRY

The school cross country is being held on Wednesday April 1st. Now is a perfect opportunity to begin some fitness training in preparation for this event, which is next week.

After each event all students will receive a 'Zooper Dooper'. This is possible through the generosity of Camp Australia and their ongoing support of Brentwood Park Primary School.

This year there is an alternative event for those students from the 11-year-old and 12-year-old category, which is a 1km 'Fun Run'. There will be additional house points awarded to 3 students from each class who dress up to support their respective house team. 1st=50, 2nd=25 and 3rd=10. Every participant in this event also receives 5 house points.

TIMETABLE

9:15 AM →	ARRIVE in Kambrya College oval via the rear gate
9:20AM →	11-year-old and 12-Year-old age groups (3km)
9:45 AM →	9/10-year-old age group (2km)
10:10AM →	11 year and 12-year-old group "Fun Run" (1km)
1:00 PM →	RECESS
11:10AM →	ARRIVE at Kambrya College oval via the rear gate
11:15AM →	Prep students
11:30AM →	Year 1 students
11:50AM →	Year 2 students

Thanking you for your continued support!

Jim and Dylan

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA
HOT SHOTS
GIRLS
PREMIERS

CHAMPIONS

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA
HOT SHOTS
BOYS
PREMIERS

2026 Cross country

DATE: WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL

9:20am: 11yr and 12yr 3km race

9:45am: 9/10yr 2km race

10:10: 11yr and 12yr 1km FUN RUN

11:15am: Prep race

11:30am: Year 1 race

11:50am: Year 2 race

Important change for 2026: This year, 11yr and 12yr old students will have the CHOICE of either competing in the 3km race for a place in the district team OR participate in the 1km FUN RUN. The fun run will also include best dressed awards e.g.: best house spirit, most creative. The aim of school cross country is to promote whole school participation to be physically active and celebrate house spirit! House points are awarded to all students who participate!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES? TERM 1, 2026

Lisa Lilley – Digital Technologies specialist teacher/manager (Years F to 4 only)
Email: lisa.lilley@education.vic.gov.au
Sarah Ierfone - Digital Technologies specialist teacher (3 x Year 4 classes per semester)
Daisy He – Media specialist teacher (Years 5 & 6 only)

FMB were really busy this week coding the BeeBots and making Duplo bridges for them. They had to problem solve this task – deciding how wide and high to make the bridge for the robot to travel through and push the blocks. So much fun!

When: Tuesday and Thursday

Where: School Canteen

Time: 8:30am – 8:45am

Who: Any student of BPPS

Cost: Free – just come along

Can You Help Support our Breakfast Club?

Do you have a business that could provide additional products?

We would greatly appreciate donations of items such as **butter or margarine, disposable gloves, dishwashing liquid, a sandwich press, slice trays, and baking paper**. These items help keep our Breakfast Club running and allow us to offer a greater variety of food for students in the future. Regular donations or even a one-off contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Would you like to volunteer your time on a Tuesday or Thursday morning to help prepare food, serve students, or assist with washing up?

If you answered yes, please see Mel (Wellbeing Leader) to arrange a time to have a chat.

Casey North Community Information & Support Service

FM9.25

Food and Emergency Assistance

Do you need food or emergency support?

We provide **material aid** for people and families experiencing crisis or emergency situations.

What support can we provide?

- Food hampers / pantry items when available
- Food vouchers
- Help with some medical prescriptions
- Shower passes

What to expect when you visit

Our staff and volunteers will:

- listen to your situation (listen to you about your situation)
- complete a short assessment
- work with you to find the right best support available

Ongoing support

Our funding is limited, so we will not be able to provide ongoing support. We can help you to **connect with other food relief agencies** if you need continued assistance.

We can also help with

- referrals to other community services & organisations
- referrals to financial counselling for budgeting and money management
- finding better utility providers (electricity and gas)
- organising setting up payment plans

Please note: we cannot pay utility bills, but we will help you explore your options.

Language support

Telephone Interpreter Services are available.

You don't have to go through this alone - We're here to help.

Term 1

Week ending 20th March, 26

STAR OF THE WEEK

0MB	Senara	for being such a kind and caring friend who always looks out for others.
0EP	Adidev	for showing amazing teamwork and supporting your classmates. Your hard work and determination never goes unnoticed. Well done!
0LP	Suhas	for being an 'all round' classroom SUPERSTAR! You have used your AWESOME listening skills every day and your work has been beautiful. Well done!
0RC	Elina	for being so kind and thoughtful in class.
0TL	Amara	for doing a great job in your measuring activity in maths.
1AU	Siya	for always aiming for excellence, putting forth her best effort in all her work!
1CM	Luca	for showing TEAMWORK in our class. You have helped others when they were struggling with their work. You are a superstar!
1NG	Kaviraz	because each Phonics Plus lesson you show lots of perseverance when handwriting and trying your best to sound out each word. Keep up the great effort!
1KM	Lana	for consistently showing excellence in everything you do.
1SL	Eirene	for showing great resilience in the maths place value concept. You gave your best effort and learned very well!
2SM	Awish	for working hard to use lower case letters correctly in your writing and showing great improvement.
2SY	Vasu	for being a superstar student. Always making good choices and trying his best with all aspects of his learning!
2LD	Vanora	for always showing manners and the school values. Keep up your amazing effort!
2LM	Aliah	for taking pride in your work, always presenting well organised workbooks with neat handwriting and carefully illustrated and coloured pictures.
2AL	Victor	for being an outstanding student during my time in 2AL.
2CH	Viraaz	for your well-written 'diamante' poem on deserts. You used a range of descriptive words and followed the structure perfectly.
2JL	Vincent	for showing great improvement and working wonderfully with your table group. Keep it up!
3AM	Tiasha	for consistently and effortlessly showing the school values of respect, responsibility, excellence and teamwork. You are a star, Tiasha.
3BC	Charlotte	for showing kindness to others and building positive friendships. You have been making excellent choices in all aspects of school this week.
3JR	Melina	for always showing our school values. We are lucky to have you in 3JR!
3GA	Irini	for her hard work in maths! It was great to see how well you explained the 'split strategy'.
3AJ	Sudais	for contributing in our class spelling game and showing a strong knowledge of phonemes.
4SA	Kaya	for your fantastic 'favourite part' reading journal entry. Well done!
4MS	Sarah	for consistently producing a high standard of work across the curriculum. Well done!
4NH	Keshav	for demonstrating strength in the school values both in and outside of the classroom.
4TC	Felicia	for always showing a positive attitude and willingly taking on challenges.
4VK	Kevin	for participating enthusiastically during our STEM 'tidy bag' task! Well done.
4CR	Aara	for demonstrating our school values of Teamwork, Respect, Responsibility and Excellence! Your effort, attitude and kindness make a positive difference every day.
5CW	Premini	for always being a responsible member of the class.
5NR	James	for showing kindness and support to your buddy during Buddy time. You demonstrated care and responsibility.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Term 4

Week ending 20th March, 26

5RH	Harish	for demonstrating exceptional focus and active participation in class discussions. You engage thoughtfully, express your ideas with confidence and strive to do your best.
5MT	Jaismeen	for your consistent positive attitude towards everything! Your willingness to give everything a go is inspiring! Well done!
5BM	Grace	for her consistently organised and responsible approach to learning. Grace's positive attitude and willingness to have a go make her a wonderful role model.
5KW	Emilia	for recognising when she needs help or clarification during our maths lessons and asking for it.
6EK	Lyna	for her application of her strategies and knowledge when working on unknown values and order of operations in maths.
6MB	Sarthak	for engaging positively in class discussions by providing thoughtful and quality responses. Keep it up!
6ED	Kivein	for always upholding our school values of excellence, teamwork, respect and responsibility.
6KR	Aditya	for continuing to work towards our school value of 'excellence'.
6LM	Om	for showing empathy and being a supportive classmate.
6SM	Ben	for all the effort you put into maths this week and being able to explain clearly.
6LS	Summer	for always looking for opportunities to include others and celebrate the differences that make our class strong.

SPECIALISTS

PE—DYLAN

6LM	for your outstanding efforts during the Beep Test this week! Excellent resilience and stamina.

PE-JIM/KIRSTY/CHANEL

6ED	for the class being able to teach 3AM how to perform the 'triple jump'. Wonderful patience and teaching.

PA-SARAH

2AL	for showing rhythm and musical confidence while performing 'ta' and 'titi' patterns with claves.

ART-JESS

2AL	for listening carefully and following the instructions of the lesson. You took ownership of your learning and used your time wisely.

ART-BREE

6ED	for brilliantly demonstrating your knowledge of 1 point perspective on your canvas. Well done!

CHINESE-DAISY

5CW	amazing job for this week's Chinese lesson and continuing to show school values, re spect, responsibility, teamwork and excellence. Keep it up, 5KW.

CHINESE-CHUNYAN

3BC	for your excellent engagement in learning basic strokes of writing Hanzi. You are stars!

DT-LISA/SARAH

4CR	your excel dates and graphs were fabulous. You focused well this week. Well done!
4SA	for creating imaginative and visually stunning pixel art through creativity, patience and digital skill.

PA-KENNETH

5NR	for a lesson full of concentration while starting our production journey, reading the script. Everyone participated at a fantastically high level.

MEDIA-DAISY

5RH	for your amazing work on your colour pixelation widget designs. Great to see all these fantastic designs!

LIBRARY-ANNETTE/JO/VERONICA

0EP	for respecting all the books and leaving the library spick and span after your borrowings. Well done!

MOONLIT SANCTUARY

AUTUMN HOLIDAY CLUB

JNR KEEPER CLUB

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9:00am-2:00pm

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Additional information can be requested via Berwick College's Basketball Academy Director, Shannan Davey.
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- Address and/or prevent behaviour problems?
- Teach your child/ren to deal with conflict?

If you answer is "yes" to any of these questions, this six-week, Tuning in to Kids program helps you to help your child/ren to develop emotional intelligence.

Did you know: Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ?!

DATE: Mondays, 11th May - 22nd June (six-week program - no session on King's Birthday)

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

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

COST: FREE!

Use the QR code or this link to register:
https://events.humanitix.com/tik-berwick-lodge-ps

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