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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

07TH AUGUST	PREP MYUNA FARM EXCURSION
11TH AUGUST	DISTRICT ATHLETICS
11TH AUGUST	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCING @ 6:30 P.M.
17TH AUGUST	YEAR TWO - STEP BACK IN TIME DAY
25TH AUGUST	YEAR TWO - OLD GIPPSTOWN EXCURSION
27TH AUGUST	BOOK WEEK PARADE

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

Chinese Language and Culture

As mentioned previously, Brentwood Park Primary School is proud of its professional association with ***Jiangsu-Victoria Education Centre [JVEC]*** and in support of this partnership, hosted 40 undergraduates from ***Jiangsu*** visiting The ***University of Melbourne*** in July-August to participate in a three-week professional learning program.

JVEC's director, ***Wendy Fan*** along with the ***Jiangsu*** undergraduates visited Brentwood Park Primary School to run ***Chinese language & cultural framework*** activities for Brentwood Park Primary School students on ***Tuesday 4 August.***

Activities included:

- art workshops on Chinese calligraphy, paper-cutting, traditional costume, traditional music and dance, etc.
- sports (Tai Chi, hacky sack, etc)
- presentations on Chinese traditional festivals and celebrations
- school life and the cities that the BPPS student group will visit on their forthcoming trip to China and our sister Chinese school.

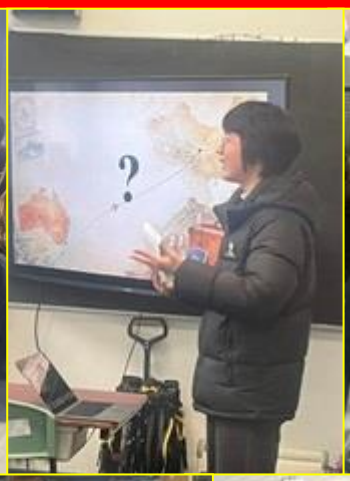
The sessions were delivered to Years 4-6 students during their ***Chinese Language and Culture*** classes and other specialist classes.

The group of 40 undergraduates were split into two groups. One group taught specialist classes in sessions 3 and 4, while the other group observed classroom learning and teaching across levels. Following lunch, in sessions 5and 6, the groups exchanged.

Upon arrival at 9:20 am, the group were ushered in through the welcoming doors of our administration foyer and into the library. From there they were taken to the performing arts facility where an overview of our school was provided through a ***PowerPoint*** presentation. During morning tea, an opportunity was provided for questions and answers related to comparisons between primary schooling in ***Victoria*** and ***Jiangsu.***

Chinese Language and Culture

Feedback gathered from the undergraduates following their classroom observations and teaching sessions was extremely positive. The receptiveness of our students and staff was a contributing factor!



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Victorian Fisheries Authority—Little Angler Kits

The Victorian Government is investing $1.5 million from the ***Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund*** to provide up to 82,500 ***'Little Angler Kits'*** to ***Grade 5*** primary school students across Victoria, free of charge. These kits aim to offer children and their families a school holiday activity while promoting environmental stewardship and fostering a love for nature among children.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) will deliver the kits to eligible schools in August 2026. Each Little Angler Kit includes a fishing rod, reel, line, tackle box, tackle and information on how to use the equipment to catch fish.

It is important to note the tackle tray includes fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer. Teachers will also tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer.

The program is voluntary, and we support parents and carers in making decisions that align with their family values and beliefs. You can choose to opt out of receiving a ***Little Angler Kit*** for any reason. You can also contact the school to request an adult pick up the kit from the school if you prefer.

To opt out of receiving a kit or to request that an adult pick up your child's kit from ***Brentwood Park Primary School*** please notify the school prior to their distribution by notifying the office on ***9702 2022.*** The Little Angler Kits will be distributed this Friday!

Please note that if you do not opt out, your child will be provided with a ***Little Angler Kit*** to take home from school.

To further enhance the learning experience, the VFA has created a dedicated 'Little Angler Hub' on its website. This online resource provides useful information, instructional videos and additional online materials related to fishing.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the Little Angler Kits program or the opt-out process, please refer to the attached frequently asked questions document, which includes contact information for the project manager at the VFA.

Victorian Fisheries Authority

Australian Maths Competition

This week, across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 233 students from Year 3 to Year 6 participated in the ***Australian Maths Competition [AMC].***

The opportunity to participate in this annual competition is always well received. The ***AMC*** contains unique problems designed each year by leading educators and academics to challenge and extend students' problem-solving skills. The Australian Mathematics Competition is designed to be accessible at the start, featuring a clear difficulty curve where the first 15 to 20 questions are straightforward, while the final 10 questions become extremely challenging even for top students.

Questions may include:

- Basic arithmetic
- Fractions and ratios
- Algebra and pre-algebra
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Statistics and probability
- Problem-solving (including enumeration)

Awards in the Australian Mathematics Competition are structured hierarchically. Standard Performance Awards are:

- **Prize:** Awarded to top performers—generally no more than 1 student for every 300 in a region and year group—who receive a lapel pin and shop voucher.
- **High Distinction:** Awarded to the top 3% of participants in a year and region (top 5% for the Senior division).
- **Distinction:** Awarded to the top 20% of participants in a year and region (top 25% for the Senior division).
- **Credit:** Awarded to the top 55% of participants in a year and region (top 60% for the Senior division)
- **Proficiency:** Given to students who hit a pre-set competency score without earning a higher award.
- **Participation:** Given to all other students who complete the competition.

We wish all our competitors well as they strive for all we can ask—their ***Personal Best***!

AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST

SPORTS SHORTS

WEEK 4, TERM 3 2026

DIVISION WINTER SPORT FINALS

After finishing on top of the ladder for the winter Interschool Sport season, our girls tee ball, boys netball, and girls netball teams took part in the Division Finals in Pakenham on Friday, 24th July.

As we've seen consistently throughout the year, the 33 students that participated on the day were outstanding in their representation of our school both on and off the court. Whether it was good sportsmanship after a tough loss, strong teamwork and ball movement on the court, or the support from the sidelines, every student demonstrated our school values with pride.

Congratulations to our boys netball and girls tee ball teams, who both finished runners-up after excellent performances throughout the day. Our girls netball team were equally outstanding in their effort, resilience and teamwork, competing strongly against quality opposition.

Summer Division Finals will take place at the beginning of term 4, with more details to follow in the coming weeks.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the school athletics team has officially been finalised, with 53 students confirmed to take part in next Tuesday's District Athletics Carnival at Casey Fields.

Thank you to all staff, parents and carers for your support during this process, particularly with those events taking place during lunchtimes or outside of school hours.

A friendly reminder to those students participating in District Athletics next week that payments and forms on XUNO are due by the end of day tomorrow, 7th August.

UPCOMING

AUG 11	District Athletics
SEPT 2-4	Year 4 Camp
SEPT 14	Division Athletics

Thank you for your continued support!

Jim, Dylan, Chanel, and Kirsty

Year 3 Zoo to You

Last week, the students in year 3 were visited by the touring Australian Wildlife company 'The Zoo Comes to You".

This visit coincided with our science unit for term 3, 'Feathers and Fur'. As part of this topic, students will investigate living things, focusing on different classifications of animals, recognise living and non-living things and understand what an observable feature is.

We were lucky enough to see:

- Green tree frog
- Eastern long neck turtle
- Water dragon
- Fresh water crocodile
- Kangaroo rat
- Black headed python

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Let's Go swimming

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Let's Go swimming

Casey RACE is always a highlight excursion in amongst our Year 6 students and the evidence is seen by the smiles on their faces! This is a government subsidised initiative for Australian children to learn life saving water skills which include jumping into the deep end of the pool with a life jacket on and swimming to 'safety' or forming a circle and kicking so the splashes attract planes to find you in the ocean. The water games, racing and going on the slides were definitely fun but also aided students to develop their water awareness and confidence.

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FOOD BANK

Breakfast Club – More Than Just Breakfast

Our Breakfast Club provides much more than a meal—it offers students a chance to connect with friends, enjoy a welcoming start to the day and arrive in the classroom feeling ready to learn. We are incredibly proud of this program and grateful for the wonderful support we continue to receive from our school community.

🌭 Tuesday Sausage Breakfast – Tuesday mornings continue to be a highlight, with our popular sausage breakfast bringing students together before school. A huge thank you to the families who have generously donated sausages throughout the term. The smell of sausages cooking fills the playground and creates a warm, welcoming atmosphere that students look forward to each week.

🍞 Toasty Thursdays– As the weather stays cool, our Thursday Breakfast Club offers students a comforting toasted sandwich and a warm hot chocolate. It's a simple way to help students feel settled, cared for and ready to start the school day with energy and confidence.

💚 Help Keep Breakfast Club Going – Community support is what makes Breakfast Club possible. If you are able to contribute, we would greatly appreciate donations of:

Sausages Margarine Cheese Slices Disposable gloves

Every donation, no matter the size, helps us continue providing healthy breakfasts and a welcoming environment for our students.

🌼 Thank You for Your Generosity

A very special thank you to the Kumar/Selvaraja family, Sriraj/Subrayan/Wickramasinghe Family, De Silva/Abeywickrama Gunaratne family, Wong/Bong family, and the Silva/Kelaart family for their generous donations.

Your kindness and ongoing support help ensure our Breakfast Club remains a place where every student feels welcomed, supported and ready for a successful day of learning. We are incredibly grateful to have such a caring and generous school community.

FOOD BANK

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Tuesday and
Thursday
8:30am – 8:45am
All welcome!

Any donations can be directed to Mel at Breakfast Club on a Tuesday or Thursday morning.
melanie.dennis@education.vic.gov.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES?

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 1 classes this semester)
Daisy He – Media/DT specialist teacher (Years 5 & 6 only)

FOUNDATION – using MS Paint 3D.

Data, Information and Privacy Strand - explore patterns in data and represent data as objects, pictures, symbols, numbers and words VC2TDI2D01

YEAR 1 – using Ozobot robots

Creating Digital Solutions Strand - investigate simple problems for known users that can be solved with digital systems VC2TDI2C01 & follow, describe and represent algorithms involving a sequence of steps, branching (decisions) and iteration (repetition) needed to solve simple problems VC2TDI2C0

YEAR 2 – using MS Word

Data, Information and Privacy Strand - explore patterns in data and represent data as objects, pictures, symbols, numbers and words VC2TDI2D01

YEAR 3 – using Scratch 3.0

Creating Digital Solutions Strand - follow, describe and represent algorithms involving sequencing, comparison operators (branching) and iteration VC2TDI4C02 & implement simple algorithms as visual programs involving control structures and input VC2TDI4C04

YEAR 4 – using MS 365 applications (OneDrive, Excel, Outlook).

Data, Information and Privacy Strand - recognise different types of data and explore how the same data can be represented differently depending on the purpose VC2TDI4D01& collect, organise and present different types of data using software tools to create information and solve problems VC2TDI4D02

YEARS 5 & 6 – using Minecraft Education

Creating Digital Solutions Strand - design and represent algorithms involving multiple alternatives (branching) and iteration VC2TDI6C02, implement algorithms as visual programs involving control structures, variables and input VC2TDI6C04 & evaluate existing and student-created solutions against the requirements and their broader community impact VC2TDI6C05

S.R.C news

WHAT?
Brentwood Park Primary is now recognised as an official donation partner of the CDS Victoria's container deposit scheme.

WHY?
By participating in this scheme we are reducing litter, helping our environment and earning funds to improve our school community.

WE can help reduce litter, help the planet and be rewarded.

OUR recycling supports a circular economy and means new products can be made out of existing materials.

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Please help your SRC to raise funds for our school.

Check for the 10c mark

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

You can bring your drink containers with the 10c refundable mark to school.

Please leave them in the tub outside Daryl's shed. The tub will be there before school each day.

Your Zone ID Barcode.

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Our nearest reverse vending machine is located at:
Berwick Springs Hotel
288 Clyde Rd, Berwick

Or you can take them to your nearest container deposit location.

Just enter our BPPS ID barcode or scan it and donate to us directly.

Term 3

Week ending 31st July, 26

STAR OF THE WEEK

0MB	Esme	for always being kind, trying her best, and showing respect to everyone. You are a wonderful role model in our classroom. Well done, Esme!
0EP	Tayden	for working hard in class and continuing to focus during Phonics! Well done!
0LP	Keanu	for working very hard during out phonics lessons. Well done, Keanu! Your handwriting is something to be proud of! Superstar effort.
0RC	ORC	CONGRATULATIONS on 100 days of learning, growing, sharing and fun. I am so proud!
0TL	OTL	for an amazing 100 days of school!
1AU	Awish	for his amazing progress in writing. You're a star!
1CM	Jannat	for sharing the school values of EXCELLENCE and TEAMWORK. You put 100% effort in to your work and you care for your friends. Keep shining!
1NG	Elizabeth	for your excellent writing this week!
1KM	Jahaan	for your dedication to always improving your work.
1SL	Archer	for demonstrating great effort in swimming and consistently showing kindness towards others. Keep up your great work!
2SM	Viaan	approaching your learning positively and always having a go.
2SY	Heidi	for writing an amazing paragraph on the diet of a Bilby!
2LD	Lakidu	for demonstrating excellent researching skills by gathering relevant information sorting facts and writing a well-organised report.
2LM	Henri	for working well with others during partnered and small group tasks. You encourage everyone to contribute and support your classmates when they are unsure.
2AL	Sarah	for always striving to achieve your personal best.
2CH	Alana	for showing fantastic participation during maths lessons and trying your best to understand the concept of arrays.
2JL	Aarna	for demonstrating great teamwork abilities during partnered activities.
3AM	Mason	for using addition and subtraction strategies to solve equations with confidence.
3BC	3BC	for being an awesome class in the 3 weeks I wasn't with you! I missed you all!
3JR	Viaan	for always trying your best to complete your work! Great efforts!
3GA	Vidhur	for showing a great attitude in class this week! Keep working hard, Vidhur.
3AJ	3AJ	for being so welcoming to me.
4SA	Saketh	for your focus and hard work in all learning areas this week. Keep it up!
4MS	Rivan	for taking positive steps to improve your writing by checking for capital letters and full stops. Well done!
4NH	Huzaifa	for responsibly completing your homework by taking initiative and finding creative solutions when challenges arise.
4TC	Archer Lee	for your cheerful and positive attitude towards learning.
4VK	Vyana	for showing our school values of respect and responsibility, and for being a terrific helper!
4CR	Isaac	for doing a great job using new facts from your data chart to write a clear and informative factual paragraph about Ancient Greece.
5CW	Dimi	for staying focused and working well during our maths lessons.

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5NR	Cheng	for showing confidence in communicating and participating with your classmates, you have made wonderful progress.
5RH	Saanvi	for your determination, positive attitude and hard work this week. We are so proud of you!
5MT	Abhinav	for being inclusive and a great friend to everyone you meet! You are always willing to help everyone and anyone around you.
5BM	Grace	for consistently giving your best and showing initiative by helping without being asked. Your positive attitude and readiness to assist make you an outstanding member of our class. .
5KW	Alona	for her excellent contributions during our class discussions of the text 'Blueback'.
6EK	Risini	for her mature and thoughtful contributions to our discussions during reading lessons. Risini, you are a star!
6MB	Rohan	for demonstrating excellence during our reading session this week. You read with expression when reading aloud and you provided an excellent reading journal entry where you made a detailed text-to-world connection.
6ED	Mehtab	for always being excited to learn, contribute your ideas and give your very best to tasks. Your positive attitude and love of learning are attributes I hope you carry these with you always—keep it up!
6KR	6KR	for all of 6KR for demonstrating the school values during our excursion to Casey RACE.
6LM	Samarveer	for being a quiet, respectful and studious student who consistently demonstrates excellence.
6SM	Niven	for reading your library book with appropriate speed. Well done on your steady improvements!
6LS	Shraddha	for always being a responsible and inclusive team player who encourages others to participate.

SPECIALISTS

PE—DYLAN		
	5CW	for the fantastic skills and teamwork you demonstrated in our handball match this week.
PE-JIM		
	1NG	for your outstanding effort and whole body listening during our dance movement lesson.
PA-SARAH		
	1CM	for demonstrating confidence and creativity while exploring character development. You thoughtfully used your voice, facial expressions and body language to create unique characters!
ART-JESS		
	n/a	
ART-BREE		
	4NH	for your careful joining and creative designs while working with clay.
CHINESE-DAISY		
	n/a	
CHINESE-CHUN YAN		
	3AJ	for your excellent engagement in learning My Body in Chinese. Great job!
DT-LISA		
	FRC	you are learning to use Paint 3D so well. You can use the drawing and shape tools when designing. Congratulations!
DT-SARAH		
	n/a	
PA-KENNETH		
	6EK	for a fantastic lesson playing Boomwhackers, finishing with performing "Pachelbel's Canon"
MEDIA-DAISY		
	n/a	
LIBRARY-ANNETTE/JO/VERONICA		
	3SM	for your polite manners during borrowings and your calm, respectful behaviour during quiet reading time. Well done!

Brentwood Park Primary School has been fundraising since the 1990s to support the school garden by selling the **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK.** The book is now an app and much bigger. It is full of discount vouchers that make purchasing something small to anything big a little more affordable. When purchasing a 12-month digital subscription online, you select BPPS as the school you wish to support, and 20% of your purchase goes towards the school. You can also participate in their competitions for extra bargains! See their offers at www.entertainment.com.au and visit their Youtube channel at https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=entertainment+book.

You can get discounts for airfares, holiday accommodation, theme parks, clothing, food, attractions, social activities, entrance fees, car hire, wine, gift cards, retail for appliances, petrol, tours, cruises, travel insurance, camping, and much, much, more. Have a look and see!

Support our school garden with the Entertainment Book App.

Cheers Vicki Kromlidis

Victoria Police

Casey PSA Neighbourhood Policing Forum

VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must.

To attend, please register by sending your details to:

CASEY-CEC-MGR@police.vic.gov.au

or scan the QR code.

To submit a question prior to the forum:
CASEY NHP questions

Event details

Date:
20th August 2026

Time:
6:00pm – 8:00pm
(Doors open 5:45pm)

Location:
Bunjil Place,
2 Patrick Northeast Drive,
Narre Warren 3805

Scan here to register your attendance

Got a question for police?

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DATES
Wednesdays

July: 29th
August: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
September: 2nd

TIME
10am until 12:30pm

VENUE
Kurmboon Child and Family Centre
297 Pink Hill Blvd, Officer

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential
REGISTER HERE:
https://forms.office.com/r/ea1LPtZdvG

ENQUIRIES
P: 9704 8377
groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

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August Activities for dads & kids in Casey

AUGUST 07 7.00 PM *The Meetup men's group*	**AUGUST 09** 10.00 AM - 11.30 AM *Plant a Tree With Your Children*
AUGUST 15 10.00 AM - 11.30 AM *Gardening Together*	**AUGUST 21** 7.00 PM *The Meetup men's group*
AUGUST 22 9.00 AM - 11.090 AM *Breakfast & kick-a-ball fun*	**AUGUST 22** 9.30 AM -11.00 AM *First-time Dads Community Catch-up*
AUGUST 24 6.30 PM - 7.00 PM *Blokes & Bubs Evening story & play time*	**AUGUST 25** 7.30 PM *Forum for Men & Fathers*

The community-led groups are supported by: VICTORIA State Government | City of Casey | Dads Matter

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2026 FORUM FOR MEN & FATHERS

For all men across Casey.

Join us for a free buffet dinner, hear from the panel and share your thoughts.

A FREE EVENT

When: **Tuesday 25 August 2026**
7:00pm - 9:30pm

Where: **Bunjil Place Function Centre**
2 Patrick NE Drive, Narre Warren

RSVP: www.trybooking.com/DLVMW

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