



Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Calendar	
Playgroup at school every Monday 10am to midday Please come along. All welcome.	
Lunch warm ups, toasting and noodles. Every Tuesday and Thursday	
Term 4	
Monday, November 3	Student Free Day
Tuesday, November 4	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Thursday, November 20	School disco
Thursday, November 27	Grade 6 sleepover at school
Wednesday, December 10	Swan Hill College Parents/students BBQ Information evening 6pm
Thursday, December 11	School Concert and Presentation Evening
Thursday and Friday, December 11 and 12	Prep 2015 Orientation Days Year 7 Swan Hill College Orientation Days
Friday, December 12	McKillop Transition Day (I think)
Tuesday, December 16	Grade 6 Dinner
Friday, December 19	Last day of term 2.20 pm finish
The newsletter can also be viewed on our website http://www.beverfordps.vic.edu.au/newsletter.html	

Mowing Roster			
October 18	Rohan Shadbolt	December 8	Darren Noles
November 1	Caffrey Family	December 22	Shane Barker
November 15	Cornish Family	January 5	Deon Steicke
November 29	Rob McKay	January 19	Tim Van Liessum
Once again thanks to all parents who have been mowing.....don't see you doing it but it is much appreciated.			

EMA 2015

For more information check the website. ...but it appears that no students from this school will receive EMA from next year.

<http://vcoss.org.au/cover-the-costs/>

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps low-income families meet school costs. From 2015, the EMA will no longer support individual students. This will affect more than 200,000 Victorian school students. We are calling for a genuine replacement for the EMA.

Open letter to the Minister for Education from the Education Equity Coalition

Dear Mr Dixon,

Thousands of children have started or have returned to school over the last week and many families are noticing the impact of back-to-school costs on their budgets. However, for many families, the costs associated with state schooling are simply beyond reach. The escalating costs of uniforms, books, stationery, excursions, camps, fundraising and technological requirements – such as computers and tablets – are placing an increasing burden on families.

The Education Equity Coalition is all too aware of this impact as we support those families who simply cannot meet these costs, by providing the funding or the materials that they need.

We consistently hear reports of children who miss school camps and excursions because of the costs involved, children who choose to skip school because they do not have the correct uniform, money for the bus fare or even food for lunch. Increasingly we hear of students who choose their elective subjects based on what their family can afford, rather than what they are good at or what they aspire to do later in life.

Our agencies already struggle to meet demand and so we are very concerned about the Government's decision to completely cut the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) from 2015.

The EMA has helped families to cover the costs of uniforms, excursions, camps and information technology at home for over 20 years. It is targeted to families holding healthcare cards and the Victorian Government itself has indicated that around 70 per cent of families sign this payment over to schools, which shows that it is a well targeted payment delivering significant assistance to families and schools.

While we commend the Victoria Government's commitment to Better Schools Funding, we are concerned that this has been at the expense of the EMA. Extra resources are needed in schools, but it still leaves the question of who will support families who struggle to pay for their kids to access all the great opportunities schools provide.

We know the Victorian Government believes education is the most effective way to support young people to reach their goals and that the Government is committed to providing the best possible education system. We want to support children to go to school and to stay at school but are concerned that the decision to cut the EMA will compound rates of school disengagement.

We are calling on the Victorian Government to continue to provide targeted assistance to families to ensure all children can participate fully in the range of educational opportunities available to them. This should constitute a genuine replacement of the full EMA. We want to work in partnership with the Government to develop alternative support measures for families as soon as possible, to deliver certainty to families, schools and the community sector upon which Victorians rely in times of need.

Yours sincerely,

Education Equity Coalition members

Anglicare Victoria, Ardoch Youth Foundation, Bendigo Community Health Services, Berry Street,

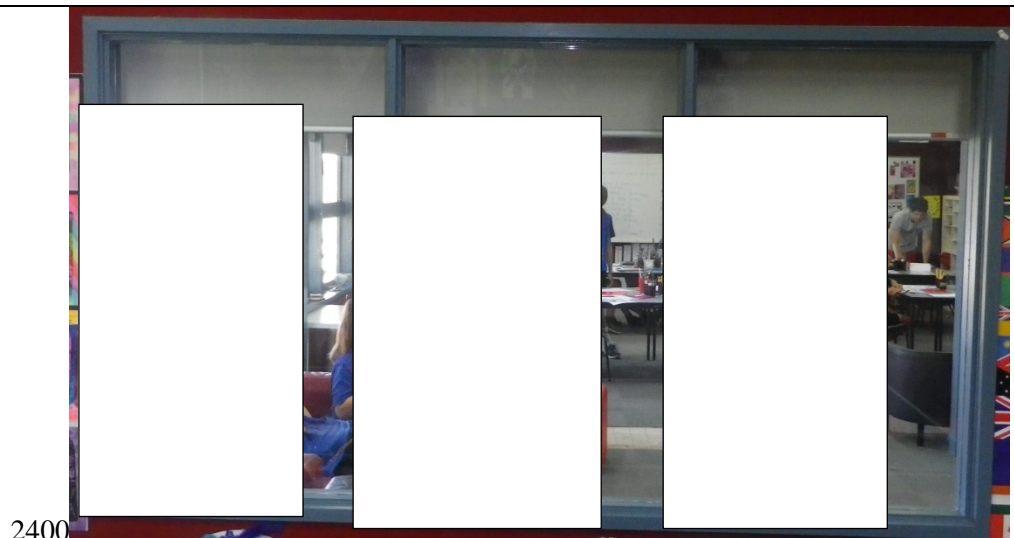
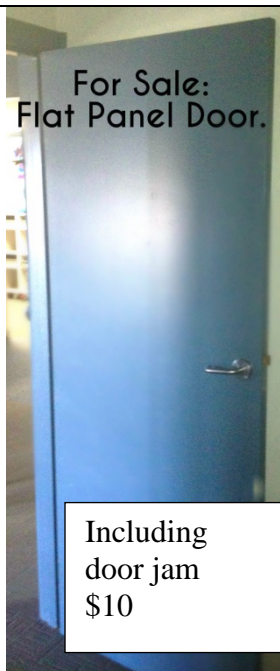
Community Information and Support Victoria, Council of Single Mothers and their Children Victoria, Catholic Social Services Victoria, Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services, Kids Under Cover, MacKillop Family Services, Parents Victoria, The Salvation Army, Statewide Children's Resource Program, State Schools' Relief, Victorian Council of Social Service, Victorian Student Representative Council, Victorian Principals Association, Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, Melbourne City Mission, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Foster Care Association of Victoria, Centre for Multicultural Youth





Available for purchase at school now.

For Sale....call Phillip 0409 329763 or 50376622



2400 x 1300 \$10
window



For Sale

Kyocera Laser Printer. Ecosys FS-C5015N. With 4 unopened toner cartridges. 2 magenta, 1 blue and 1 yellow. Also comes with 2 black, 2 magenta, 2 yellow and 2 blue partly used toner cartridges. 2007 manufacture date. \$200-\$100



Disco

The Beverford School is holding a disco on Thursday, November 20 from 6.30 to 9.00pm. Small cluster schools are also being invited: Lake Boga, Piangil, Nyah, Woorinen and Ultima. Entry per student is \$2. Food will be available for sale. There will be a great sound system and lighting as well as a great DJ. There will also be great supervision and activities.

Cluster Disco



Invites the students of Ultima, Woorinen, Nyah,
Lake Boga and Piangil Schools to Beverford's
Annual School Disco.

When: Thursday 24th October
Time: 6.30—9.00pm
Where: Beverford D.P. School
Cost: \$2 entry per student



Parents are welcome to stay.
Tea, coffee and supper provided.

Food available for sale:

Hot dogs (\$2)

Party pies (50c)

Soft drink (\$2)

Cordial provided



MORE Billabong Trip Reviews

Billabong Trip which was a
disaster

The rooms didn't have any heaters and the teachers
had better food. The staff were too strict with horse

riding because they wanted you to hold on to the saddle when you were riding. The staff were friendly. And we did bouldering, low ropes, orienteering, trivia walk and lassoes. Over all the school camp was just ok and I'm giving it 3 stars.

IT WAS GOOD



The rooms were small with two bunks with an air conditioner. There was a pool table and a foosball table. The food was good but the adult's food was better. The horse ride was fantastic and I got to groom and saddle my horse Walnut. There was bouldering and we got to lasso buckets. We played a few games with the lasso, one was where we were cows then Matt who's was one of the staff members lassoed us then we had to go into the pen.

BILLABONG RANCH CAMP

WOW! What a trip. That was my first and I LOVED IT. The staff were amazing, the accommodation good and the food was fantastic. I loved it. The activities we did were horse riding on the Goulburn River, the rock wall, camp fire I would give it a million stars (five).

BEST

CAMP



FIVE STAR

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CAMP
WAS

REALLY FUN AND I HOPE WE DO IT ANGAN AND I
GIVE IT 5 STAS!!!!!!!!!!



The camp was excellent. The food was nice and the animals at the animal nursery were cute. The beds were comfy and warm. There is a pool table and a fooze ball table. There were lots of fun activities like low ropes and horse rides.

From Adelaide

“Fantastic week!”



Adelaide Shores resort was the best thing me and my family have ever done. We would go there again in the summer. There were some nice days when we were there._Adelaide Shores resort is located very close to the Glenelg city and, right on the beachfront at West Beach. You can swim, surf, fish, walk and watch the sunset over the beautiful waters.