

**BRUNSWICK  
NORTH WEST  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

 **TERM 4**
 **WEEK 1**
 **13.10.17**


# the NOR'WESTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It took me a long time to think of how to start this newsletter article; similar to the first morning assembly back, I feel as though this first newsletter article as Principal is simultaneously both momentous and very much "business as usual". As a school, we are excited about the future (near and far) and the new endeavours we want to take on and feel very lucky that Trevor built such a solid foundation of love, kindness and community.

I want to thank everyone for their kind words of support and celebration in response to my new position. It is often exciting to take on a new job- but to have the opportunity to take on the job of a lifetime, in a school I adore, with an exceptional staff and then to receive such a warm reception from the community... it left me smiling and speechless for weeks. I take on this great honour with excitement but also an understanding of the solemnity of this role and will work tirelessly to be a good leader, role model and inspiration to the community.

Term 4 is a time of planning for the future; this is always the way, but now with a new energy. There will be some changes with this shift in leadership, but I want to assure all of you that our core values will always stay the same. While I will strive to honour Trevor's legacy in continuing his message of active kindness and respect, we also want to explore how we as a school can be more actively inclusive of all our community members and how we can give our students greater voice and choice in their learning.

We continue to grow as a school and are excited to welcome an ever-growing cohort of incoming Foundation students for 2018. Their transition will start on Wednesdays this term and a new relocatable building (aka "portables") will provide us with the additional classrooms required to house all our learners.

A large portion of our meeting schedule this term is dedicated to classroom placement. Our classroom placement policy will be posted on Compass with this newsletter and outlines the timeline and process involved in designing classes that cater to the needs of individuals while working cohesively as a larger group. Each fortnight I will continue to write about class placement, guiding families through where and how their input is sought.

And speaking of parent input! I want to thank you all for being such incredible community members, who volunteer your time, skills and energies to our school events big and small. Next Friday (20/10) is our re-scheduled whole-school sports day and we need volunteers! Sign up sheets are in the hallway near the front office, or contact Tom Nelson with any questions.

I thank you again for your enthusiasm, support and for just being you! I am not normally someone who likes to boast about anything, but it is hard not to climb onto rooftops and scream out with joy about just how happy I am that I get to be the principal of the greatest school on the planet - BNW proud for life!

Hannah Reid  
**Principal**

## ASSEMBLY ITEMS

**The first assembly item for term 4 is on 27 October by Unit DR.**

## TERM DATES 2017/2018

**TERM 4:** 9 October to 21 December

**TERM 1:** 30 January to 29 March

## CALENDAR

<b>WEDS 18 OCT</b>	Foundation 2018 Information Evening 6.45pm
<b>THURS 19 OCT</b>	Cybersafety Evening for parents & carers of G3-6 students-see further in this newsletter and also on Compass
<b>FRI 20 OCT</b>	Whole School Sports Day
<b>FRI 20 OCT</b>	Plant and Produce Market
<b>WEDS 1 NOV</b>	Foundation 2018 Transition starts
<b>MON 6 NOV</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>TUES 7 NOV</b>	<b>Melb Cup Day holiday NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>WEDS 8 NOV- FRI 10 NOV</b>	Grades 4/5 Camp

## CURRENT NOTICES

- Whole School Photo Order envelopes, available at the school office only, please order online or return envelope and money preferably by Wednesday 20th or Friday 13 October latest- see Compass message on 13 September
- Grade 4/5 Camp notice-final payment due urgently
- Grade 6 Camp Rumbug-final payment due urgently
- Camp Medical forms for both Grade 4/5 and Grade 6 Camps-please return urgently
- Grade 5/6 excursion, please give permission urgently on Compass only
- Whole School Sports Day on Friday 20 October, parent helpers required. Please put your name on the roster in the hall behind the office.
- Class Formation Policy, posted on Compass 13 October, hard copies also at the office



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, some of you may not know me so I thought I'd introduce myself and tell you a little bit about me. My name is Tim, but I have also been affectionately known (I think) as Spreadsheets. However, in the last few days I have found myself with a few new nick names: AP, VP, DP, Veep, so feel free to come up with a new one of your own!

I spent most of my early years in hospitality working in a family restaurant. After a while I needed to stretch my wings and sought out a more 'professional' career in IT. I eventually found myself working in an office dealing with photocopiers, rubbish coffee and a whole lot of boring. Again, I outgrew my surroundings and sought the adventures of the world. I lived in Scotland for over a year, my car broke down in France and then traipsed the rest of Europe on a train. All this lead to a life changing event, when I found myself in outback Kenya in the small village of Rangii in a very small classroom with lots of children and my very first teaching gig. Untrained, I probably didn't do much for the kids in that week, but they changed my life forever! I had a taste of a new life and I finally knew where I needed to be - Brunswick North West Primary school. (There was a bit more in between).

Now here I am, nervous and excited, but I am having a great time sitting in the Veep

chair. I am passionate about learning; I love seeing the children here grow. And that is what it is all about here at BNWPS. I love the hundreds of smiling faces in our amazing community and all that it has to offer. And I can't wait for the opportunity to further our students' lives.

As you may know, I have been the ICT Coordinator for the last few years. I love technology and I think that it is such a big part of our world and that we need to be using it in our school - wisely. It is one of my passions to find ways to use our devices, not just to go paperless but to try to find exciting new ways to better our way of life. In the coming months you will see our students think outside of the box. Computers aren't just about gaming or word processing. They can make our lives better and we can use them in many innovative ways. I am very excited about our upcoming arts festival, "Unseen Forces." Some of our students will be working on ways to create art using computers, exploring light, sound, touch and possibly even taste! My aim is to show the students how amazing we can be when we think outside of the box and that computer games are just boring stories that we follow. Let's make our own stories!

Follow the festival @BNWPSAF2017

Tim Plummer  
**Acting Assistant Principal**

Welcome to Term 4!

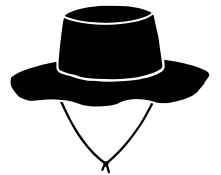
Just a reminder there is a new menu for term 4, which was posted on Compass on 20 September. There are also hard copies available at the office and at the canteen.

Please be aware that there are some price changes, so please read the new menu carefully!

Kind regards, Kris

## HATS TO BE WORN FOR ALL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

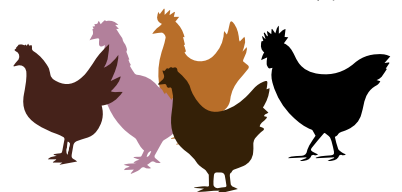
As we are a Sunsmart school, we require hats to be worn for all outdoor activities (recess, lunch, PE, OSHC etc). Broad brimmed or Legionnaire's hats are most suitable and are available for purchase from the office. (Broad brimmed hat \$12.00, Legionnaire's hat \$10.00).



## WEEKEND CHOOK ROSTER

The roster is on the noticeboard in the hall, please fill in your details if you are able to care for the chooks at the weekends. You will be rewarded with delicious eggs from our feathered friends!

We also require a co-ordinator/s for the chooks over the Christmas holidays. This can be for the whole holidays or half. The co-ordinator is there to answer any questions our holiday carer families may have. If you would like further information, please see Linda Van De Wall (5/6 Teacher).



## SCHOOL BANKING:

School banking will resume on Thursday 19 October.



## CYBERSAFETY EVENING FOR PARENTS/ CARERS OF GRADE 3-6 STUDENTS

We are excited to invite back Deanne Carson from Body Safety Australia to conduct a cyber safety and relationships workshop for parents of Middle school and Senior school students next week.

This workshop was not originally planned for 2017, however, was booked in response to the questions and ideas presented as well as behaviours described by students during Body Safety Australia lessons in term 3.

### DETAILS

Thursday 19th October  
6:30-8:30 pm  
in the Multipurpose Room.

Childcare will be available  
Please register to attend and/or book childcare here <https://goo.gl/forms/>

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We encourage attendance by all parents and carers of students in grade 3-6, as we believe the program will be both engaging and informative on a rapidly changing and topical concern for all our families.

If you have any questions about the night please speak to Deb Robins, Foundation Teacher.







**New OSHC Administrator/Coordinator Appointed:**

The BNWPS OSHC Team is pleased to announce the appointment of Bernadetta Martella to the position of OSHC Coordinator. Bernadetta will be replacing both Kaaren and Fiona, who currently share the role of administering and managing the service. She will begin her role her with us in the next few weeks. Fiona will remain working here until the end of this year, to assist with smooth transition.

**ALL DAY OSHC Care** – Student Free Day Monday 6th November – Bookings are now open for the Student Free Day and can be made at the school office, with OSHC staff or via the OSHC mobile phone. The session will run from 7:30am to 6pm, and the cost will be \$60 for the day (eligible for CCB/CCR) and will include all food, snacks and activities. Please note: This is the day before Melbourne Cup Day and there will be no school or OSHC care available on the Tuesday November 7th.

**Hats, Hats, Hats!** Now that Spring has arrived, we are obliged to enact

our Sunsmart policy here at OSHC. From now until April 2017, all children will be required to wear hats outdoors when the UV index is at or above 3. We will no longer be supplying spare hats to children, due to concerns about spreading headlice. Instead, we will monitor UV ratings in real time, and allow children outdoors without hats when UV levels are low enough. If your children do not have hats with them at school, they will not be able to play outdoors during OSHC sessions unless UV levels drop below 2.5.

**Sunscreen** – From now until April 2017, we are also required to ensure children apply sunscreen when they go outdoors. Our service supplies Anti-Cancer Council brand sunscreen. If your children require special sunscreen, please supply this to us. If you would like to negotiate alternatives to sunscreen use, please discuss this with Fiona. A written Sunsmart plan will need to be created for individual children who do not have sunscreen applied. Thank you!

**OSHC Casual Bookings and Changes** – In order to relieve some of the workload for School Office staff and to streamline our bookings process, please TEXT through all casual bookings

and changes to the OSHC Mobile phone. Please DO NOT leave voicemail messages as they are often difficult to decipher due to sound distortion. The OSHC Mobile Number is: 0478 836 264. Thank you!

**Payments into the school bank:** Just a reminder when you pay your OSHC accounts by direct deposit - please put "OSHC - <child's surname>" in the description/reference part. The account is the BNWPS school's general account, so our Business Manager will not know what is being paid and who has paid it, unless this reference is completed correctly. Thank you!

**Our current team of OSHC Educators includes:** Fiona Mariposa, Andrea Marshall, Adam Mathews, Beverly Andrews, Brianna Bartley, Sean Prien, Mahaelia Thavarajah, Carly Cheffins, Christina Georgelos, Mika Sutawan, Sarah Maroukel, Naarah Lagowski, Lisa Do, Sylvia Kaklamanis and Nadia Faragaarb.

**To contact OSHC:** Speak to the OSHC staff directly or email us on: ohsc.brunswick.nw.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. The OSHC mobile is 0478 836 264.

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**Moreland City Libraries** **Spring 2017**

**Children's Week 21-29 October**  
Evening story time 6.15pm, Wednesday 28 October at Brunswick Library. Children of all ages are welcome.

**September school holiday activities**  
Moreland City Libraries' school holiday program is available at your local library and online. Activities are free and are suitable only for children currently attending primary school. Bookings are essential.

**Digital Shift**  
Digital Shift is a coding and robotics program. Suitable for children 8 years plus. 4 pm-6 pm, Wednesdays at Fawkner Library and 4 pm-5 pm, Thursdays at Glenroy Library.

**All participants are required to hold a Moreland City Libraries membership card with internet access. Bookings are essential.**

Please note children under 10 years must be supervised by a parent at any program.

**Online activities for children**  
Moreland Libraries has a range of online activities for children. These include games, picture books, audio eBooks, puzzles and information resources. If you have a Moreland Libraries membership card, you can access these online activities for free via the library website.

**Logo Builders**  
Children can build, create, connect and have fun with our LEGO collection. This is a monthly after school program for school aged children. 4pm, first Thursday of the month at Campbell Tumbull Library and 4pm, third Tuesday of the month at Fawkner Library.

**Code Club Australia**  
Learning to program a computer is an important skill. Code Club Australia will be coming soon to Moreland Libraries. Sessions will be held 4 pm, Wednesdays at Brunswick Library, during Term 4. Bookings are essential. Enquiries: 9383 8800.

**Brunswick Library**  
223 Sydney Road  
Coburg  
Phone: 9389 9680

**Fawkner Library**  
Jubak Road  
Fawkner  
Phone: 9355 4280

**Campbell Tumbull Library**  
220 Melville Road  
West Brunswick  
Phone: 9384 9200

**Glenroy Library**  
737 Preece Vale Road  
Glenroy  
Phone: 9311 4100

**Coburg Library**  
Cannon Victoria and Louisa Street  
Coburg  
Phone: 9353 4000

[moreland.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://moreland.vic.gov.au/libraries)

## SHINING STARS FROM 15 SEPTEMBER

**UNIT CM** **Nate** for trying really hard to learn his coloured words and persisting to improve his writing. Well done Nate, we will miss you!

**UNIT RE** **Howl** for your clever “number detective” work during maths and for your creative contribution to our classroom’s “personal strength” tree. Well done!

**UNIT MM** **Tancredi** for the hard work you have been putting into your writing over the last few weeks. Keep it up!

**UNIT LK** **Gwynn** for ensuring you are doing your own thinking, you are very clever. Well done Gwynn!

**UNIT FK** **Mitchell** for your outstanding work in maths and writing (and for teaching me a few things!)

**UNIT KM** **Margot** for being a great leader and helping others in the classroom.

**UNIT JB** **Mara** for all of the little deeds that add up to your amazing contribution to our class. We are so lucky to have a helpful and positive person like you.

**UNIT AL** **Aurelia** for your efforts and attention you put into your book club responses. Great effort.

**Berkay** for the hard work you put into following the process to make a pristine work. Well done!

**UNIT BH** **Grace** for making the conscious effort to reduce your letters to the same size consistency. Your writing is becoming more neat.

**UNIT AH** **Max** for the effort you have shown in maths. You superstar!

**Anna** for always being a supportive member of our class.

## PRACE-TERM 4 COURSES STARTING SOON.

### Certificate III in Education Support (Teacher's Aide) -CHC30213 - October 2017

This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings.

**Starts:** 16th October 2017, Mondays, 9.15am — 3.15pm

**Location:** Merrilands Community Centre

### Computer Essentials

This program will build skill and confidence in the use of essential Microsoft Office 2016 programs for personal, work and study purposes, running on Windows 10 operating system

**Dates:** 17 Oct — 20 December, 2017, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9.30am -12.30pm

**Location:** Merrilands Community Centre

### Introduction to Computers and Basic Word Processing

This introductory course will give you the confidence to perform basic word processing tasks on a computer.

**Dates:** 18 October — 20 December, 2017, Wednesdays, 12.45-3.15pm

**Location:** Merrilands Community Centre Ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: [www.prace.vic.edu.au](http://www.prace.vic.edu.au)

## BIRTHDAYS

23 SEPT **Zahra** FK/CD

25 SEPT **Chot** AL

**Mitchell** JHW

26 SEPT **Louis** KM

28 SEPT **Ted** BC/SM

30 SEPT **Max** RE

**Miranda** LK

1 OCT **Varani** AL

3 OCT **Otis** LK

4 OCT **Perry** JB

**Luci** AL

5 OCT **India** LK

6 OCT **Ben** LVW

8 OCT **Harriet** MM

**Lenny** BH

**Nabil** LVW

11 OCT **Aurelian** DR

**Gwynn** LK

## GRADE 1-2 PLANT AND PRODUCE

Friday 20th Oct (sports day afternoon) grade 1-2 parents are responsible for set up, serving and pack up but all parents are encouraged to make it bake items for sale.

## SPORTS DAY 20TH OCT

Parents helpers are needed from 8.45 to set up and then help as officials during events. We would like to run a BBQ and fruit stand so please check your diary and donate time where you can. There is a roster in the main hallway at school.

## WINE NIGHT SAT 11TH NOV

Our final big parents only social event of the year will be the wine night. This year it is on a Saturday night to give parents and carers the chance to organise babysitting and take the night off. Tickets will go on sale soon, more details to come.

## BNW FRENCH CLUB

50% discount for new enrolments, Term 4 only discount – come and try it! French Club is in its 7th year running at BNW Primary. Watch your kids feel positive about learning another language. Children of all ages and experience welcome. Limited places.

Wednesdays: 3.45-4.45pm  
Contact Jim: 0432 719 034  
[jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au](mailto:jim.callahan@lcfclubs.com.au)