Welcome Broadmeadows Valley Primary to what promises to be the best year ever.

When speaking with families, teachers and students this week, the excitement and good fortune at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School is absolutely undeniable. Since 2009 when the school began, we have been striving to create the very best learning environment for all - a place where children and their families receive the highest quality teaching and learning possible in a safe, secure and positive atmosphere. Over this time we have assembled an excellent team of professionals that are dedicated not only to the children in their care but also to their own learning and professional growth.

This year we have experienced unprecedented enrolment growth with close to 60 new students calling BVPS home in 2013. To those students and their families, many of them in Prep, may I extend a very warm welcome and wish you all the very best in your studies and in your time with us. At any point, if you have a query or concern; please feel compelled to approach one of our caring and considerate staff members for assistance. If the support that you require is of an educational nature, please contact your child's Learning Neighbourhood Leader or alternatively, their home group teacher. However, if your needs are specific to enrolment or are of an administrative purpose, please contact our helpful office team, Mrs Barbara Kelly and Mrs Lindy Rider.

This year’s Learning Neighbourhood Leaders are:

**Learning Neighbourhood 1**
(Prep, Year 1 and Year 2)

Ms. Jodie Coughlan

**Learning Neighbourhood 2**
(Year 3 and Year 4)

Mr. Troy Taylor

**Learning Neighbourhood 3**
(Year 5 and Year 6)

Mr. Daniel Montalto

I would also at this point like to recognise the tremendous start to the year from our delightful Prep students. We are so glad to have them at our school and look forward to celebrating their successes with the entire school community as the year progresses.

Many of you would have seen the ‘new’ campus of the Collingwood English Language School in the old Broadmeadows West part of the school site. We are very fortunate to have the specialised expertise of Laima Novackis, Peter Mitsis and their team join our school community to assist and support new arrivals to our school and to Australia as they begin to learn the English language for the very first time.

The Dimboola Early Learning and Care Centre has begun 2013 with a bang with their second kindergarten program begin next week. The team have done great job establishing the centre and although the centre is not yet 12 months old we are able to see clear and steady improvements in the programs and services that they offer. If you have any questions please see Belinda and her team.

The Adult Learning Stream and Community Learning Hub will be kicking off once again this year. We will be offering a bigger and better program with Adult computer training, English language and Parenting Skills part of the first suite of programs. More information will follow in coming weeks. Keep a look out for enrolment forms.

Finally, I would like to welcome new staff to Broadmeadows Valley in 2013. Those wonderful people are; Cat Sewell (play based therapist), Tom Noble (Educational Psychologist), Christopher Egan (Teaching and Learning Coach) and Mary McQuillen (Teaching and Learning Coach). Please make these people feel welcome as I know they are all very much looking forward to having a positive impact on your child’s life.

Until next time,

Andrew Jones
LN1 News

A big welcome back to our grade 1 and 2 students and a very big welcome to all our new prep and their families. The year has begun on a positive note with all students settling well into the neighbourhood. We also have a number of new students that have joined the BVPS community from other schools and we know they will enjoy the many wonderful aspects that our school has to offer. The first week has been all about settling back into the routine of school and the students have been involved in a range of cooperative learning activities.

As the new neighbourhood leader and being new to the Prep/1/2 level of schooling I have personally been impressed by the positive way our students have begun the school year. The teachers have done an amazing job to get the learning off to a great start, and I look forward to this continuing throughout the year.

This term’s topic is “My Brain and Me” and is all about how our brains help us learn and what we can do to look after the physical and emotional health of our brains. Stay tuned for more information about the topic in the coming weeks.

Jodie Coughlan (Neighbourhood Leader)
Karen Larkin (1/2), Rob Pain (1/2), Beth Hunter (1/2), Rosie Strass (Prep) and Marjia Avramoska (Prep).

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Welcome back to all of our Learning Neighbourhood 2 students and their families. We hope you all had a fantastic break!

Our students have started off the year extremely settled and have eased back into their schooling routines beautifully. We also have a large number of new students in the neighbourhood and it has been fantastic to see how our existing BVPS students have made them feel welcome and familiarised the new students with our unique school.

This year and particularly this term, our students will be learning all about the brain. Next week they will be starting to look at the structure of the brain and its main functions. Also next week our students will start working in their English and Maths groups.

All of the teachers within our neighbourhood would like to congratulate all of the students on such a positive start to the year. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding year in Learning Neighbourhood 2 in 2013.

Troy Taylor, Nicole Cromie, Krystina Simpson, Paula Goughan, Julian Tovey

LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3

News Around The Clock!

Welcome to all our fabulous students returning back from a safe and relaxing holiday break. This resulted to an excellent start to the year. As this year’s Neighbourhood Leader (Daniel Montalto) it was pleasing to see all our students displaying good qualities of becoming passionate and engaging learners.

This term, the whole school will be investigating the BRAIN. Beware to have those difficult conversations when your child asks you ‘How does the brain work?’ I am sure the conversations will be rich and informative.

Interschool Sports program kicks off next Friday the 8th of February. Your child would have brought home a notice that entailed all the sporting events for the term. There will be a small fee to cover the cost of the bus hire for the away games that will be played in various local schools. Apple Mini’s have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive by late Term 1. There will be an information night with Mr Troy Taylor (LN2) who will be hosting the event regarding the usage of Apple Mini’s in the next coming weeks. Please stay tuned for more information on the Apple Mini’s, very exciting times are ahead!

Hats are to be worn over Term 1. It is essential that our students are protected from the harsh UV rays and heat from the sun. This is not an issue to ignore. We must encourage our students to be wearing the appropriate school hat, which can be purchased at the school office. If you have any concerns regarding this issue, please contact Daniel Montalto (LN3 Leader).

Student Response: Let’s Face the Facts:

For maths this week we worked out in Ms Halton’s class what the facts were about school this year: 4 Terms, 41 weeks, 200 days, 1,400 hours, 80,000 minutes, We are ready!

To all our families from LN3, please come and say hello to the staff as we would love to hear from you and support you throughout the year.

LN3 Teachers: Wendy Cecchini, Lisa Halton, Jan Vella, Clint Youliden and Daniel Montalto

BOOK CLUB

Welcome to the Term 1 Book Club. Order forms were given to students this week. If you would like to order any books or items please fill out the order form with your child’s name and class written clearly. All orders should be placed, with correct money, in an envelope or snap lock bag and given to the class teacher.

ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY

Thursday 14th February 2013

Thankyou
Jan Vella

Starts this week

Valley Kids Playgroup
Play and Learn
Meet other families
Children 0-5 years

Calendar:

February

Friday 7
Interschool Sport
LN3 Students
Campbellfield Heights P.S

Thursday 14
Milo Cricket on BVPS Oval
3.30pm—4.30pm

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Serena G
Richard T

For more information visit www.bvps.vic.edu.au
Hi Students & Parents, welcome to the new school year.

Looking for something fun to do whilst learning new skills at the same time, then ‘Milo In2Cricket’ is for you!

Once again we will be running the ‘Milo In2Cricket Program’ over two terms [1 & 4] each Thursday night after school from 3.30pm to 4.45pm.

Term 1 Starting Date: Thursday 14th February
Cost: $20 per participant [Covers Term 1 & Term 4]

What Do You Receive?
- Back Pack
- Cricket Bat & Ball
- Milo Sachet
- Milo In2Cricket Shirt
- Expert coaching from ‘Accredited Coaches’

All coaches have ‘Working with Children’ accreditation

How to Register: At the school’s office

Ps THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS to all those participants [see list adjacent] who enrolled in our first ‘Milo In2Cricket Program’, we hope you had lots of fun and enjoyed your Movie Voucher from Santa.

Ps Those participants who weren’t able to join us at our Xmas Break-Up Session or participated in our Term 1 but not our Term 4 program, we will make arrangements through the school for you to receive your voucher in the next few weeks.

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JACANA CRICKET CLUB ‘PINK STUMPS FAMILY DAY’
@ Jacana Reserve SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2013
Raising Funds for the
McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurse Program
11am to 5pm
Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Ladies Luncheon,
Sausage Sizzle, T20 Match, Raffle’s + other activities
Check our Website & Facebook Page for all details

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Taylah Hocking
Sorena Briannen
Sam Briannen
Hamzah Rafiq
Kailin Bollard
Jack Gregory
Bendan Jackson
Renee Jackson
Michael Hume
Joel Arnold
Rikhugh Mackey
Christopher Dangerfield
Olivia McGorrery
Owen Sanford
Latrell Mumbler-Annalie
Stefano Valeri
Devante Mumbler-Annalie
Nicholas Gickasos
Tyrone Ellis
Noah O’Neill - Cates