Hello Broadmeadows Valley

I hope this week’s edition of the Valley View finds you and your family happy and well.

As principal, I am committed to ensuring that everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity. Our school expects all employees, students, parents and visitors in the school to act accordingly. I am responsible for the welfare and safety of all students and staff at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. We encourage parents to contact the school to discuss any matters that relate to their child’s education. This is normally done by contacting the office and arranging a meeting with school leadership personnel or your child’s Learning Neighbourhood Leader at a mutually convenient time and place.

However, if it is brought to our attention that a member of the school community or any individual for that matter behaves in an unreasonable, disrespectful and is unacceptable manner on school grounds we will act promptly to address this issue. The authorities will be immediately contacted and we will act to ensure that those individuals are dealt with to the full extent of the law. **Unlawful behaviour will not be tolerated at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School.**

In Victoria, education is compulsory for every child between the ages of 6 and 17. At Broadmeadows Valley Primary School, your child is expected to attend normal school hours (between 9.00am and 3.30pm) every school day of each term. It is important for all children to develop regular attendance habits at an early age. School attendance will help your child successfully develop social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork, communication skills and healthy self-esteem. Students who regularly miss school are at risk of missing out on learning the basic building blocks of each subject and may experience long term difficulties with their learning. If you have concerns about your child’s attendance, contact their primary school.

Unfortunately, even at this early stage in the year, we are finding increases in the incidence of students that are arriving **late to school or are absent without satisfactory reasons.** Lateness is particularly difficult to deal with as the student misses out on very valuable chunks of learning in the morning. Often these children are missing out on the **School Breakfast Club** and become tired, distressed, hungry and disconnected. Please ensure that you have your child at school at the appropriate time. It is the law.

In other news, the much anticipated 2013 **BVPS Adult Learning Hub** will commence on the on the 13th, 14th and 15th of March. To begin with, we will be offering **Computer Training and English Language Classes.** If you or anyone you know are interested please see the friendly staff at the office.

**BROADMEADOWS VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**
Commence Monday March 4
**FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW NEXT WEEK**
**You can make a difference!**

Sincerely,

Andrew Jones
Healthy foods equals healthy brains! That has been the focus for our learning on the brain this week. Some students think that if they eat a healthy balanced diet, it means they’re healthy. These two things are definitely not the same! Grade 1/2s have been learning about the food groups and how important it is to have a healthy balanced diet and how making good food choices helps with learning. Along the same theme, our preps created a healthy plate of food, colouring and pasting food choices onto a paper plate, highlighting all the great foods they can eat to keep them healthy and ready for learning.

During reading sessions students have been using the pictures in books to help work out the author’s meaning. Combining visual clues with the words helps a young mind piece together what the word could be. When listening to your child read at home ask them to use the picture clues if they get stuck on a word and always encourage them to look at every picture. Great beginner readers will often use this skill.

The focus letter in prep this week is the letter T – “no time to talk to the tiniest about their tell with the letter T”! The students have been listening and responding to ‘The Big Toe’, a fun story that focuses on the letter t. They have begun reading in groups and should now be bringing books back and forth between home and school every day. Thanks again to all the LNI parents who have been supporting their child with this very critical component of their learning.

In maths we are continuing to focus on number with lots of work being done in helping students understand the place value of two digit numbers. You can also help with this at home just by playing a simple game with a deck of cards. Use the Ace to 9 cards from a standard deck of cards. Each player takes it in turn to draw two cards. They then have to make a 2 digit number with their cards. When all players have done this roll a dice and if an even number has been rolled the player with the highest number wins, if it is an odd number on the dice then the player with the lowest number wins.

Enjoy your weekend!

LNI team - Jodie, Beth, Karen, Marja, Roh & Rosie.

LNI NEWSLETTER
Books! Books! Books! The students have begun sorting out the books in our Neighbourhood Library in order to create a workable and inviting library environment. There have been many suggestions as to how the books should be sorted. The students have classified books according to the author (for example, Roald Dahl) and series of texts, such as Tashi and Grenville Stanton. From here, we will look at how to store the books and decide on what new books we would like to add to the library.

Nicole’s Literacy Group have started to focus on Roald Dahl, the author. The group have had wonders about what his life was like and what inspired him to write. The wonders will be investigated over the next couple of weeks.

Mathletics passwords have been set up and the students can access tasks and activities at home. Our focus this term is place value and telling the time on analogue and digital clocks.

Mathletics website: www.mathletics.com

Have a good weekend!

LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD
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News Around The Clock!
There was an amazing turn out on Monday night for the Ipad Mini’s information night. The session was a fantastic opportunity for all parents to be updated with the new program and how the new technology will enhance their child’s learning. A reminder, the lease forms must be returned signed and dated correctly. If any parents did not attend the session, are encouraged to visit Troy and I in LNI next week either on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 3:30 – 4:00pm.

Today, the Young Leaders for 2013 attended the Annual Young Leader’s Conference with Ms Rosie Strawes and Miss Lisa Halton at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The event was reported to be a great success. The Young Leaders returned to school with valued and inspirational knowledge.

For enrichment, the brain investigation is well underway. Last week, the students got to experience a Lamb’s brain. The experience was optional as not all students attended the dissection of the brain. However the students that did investigate the brain were amazed with the colour and texture of it. The language experience was ‘gold’, the curiosity and questions that came from the session were informative.

Independent reading is a high priority in LNI this year. The neighbourhood library is going through an upgrade in the coming weeks. B.V.P.S has committed extra funds to purchase new shelving, books and couches for the library. Students and teachers are currently re-organising their books.

We all know the importance to read each day, not only it expands our vocabulary but it is FUN. We have an expectation for our students to develop a love for reading. Through-out the weeks, our students will be learning the correct behaviours of uninterrupted independent reading.

We are encouraging students to read at home for at least 30 minutes a night and to share their reading and thoughts about the book to you.

LNI3 Teachers: Wendy Cecchin, Lisa Halton, Jan Vella, Claret, Youlun and Daniel Montalto

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
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Do you know about the SchoolKids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefited from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The SchoolKids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationary, uniforms, school fees or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
Notice Board

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

A 'No Parking' sign means that drivers must not stop in the area indicated by the sign unless they are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods. While stopped drivers are not permitted to leave the vehicle unattended, which means they must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle. The driver must complete their task and drive on within two minutes.

Drivers with a disabled parking permit may stop for twice the allowed time.

Penalty $28

A driver must not stop in the area shown by the arrows on the sign, even if they are picking up or dropping off passengers. Similarly, drivers must not stop along sections of road marked with a continuous yellow edge line, where older 'No Standing' signs are being phased out, but they have the same meaning as 'No Stopping'.

Penalty $141

No stopping on a children's crossing or
Within 20 metres before or
Within 10 metres after a child's crossing
You cannot proceed through the crossing until all people are off the crossing.

Penalty $141

Not to stop within 20 metres before or within 10 metres after a sign indicating a bus stop.

Penalty $85

You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb

Penalty $85

We all understand that pick up and drop off times around schools are very busy.
Do the right thing be aware and be patient.
Signs are placed around school precincts to protect our kids.
Police will enforce breaches of the road rules.
A message from your local police.

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