Hello BVPS

Welcome to week 6 of our 9 week first term.

I am happy to report that we are continuing to see high levels of success with our new students. Most have settled in very well indeed. Starting a new school is almost always an exciting time for young people and their families; however it can also be a difficult time as well.

In the event that you believe your child is having difficulty settling in at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School, there are some things that you can do to support them and intervene in an effective and proven way.

As a parent, you are the person most responsible for your child’s wellbeing. Every parent wants to see their child doing well and every parent should know how to read the signs that lets them know that their child is truly engaged and connected to school and their friends. The first response needs to be a conversation between yourself and your child. Be calm and reassuring. Let them know that they have people around them that care for them and that they can trust. We recommend that parents then contact their child’s Learning Neighbourhood Leader. The Learning Neighbourhood Leader will then engage the appropriate support staff if and when required.

Those staff may include our Social Worker, Brigitte Walker, Psychologist Tom Noble, our Wellbeing Coordinator, Michelle Reid and of course our School Leadership Team.

Students that do require additional support can have a Student Support Plan (SSP) developed which strives to implement a series of responses to re-engage your child and return them to a pathway of quality learning.

The Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Council is now open for nominations. Please enquire at the school office if you are interested in joining the School Council. Meetings will be at 7:00pm every month for 8 times a year. Details below

Kind regards,
Andrew Jones

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**An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of**

**BROADMEADOWS VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 19th/3rd/2013, (insert date and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 22nd/3rd/2013, (insert date and year)

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

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Mr. Andrew Jones
Principal
Broadmeadows Primary School were offered the wonderful opportunity to visit a number of schools in Auckland to learn more about ways to teach within a cross-cultural context. We are really looking forward to hearing more about this on their return.

Don’t forget book bags need to be brought back to school every day so students can change their home reading books.

Have a fabulous long weekend!

Jodie, Rosie, Marjila, Karen, Beth, Rob and Laura

Learning Neighbourhood 2

This week in our ‘Brainiacs’ unit the students started working in teams to create their very own brain using paper mache. In Learning Neighbourhood 2, all of our students have been focusing on procedural texts. A procedural text consists of a set of steps or instructions that inform the reader on how to do something. In groups of three and four, students followed their procedural text and started creating their paper mache brain using a balloon, newspaper strips and paper mache mix. Once each group had applied several layers they will begin painting and labelling the main parts of their brain.

In the past week our students took the next step in redesigning and organising our Learning Neighbourhood Library. Each home group were set the task of sorting and categorising a collection of books. 3/4C were in charge of sorting all of our current novels, 3/4C looked at our picture story books and 3/4S sorted all of our information books. The next step will be getting all of these books shelved and displayed in our library in a convenient fashion for our students. After this we will be looking at purchasing a large range of new literature to be added to the library.

There has been a big focus in Learning Neighbourhood 2 and across Broadmeadows Valley Primary School on the consistent attendance of our students. This week we had 3/4 home group have all of their students in attendance for five days in a row. Already this year there has been some great stories of students who have dramatically increased their attendance from 2012 to 2013. If your child is absent, please contact the school and let us know of the child’s absence and their anticipated day of return. As well as absences we are also focussing on students who are frequently late for school.

We would also like to reiterate to our parent community that our main focus in 2013 for homework is home reading. The expectation is that every child will read at home for around 30 minutes every night of the week. One of the necessities when reading a book is to be in a comfortable place so it is important that your child has a location at home that is comfortable, quiet and ideal for reading. If your child does not already have their ‘reading spot’ then this would be a great exercise to do with your child.

Have a great weekend!

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

LN3

Congratulations and well done to all those students who have been freezing their water bottle for school as it makes a huge difference to how well you cope with the weather.

This week’s curriculum has been very broad everything from researching Rene Descartes, who was a 17th Century mathematician and philosopher. Rene Descartes is responsible for the scientific notation of exponents, using z, y, or a,b,c in algebra and the x quad co-ordinate system. He also quite famously said “Je pense alors je suis”, which many of us have learnt how to say and translate into English. “I think, therefore I am”. Many of us have also made models of the brain with plastacine and identified many of the parts and some brain functions.

Interschool Sport on today was a training day, so we are all ready for next week’s match, hopefully in much cooler weather!

Finally, we have help 3 afterschool sessions to explain the ipad program and the legal contracts that need to be completed by parents. It is essential that these contracts and the payment is made ASAP. For those families with EPA $30 can be credited to your EPA account and the balance paid in cash.

Enjoy the public holiday Monday, see you on Tuesday LN3

BOOK CLUB

Welcome to the Term 1 second 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 Friday 15th March 2013

Thank you
Jan Vella

Glenroy Tennis Club, Ash Court, Glenroy
Monday 8th April & Tuesday 9th April
9:30 am – 11:30 am, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
(or enrol both)

* Have Fun * Make Friends
* Play Tennis * Games and Activities * Ball Machine
* Food, Snacks and Drinks * Games and Activities
* Learn new skills * Prizes and Certificates

$15 for a two hour session. Discounts apply if sign up for extra sessions

To reserve your spot contact Cara on:
0410 286 786,
carbesch@yahoo.com

Calendar:
March
Tuesday 12
Active After School Program
Basketball
3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 13
Active After School Program
Volleyball
3.30pm – 4.30pm

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

Friday 15
Interschool Sport
LN3 Students
Home-Meadows Primary School

Happy Birthday to the following students:
Serena V
Fatma A
Abdul Aziz A
Aysha A
Owen S
Virginia K

For more information visit www.bvps.vic.edu.au
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 children’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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