Greeting and salutations one and all
Welcome once again to The Valley View. Where the views of the valley are shared and valued. For those of you that are not regular readers of this fine publication, I urge you to make some time every week to immerse yourself in the goings on at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. We have regular contributions from all areas of the schools operations and weekly updates from your child’s Learning Neighbourhood.

This year we have seen a spike in the numbers of children accessing the BVPS Breakfast club. This is great news. It is nice to see this ‘free’ service being utilised the way it was always intended. Nutritionists and education experts regularly remind us of the value of a balanced nutritious breakfast. We are finding however that more and more students are arriving too late. The service ends at 8:50am.

I would like to remind all students that participate I breakfast club to be there before 8:50am. I would like to thank Linda and the team for their wonderful work.

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School is committed to ensuring that children between the ages of 0 and 5 are exposed to high quality learning opportunities. We know how important a great start to learning is. BVPS currently hosts 5 playgroups in the Dimboola Early Learning and Care Centre. Our flagship playgroup Valley Kids operates 9:30am to 11:00am on Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s in the Dimboola Early Learning and Care Centre during all school terms. Amanda Bricknell and Ebtesam Yehia facilitate the program on alternate days. We have a strong cultural mix and very healthy numbers with up to 20 participants in each of the sessions. Other playgroups operating at BVPS include

BOORAIS - Aboriginal Playgroup on Tuesday from 12:30pm – 2pm
Mother Goose – song, story and rhyme group also on Tuesday’s from 2:15pm until 3:25pm
English & Play 4 Us! – English language skills playgroup
“Young and a Mum Playgroup” – for young parents and their children to meet and socialise runs on Monday’s from 10:30am until 12pm

As next week is the final week of school please note that term 1 end on Thursday, March 28 at 2:00pm. There will not be an assembly due to the Goof Friday public holiday.

Until next week,

Andrew Jones

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Next Week
THURSDAY March 28 @ 2:00pm
This week and next week in LN1 we are continuing with a focus on ‘visualising’ as a strategy for reading. Students are learning that thoughtful readers make mental images in their head about the text they are reading. Teachers in our team believe that ‘visualising’ is an essential reading skill that helps the children make meaning from the books they read.

Crawling caterpillars and crunchy corn have been the highlight of preps this week! With a focus on the letter ‘C’ children had many hands on learning experiences from real life caterpillars to eating popping corn! “Corn cobs look like rockets!” “Corn cobs have triangles on the top!” were just some of the wonderful sentences our preps came up with to describe their experience.

Maths learning for grade 1/2 continues to focus on the place value of numbers and lots of work being done on the ‘teen’ numbers and the ‘by’ numbers (20, 30, 40 etc.). In prep, students have been making pictures about eye colour and the number of people in their families.

A big thanks to all our prep parents who made their interview times with their child’s teacher on Wednesday. This was a wonderful opportunity to exchange information about the best ways to help your child with their learning and helps set them up to continue having a successful start to their school year.

**TWO BIG, FRIENDLY REMINDERS:**

If you need to collect your child early from school please realise that our teachers are still working with their class and are not available to talk to you about your child’s day. They are always happy to make an appointment or catch up with you prior to school starting or after 3:30pm.

Home reading is critical to the success of your child’s learning, please make sure that they are returning and swapping their books daily.

**Learning Neighbourhood 2**

Over the past couple of weeks our students have continued to develop their writer’s notebooks. The writer’s notebook is a student-driven writing book where students only write about things they are passionate about and have a connection with. One of the activities students did last week and this was to create a Heart Map. The Heart Map comes in the shape of a heart and is divided into seven different areas. Students then list, illustrate and decorate each area on people, places or events that are important to them e.g. family, or a hobby/interest or pets. From each section students then list up to 10 different ideas for writing pieces under each section. Already, this gives the student up to 70 writing ideas about things that they are interested in.

As part of our students focus on persuading, students used their Writer’s Notebook to come up with 10 things that annoy them the most. Again, there are now opportunities for our students when they start writing to persuade to choose from this list and write about something they are passionate about. So far our students have been having lots of oral language activities that focus on being able to put forward an opinion and then justify why they have that viewpoint by giving examples and using evidence.

All of our students should have now received a Premiers’ Reading Challenge note. We would like all students in Learning Neighbourhood 2 to participate in this challenge in 2013 and ask all our students to return these to school as soon as possible. Once the challenge has started students will be able to log on to the website and enter the books as they read them. As part of our big push for reading this year we are heavily encouraging all of our students to participate in the challenge. Students are required to read 15 books from the Reading Challenge list before September which we would anticipate all of our students will do anyway.

**Did you know?**

Students who read:

- 67.3 minutes per day read 4,733,000 words per year
- 33.4 minutes per day read 2,357,000 words per year
- 16.9 minutes per day read 1,168,000 words per year
- 9.2 minutes per day read 601,000 words per year
- 4.3 minutes per day read 251,000 words per year
- 1 minute per day read 51,000 words per year

(Calendar: March)

**Tuesday 26**
Active After School Program
Basketball
3:30pm—4:30pm

**Wednesday 27**
Active After School Program
Volleyball
3:30pm—4:30pm

**Thursday 28**
Last day of Term 1
School dismissed at 2:00pm

There will be no Milo Cricket Thursday 28

Happy Birthday to the following students:

- Justin K
- Hawrank E
- Chris R
- Amber R
- Sorena B
- Sami A
- Cheyanne J
- Helen A
- Rah F

For more information visit www.bvps.vic.edu.au
Notice Board

**When:** Wednesday, March 27\(^{th}\) 2013

**What:** Come to school with the CRAZY hair!

**How:** Gold coin donation

**Why:** To raise money for the Good Friday Appeal

BVPS will be raising money to help support the Royal Children’s Hospital by making a donation to the Good Friday Appeal. We ask that all students and teachers use their creativity to create a CRAZY hairstyle! Don’t forget to bring a gold coin donation to help us raise money for this great cause.

Valley Kids

Playgroup

Play and Learn

Meet other families

Children 0-5 years

**When:** Every Tuesday and Wednesday

**Time:** 9.30am - 11am

**Where:** Dimboola Early Learning and Care Centre

**Starts:** Tuesday 5\(^{th}\) Feb 2013

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Dear Parents,

The Good Friday Appeal is a fundraising activity that brings together people from all parts of the community in a very special way. The common goal is to raise money for The Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School believes it is important to get involved and support this event.

In order to raise money we will be having a CRAZY HAIR DAY with a gold coin donation.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 27th

**HOW:** GOLD COIN DONATION

Please help us support the Good Friday Appeal and make a contribution to this worthwhile cause!

Young Leaders
Broadmeadows Valley Primary School