Welcome back to Broadmeadows Valley as term 2 begins.

It's great to see everyone return safe and well from the term break this week. Students appear enthusiastic to be back with friends, classmates and teachers and I know that the teachers and support staff have been very busy preparing the learning for the students this term.

As I have mentioned previously, term 2 sees a number of staffing changes. Mr Daniel Montalto is currently on leave and enjoying the arrival on his 2 beautiful babies Scarlett and Jayden. He is being replaced in Learning Neighbourhood 3 by our very own Mori Milholland. Mori has had lots of experience teaching both in Australia and abroad. We welcome her talents and very strong contributions. Mr Julian Tovey or ‘Mr Music’ as he is sometimes known is on 4 weeks of personal leave and the Studio Arts Team is now joined by Elly Kouroumalis in his absence. Elly is already having a very positive impact on the program.

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School has a strong commitment to the use of computers and ICT in all our learning programs. A fine example of this can be seen in Learning Neighbourhood 3 where our year 5 and 6 students are in charge of their very own Apple iPad which they use at relevant and useful times in their learning at both home and at school. BVPS recognises that computers can be a very valuable tool for learning but they also require an important obligation from parents, teachers and students to ensure the safe and appropriate use of this technology.

Our school has a comprehensive policy for appropriate and acceptable computer and internet use which can be provided to interested members of our community upon request at the school office. We also provide training to our students and insist that students sign a use agreement. While at school, students do not have access to prohibited websites.

As many of you know, Facebook and other such social networking sites have become increasingly popular over recent years. It is likely that many of the students at our school have had experience with social networking and internet communication in one way or another. While at school, our students do not have access to Facebook as the Department of Education recommends preventing access from public school networks.

Many people do not realise that to have a Facebook account you must be at least 13 years of age.

As parents and responsible adults it is our responsibility to ensure that our children are safe and free from the exposure to inappropriate material and interactions. To find out more about cyber safety, please visit this government webpage http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/ or ask your child’s Learning Neighbourhood Leader for direction.

And finally, I would like to remind members of our community that the consumption and use of alcohol, tobacco products and illicit substances is prohibited in all Victorian Government School at all times. Please be reminded that BVPS has external Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for the monitoring of our learning community.

We are striving to create the safest and most secure school we possibly can. Please ensure that you do your best to make this happen. If you witness dangerous, suspicious or threatening behaviour at our school at any time, day or night, please report it directly to the school office so that we can follow it up with the proper authorities.

Be safe and well,
Andrew Jones
LN1 News!

Students in LN1 have done themselves, their parents and their teachers proud this week by their immediate transition back into learning after the two week break. All the teachers were quick to note how well rested and settled the children were and a great week of learning was had by all! Wonderful whipper-snappers worked well with words this week! Preps have been focusing on the letter ‘W’. Their big book was the old favourite ‘Mrs Wishy Washy’. You may like to go on a ‘W’ word hunt throughout your home with your child to explore words that begin with this week’s focus letter.

The grade 1/2s have been revising visualisation skills in reading and will be doing lots of work with predicting over the coming week. A prediction is an educated guess about something that will come later in the text. The Predict Strategy is a simple but powerful way to help students connect what they know with what they are reading. When reading with your child at home, before reading ask your child what they think will happen in the book? During reading ask them what do you think will happen next? and have them explain their response. After reading ask your child what might happen if the story was to go longer?

This term we are lucky enough to have fourteen Year 7 students from Hume Secondary College working with our grade 1/2 students during the writing session on Mondays. This is a wonderful opportunity for our kids to connect with an older buddy who will assist them with their writing skills.

In maths students are beginning to develop or extend further their addition and subtraction skills, which will compliment and add on to the place value work they covered in Term 2.

Our school’s enrichment topic this term has a focus on sustainability. The title of the unit in LN1 is ‘Taking Care of the Earth Together’. Students will be working to develop the understanding that we need to work together to sustain the Earth’s resources, and that sustainability means living within the resources of the planet without damaging the environment now or in the future. We have a big and exciting term of learning ahead of us!!

Learning Neighbourhood 2

A big welcome back to all of our students and families of Learning Neighbourhood! We hope that your children had an enjoyable and restful holiday break.

It was great to see all of our students so keen and eager to be back in the learning space and straight back into the learning.

In English, students transitioned from their persuasive oral language experiences in Term 1 into looking at how to now write a persuasive text. This week students have been exposed to persuasive texts and focused on the structure of a text. Teachers have been modellng the start of the writing process for a persuasive text: gathering ideas, planning and drafting. Last term our students generated a Top 10 List of things that annoy them and have now chosen their Number 1! This will now form the topic for their first persuasive writing piece.

Move over Masterchef & My Restaurant Rules. The students of Learning Neighbourhood 2 are in the process of organizing a ‘Juice, Sandwich and Sweet Bar’ as part of a mathematics project. Students are分为 small groups to make an item by sourcing ingredients, pricing and adding their costs, sticking to a budget and then aiming to make a profit when they sell their items at their very own store!

During Term 1 our students started investigating the structure and functions of the human brain. During this term and throughout the remainder of the year this will continue to be a focus of the term. Students are being encouraged and more brain-based learning will take place.

However, this term our students will also be looking at sustainability in their unit, ‘Taking Care of the Earth Together’. Over the first several weeks of the Term our students will be exposed to how we can sustain energy, water, waste and biodiversity. During the second half of the term is when our students will have the opportunity to choose an area of sustainability that interests them and have the opportunity to participate in an action-based project.

In the coming weeks students from year 3 will be participating in their first ever NAPLAN testing. Over three days students will be tested on mathematics, reading, writing and language conventions. These tests will take place in Week 5 between Tuesday 14th May – Thursday 16th May.

From all the staff in Learning Neighbourhood 2 we look forward to a hard-working and enjoyable Term 2!

LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3

Welcome to the beginning of Term 2. We are all very happy campers in LN3 the iPads are online and active. We are continually exploring ways to make purposeful links to the curriculum and encourage the students to find apps and other online material to share with their peers and the teachers.

The Cross Country event will be held next Friday and more information regarding who will attend will be given to the students by MR Clint Youliden. As this week was our last game of the Summer Sport season we will be undergoing tryouts over the next 2 Fridays for winter sports – Touch Rugby, European Handball, Netball and soccer. If any parents are able to support the students in training sessions please contact Lisa Halton.

The 2014 Year 7 Transition forms went home on Wednesday. These forms need to be returned before May 17th 2013. If you have any questions regarding this application please don’t hesitate to contact us to arrange a time to complete the form.

GRADE 6 TRANSITION: Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College will hold information sessions for 2014 Year 7 students on Tuesday 30th April at 11am Wednesday 1st May at 7pm Thursday 2nd May at 11am.

Reminders:

- Volley ball and Basketball tops need to be washed and returned to Mr Youlden and Mrs Cecchin A.S.A.P. If your child has lost the uniform you will be asked to pay for the replacement clothing.

- Lead. Think. Seek.

- Crazy Hair Day 2013

It was a HUGE success! Not only was the school filled with colourful and crazy hairstyles, but we raised a magnificent $350 for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Thanks to everyone for your support and contribution in raising money for this very worthwhile cause.

An extra special thank you to the Magok family for their very generous donation.

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Young Leaders.

Calendar:

March

Friday 19
Interschool Sport
LN3 Students
Coolaroo South
Primary School

Tuesday 23
Active After School Program
Soccer
3:30pm-4:30pm

Wednesday 24
Active After School Program
Touch Rugby
3:30pm-4:30pm

Thursday 2 May
AFL Auskick 2012
Jacana AFL Program on oval
3:40pm-4:40pm

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Ellias
Christopher D
Lani

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

Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.

First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!

For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland

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