Hello Broadmeadows Valley

It is with great excitement that I can announce the upcoming Victorian Education Week celebrations at Broadmeadows Valley.

This year’s festivities will be running from the 20th until the 24th of May and promises to have something for everyone. Some examples of activities that will run include:

- family tree planting
- the ‘famous’ open day of learning event
- family play-based learning activities
- family FITT

Families that would like their children to be involved in after school sport are encouraged to do so at BVPS. Please see our friendly office staff for the range of wonderful organised programs on offer. For example BVPS runs Auskick, Milo Cricket and Net Set Go so our children have the very best opportunity to develop their skills and fitness through sport.

On a related note, I would like to congratulate all our Year 5 and 6 competitors and their coaches on their wonderful performances in the district interschool sport competition this year so far. Our teams have performed very well indeed with Basketball and Volleyball making the finals. Well done to all.

We will provide further details in upcoming week’s editions of the Valley View.

The annual BVPS Mother’s day stall will be held next Friday. Families and children are encouraged to come along and buy an awesome great value gift for Mum on her special day.

As I have mentioned in previous weeks editions of The Valley View, May and June are very busy times for all teachers and school leadership teams across Victoria as they prepare and write the student mid-year reports. These reports are vitally important documents which give parents and students a very accurate indication of the child’s learning progress. Teachers indicate areas for future improvement and parents and students are also encouraged to contribute to the content of these records. The reports will be going home to families on June 18. A 3-way student led conference, similar to early this term, is planned for June 22. At this time, parents and families can gain further clarification on how their child is progressing and also be made aware of specific ways in which they can support and encourage their child’s academic development at home.

Until next time,

Andrew Jones

BROADMEADOWS VALLEY
MOTHER’S DAY STALL
FRIDAY THE 10TH OF MAY
MULTI-PURPOSE HALL
STARTING AT 9.30AM

ALL GIFTS WILL BE PRICED FROM $1.50--$3.50
**LNI News!**

Students across the neighbourhood have been learning about oral health and hygiene. There were lots of bright smiles from the kids after the props and the big 'brush off on Tuesday! This tied in with some great procedure writing about 'how to brush your teeth' and some sequencing work in maths, allowing students to make connections between what they are learning across the curriculum.

'Gushing duties danced dreamily daily this week in Prep - really they waddled like ducks! The reading focus this week was on the letter 'D'. Students have also been very excited about their new classroom library. They became very involved in the selection of books for class independent reading time, choosing three books each; one at their reading level, one above and one for pleasure. This followed on some work about 'what and why we read and what good readers do'.

Grade 1/2s had their first enrichment session with the pre-service teachers from Victoria University this week. The lessons were hands on and explored things such as natural and processed foods, sorting and categorising man-made and natural objects. The students were highly engaged in the learning and this linked in well with their sensory walk to the school's wetlands.

Over the coming weeks LNI will be doing lots of work on creating classroom libraries. Students will be involved in this process and the new look libraries will become a major part of the literacy learning in LNI... stay tuned. A note went home this week about our upcoming whole neighbourhood excursion to CERES Environment Park. This excursion will involve pre and post classroom lessons and will form a major part of the curriculum this term. Therefore, it is critical that all our students have the opportunity to attend. If you have any queries about the excursion please see your child's home group teacher or speak to Jodie, the Neighbourhood Leader.

What a full and engaging week of learning!

**LNI teachers – Jodie, Rob, Karen, Rosie, Marlija & Beth**

**Learning Neighbourhood 2**

This week in Learning Neighbourhood 2 was our Juice, Sandwich and Sweet Bar Maths Project. Earlier in the week students took their shopping lists and opportunity to walk up to Woolworths where they purchased all of their ingredients.

This week our students were introduced to their very own Learning Neighbourhood 2 Playbox. The Playbox is full of over 50 different objects that students are encouraged to take into the playground on some days and use however they'd like to. The concept comes from play-based learning and encourages students to participate in imaginative play in groups.

In our sustainability unit, 'Taking Care of the Earth Together,' our students have started turning their attention to waste. Students have started categorising the different types of waste and will also look at where all of our waste goes after it hits the rubbish bin. In our Learning Neighbourhood we currently have several VISTY paper recycling bins and now we also have 2 additional paper/plastic recycling bins. Students will be great to let us know what message this term during our sustainability unit to reduce, reuse and recycle.

We are extremely fortunate to have five Pre-Service Teachers working on the floor with us every Wednesday. This is an opportunity for them to work with students and teachers in a school environment. It is also fantastic for our students as they have additional support for their learning. There will also be some weeks throughout the year where the Pre-Service teachers are here for a whole week!

Have a great weekend.

**LNI2 Team**

**LNI3**

Mr Youdlin took the Basketball team to their finals match on Friday which the won. We know that they would have played exceptionally well and represent us with pride. A BIG Congratulations to our Basketball Team.

Mrs Cecchini will take the Volleyball Team to the Finals next Friday in the gymnasium at BVPS. The volleyball final was cancelled today due to bad weather.

A focus of this week has been taking greater responsibility for own learning. This has included active participation and contributing to class discussions. Another aspect of this responsibility development included personal stationary and monitoring work books. We have had many students loss and destroy their stationary supplies and we are now asking students to replace their pens, pencils and pencil cases as they have been given multiple replacements.

**BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Jerry and Kaea who have been selected to try-out for the basketball teams. We wish them well and are very pleased to see our students achieving in many different ways.**

**GRADE 6 TRANSITION are due to Miss Halton by NEXT FRIDAY (10th May).**

**Reminders:**

Premiers Reading Challenge has begun however there are lots of students in LNI3 who have not yet returned their consent forms. Please get these to Jan Vella ASAP.

Permission forms for the QUANTUM excursion are due back by May 10th.

**Lead. Think. Seek.**

**LNI3**

**LOST PROPERTY**

We are starting to build up quite a collection of student uniforms in our Learning Neighbourhoods. With the majority of the items being student jumpers. It would be great if all uniforms were clearly marked with the students names on them.

**Attendance Initiative**

The weekly winner for the five day attendance prize last Friday was Remi Nicol of 3/4 G. Congratulations Remi. A great Broadmeadows Valley Primary School team member. Make sure you attend every day next week to be in the draw.

**NET SET GO**

**NET SET GO** will be held every Wednesday lunch time for the next six weeks. This Program will also be ran on a Thursday afternoon from 3.30-4.30. It will be held on the basketball court or in the gymnasium depending on the weather. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn and practice their netball skills.

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