Hello everyone,

We're really moving through an exciting term of learning and keeping our students engaged to ensure that all available time is spent on challenging their young minds in different ways.

I regularly receive positive feedback from our families around the experiences of their children, the work of our teachers or celebrating the achievements of our school.

The teachers at Broadmeadows Valley are continually refining their skills and updating their knowledge to reflect current and effective teaching practices. We have the wonderful support of our coaches who facilitate and support this learning. Teachers work collaboratively within the neighbourhoods to ensure that all student needs are catered for.

Term 2 is where we formally engage in conversations with parents via our Reporting to parents program. You will be invited to attend this very important appointment to discuss the progress your child and how parents can assist

has made so far this year. This is an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to come together and share informed judgements about the student learning. We encourage you to accept this invitation to come and share in this purposeful meeting with your child's teacher.

Next week is NAPLAN testing week - we do highlight to our students the importance of the testing and 'doing their best'. The NAPLAN is not only a personal record of achievement on 'one day', but also provides data to state and federal governments around the literacy and numeracy levels of our students. It also provides feedback to our teachers and helps us determine where we place resources and programs to support the learning of our students. NAPLAN is happening next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for Years 3 and 5 students. Parents program. You will be received a letter and pamphlet giving more detailed information about the testing

Education Week will take place on the 20th - 24th of May. We will be celebrating what makes us great! A whole week of activities is currently being planned for students and parents. Education Week at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School will enable you to see a range of different programs that run throughout our school. These programs compliment the high quality teaching and learning that happens every day. A detailed schedule of events will reach your homes in the next week. We invite you to attend throughout the week and make BVPS the place to be!

Have a great weekend

Carmela

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Valley View

Broadmeadows
Valley PRIMARY SCHOOL
Next Weds 15th May students in LN1 have their big excursion to CERES Environment Park. Located on the banks of Merri Creek, CERES is a 4.5 hectare urban park that presents a working model of a sustainable community. All waste and water at CERES is recycled, and much of the energy is powered by solar and wind energy. Complete with examples of green technology in action, ecological building design, community enterprise, a cultural village, and beautiful mosaics and sculptures, CERES seeks to offer a new way of being to its visitors. As part of their preparation for the excursion, all of LN1 have watched ‘Ferntree Gully’ this week during enrichment time. This film explores the nature of habitat destruction and deforestation and has got our students wondering about the impact humans have on the natural environment. During the excursion we expect to learn about the other side, how humans can help save and enhance the natural environment, reducing the impact on all living things.

In maths this week students in gr 1/2 have been using addends to explore different addition problems, for example some students worked on the problem “how many ways could you make 50?” etc. Preps have been learning about ordinal numbers, they held a class race and students were placed in 1st, 2nd, 3rd positions etc. They also watched a video of a farmyard race and the P.E. program is working in with the prep teachers to continue the learning of this number concept.

For reading LN1 students are learning how to become strong independent readers. During the daily reading sessions they have been exploring ‘why we read, what we read and how to choose just right books’. Students are beginning to become more responsible learners and it is great to see them take an active role in choosing their own books. We will be involving them over the coming weeks in creating interesting and engaging classroom libraries.

The letter of the week in prep has been “P” “Precious prep placed positively in the playground” Time to go on a woodland hunt around the house, looking for objects that start with the letter “P”.

Gr 1/2 students worked in groups to plant alfalfa seeds on Tuesday, they used cotton balls and egg cartons. This learning experience allowed for a focus on procedure writing. Students used a graphic organiser to plan their writing and write what they did in sequential steps.

LN1 have had a terrific week of learning!

Jodie, Karen, Rob, Beth, Rosie and Marjia.

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This week the Year 3 students have been preparing themselves for next week's NAPLAN. They have been increasing their perseverance skills to help them prepare for the Four tests they will complete.

To assist your child for the NAPLAN tasks, and all learning at school, please ensure they have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. It is important they have the energy and stamina to complete the tasks to the best of their ability.

The Year 4 students have been working on individual projects in Maths. The students were required to plan a day's outing for their family. The project included tasks such as calculating the total cost for each family member to attend the venue, and create a graph to represent this data.

In Enrichment sessions, the students have been discovering what happens to waste once it has been put in the garbage bin or made its way into the oceans. All the students and staff are becoming more aware of the need to recycle and limit the amount of waste we have in the Learning Neighbourhood. The recycling bins are filling up with paper, cardboard and bottles.

All the students and staff would like to thank Elly Kourounides for her work in LN2 and the Studio Arts program for the past four weeks. Thanks Elly!

Have a great weekend.

LN2 Team

LN3

Our NAPLAN preparation is complete and we are confident that all the participating Grade 5 students have enough in their engines to be as successful as they can. We have talked about and practised elimination strategies, the power of positive self-talk and meditation techniques to manage natural feelings of frustration and confusion.

The Volleyball final was postponed last week due to poor weather conditions and the team played today at Cooloora South Primary School. The Volleyball Girls Team won both sets. We would like to congratulate our Girls Team on their fantastic sportsmanship and such a great effort all season. As always our team represented Broadmeadows Valley Primary School with great pride.

We have started thinking and planning lots of practical sustainable strategies that could be used at home and school. Over the next few weeks you will learn more about these projects such as composting, planting and paper recycling.

GRADE 6 TRANSITION are due to Miss Halton ASAP.

Reminders:

1. Premiers Reading Challenge has begun however there are lots of students in LN3 who have not yet returned their consent forms. Please get these to Jan Vella ASAP.

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

Lead, Think, Seek.

LN3

Attendance Initiative

The weekly winner for the five day attendance prize last Friday was Noah O’Neill Cates of 1/2. Congratulations Noah, a great Broadmeadows Valley Primary school team member.

Make sure you attend every day next week to be in the draw.

LOST PROPERTY

We are starting to build up a 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 uniform were clearly marked with the students names on them.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

We would like to wish all of our mothers and grandmothers and very Happy Mothers Day for this coming Sunday. We hope you all have a wonderful day with your families.

Calendar:

March

Tuesday 14
Active After School Program
Soccer
3.30pm–4.30pm

Wednesday 15
NET SET GO
Netball Program
Lunch Time
Active After School Program
Touch Rugby
3.30pm–4.30pm

Thursday 16
AFL Auskick 2012
Jacana AFL Program on oval
3.40pm–4.40pm
NET SET GO
Netball Program
3.30pm–4.30pm

Friday 17
Interschool Sport
LN3 Students
Campbellfield Heights Primary School

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Noah W
Charlie S
Miti T

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

NAPLAN TESTING

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students around Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in the annual National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

These tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process and compliment the ongoing assessments made by teaching teams at Broadmeadows Valley about each child’s learning.

The data gathered through this assessment process will be used to identify strengths and weaknesses in the teaching and learning programs and to assist teachers to set goals for literacy and numeracy learning. The information provides teachers with additional data to assist them to identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.

Your child’s NAPLAN report will be issued to you later in the year.

HOW CAN YOU HELP???

You can best assist your child during the testing period by ensuring that they are well rested, have a healthy breakfast to start the day and arrive at school on time. This will help them to begin the day in a calm and organized manner, ready to give their best effort to the tasks.