Dear parents

This is my first opportunity to speak to parents through the front page of the newsletter and I’m very honoured.

As well as telling all BVPS students and families what a great school and great staff we have, and that the safety and care of everyone is so important to us all, I’m going to mention some special events that have occurred this week. All of them should make our parents proud.

Our Koorie and Torres Strait Island students attended an event celebrating the launching of the Hume Reconciliation Action Plan at the indigenous gardens in Westmeadows. Seventeen students, Ms Halton and myself walked up and down some pretty steep hills to the gardens and participated in the opening ceremony, some cultural dancing, a bit of a play and a yummy barbecue lunch. Our students were well behaved and respectful at this important occasion, which included the Mayor of Hume, Koorie elders, respected local identities some students from Aitken College and us. Many adults came up to Lisa and myself, commenting on the excellent behaviour and attitude of all of our students. Well done BVPS.

As part of Education Week, 40 students from Learning Neighbourhood 2 were invited to the Melbourne Town Hall to see and hear a live interactive performance by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO). The orchestra was joined by the amazing ‘O Duo’ percussion group, who came all the way from the UK. This fantastic performance followed a school visit by two musicians from the MSO who came to our school to share their expertise, perform and answer student questions. In conjunction with our Studio Arts program, students learnt about the many different instruments of the orchestra, their families, the sounds they create and the different roles they play. It was an inspiring day for many, and BVPS would like to thank the MSO for continuing to providing our students with such wonderful learning opportunities.

At the time I am writing this, Learning Neighbourhood 2 are attending the Ceres Environmental Park, participating in an important excursion designed for us to continue our studies on sustainability and learn of more ways that we can make our planet a better place.

The BVPS school staff had a special morning tea on Wednesday and raised $170 for cancer research. One of our staff members Indra Mahoney organises this wonderful activity every year and staff, through the newsletter would like to acknowledge her commitment and thank her for her efforts. A very worthy cause.

National Reconciliation Week, is currently happening throughout Australia. This is an excellent forum to state that BVPS values the heritage of our Koorie and Torres Strait Island students along with the heritage of all families of the school. BVPS families participated in the "Walk to the G" last Saturday night and in the Federation Square activities. We have recently had an Indigenous morning tea attended by many local and community workers, we support an Indigenous playgroup in our Early Learning Centre, and will be holding a range of special activities and events during the year.

Lastly we welcome back from overseas next Monday our Assistant Principal Carmela Bianco. We’ve really missed her, so please greet her warmly if you see her around the school.

Michelle Reid
!Student Wellbeing Coordinator
LN1 News

Have you ever made dolls out of dough? Grade 1/2 students have. As teachers of young students we know the importance of different experiences and how we use all five senses when learning. This week students enjoyed the hands on experience of making and baking dough. The writing lessons will focus on this experience to enable our students to become more proficient in recount and procedure writing.

The preps have been focusing on the characters in books this week. They have been successfully choosing books that interest them and learning how to look closely at the features of the characters in their books.

In enrichment students have been learning about four major sustainabilities - focus on recycling, biodiversity, water and energy. They have been exploring eco-systems and how organisms in nature are connected to each other, as doing a unit on the water cycle and have been investigating the energy use in our area. Next week they will be looking at what they can do to help learn more about and begin taking some environmental action!

LN1 is going through a transformation at present as we are moving our library out into the neighbourhood. We want our students to be highly engaged in reading and one step towards this is by making interesting books readily available to them. The current library space will then be turned into our play based learning space and we look forward to having a specialist area that will take our students on their oral language skills.

A big reminder to all our parents that after 9am teachers are with a class and cannot stop to discuss with you an issue your child might be having. They are available prior to 9am and after 3.30pm or by appointment. The hours between 9 and 3.30 are dedicated to the teaching and learning of the students and we ask that all these times be respected. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Have a super weekend!

Jodie, Marjia, Beth, Karen, Rob and Rosale

Learning Neighbourhood 2

What a busy week it’s been in Learning Neighbourhood 2!

The Learning Neighbourhood is currently getting a bit of a face lift as our Library starts to take shape in the central part of our building. Students have been playing a large part in organizing where all the book shelves will be located as well as sorting all of our books (which is a lot) into categories ready for display. Over the next few weeks all of our books along with brand new books will be on display.

Currently our students can just take a book to borrow to read however we will be soon introducing a borrowing system where students must record which book they’ve borrowed and the date so that we can track all of our books. We are noticing a large number of books that are now missing which include a lot of our popular Geronimo Stilton and Max Toller series. We are asking all students and families to have a look at home and return any books that belong to our school.

On Wednesday we had forty of our students head into the Melbourne Town Hall to watch the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra perform. The students had an opportunity to learn about all of the instruments in the orchestra and then watch a live performance of the MSO in action.

Today all of Learning Neighbourhood 2 ventured to CERES Environmental Park in Brunswick East as part of our focus of ‘Taking Care of the Land’. Our students had opportunities to participate in the ‘Energy Garden’ program that promotes sustainability. This is part of the Land Education Program offered at CERES which focuses on natural processes and how humans, animals and the land interact with each other. Throughout the day, students participated in four workshops that were ‘hands on’ experiences and included the Energy Efficient Housing program, Renewables, Waste Timeline and In the Bin, and Worms and Minibeasts which was very popular.

We hope you have a great weekend.

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

This has been a very busy week in Learning Neighbourhood 3. We have been exploring 4 sustainability concepts – energy, waste, water and biodiversity. This has been a sample week and now the students have selected one topic which will become their Action Team. This team will be investigating their concept and ways we can be more sustainable at school, home and in the local community.

It was great last week to have lots of family support at interschool sport and we encourage all parents to come and watch the games. On Friday it was our first Gala day, which was Football. A team of 20 students played hard and proudly all morning and we are very pleased to have the support of Rob and Paul as the team coach.

The final QUANTUM VICTORIA excursion was yesterday and we all had a sensational time. Once again our students displayed the school values of H.O.R.T.E.S.S. (HONESTY, OBSERVATION, EMPATHY AND RESPECT) towards each other and the QUANTUM staff. The QUANTUM team have reported to me what a fantastic group of students they were and how co-operative and focussed they all were.

APPS OF THE WEEK:

My Yoolshon has shown all students a great Health and Wellbeing app called “Healthy Habits”. This app allows students to set personal goals and targets and to track their success.

Miss Halton has introduced some students to “Maths Battle” where they can practice and learn how to apply the addition, subtraction, division and multiplication processes. It allows the user to write on the screen as if its pen and paper and then type in the answer. At the completion of each stage there is a space invaders style reward game.

LN3

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 uniforms were clearly marked with the students names on them.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School photos on Sunday the 4th of June. Photos envelopes have been set available at the office from this time. Photos will be sent at 9am on the dot so please make sure your children are on time and in full school uniform. Thank you.

5 Day Attendance Award.

It’s great to see our students attending school regularly and enjoying all of our amazing activities - lift, prep play based learning program, personal development program and neighbour- hood enrichment programs.

The winner of the $10 big W toy voucher, drawn at assembly last week was Soren Binneman 3/4S. All of the entries have been placed in our end of term Grand Draw box for the $50 family movie voucher

A new lot of entries will be in our next draw. Attend school for the entire week and your name will be there too.

Michelle Reid
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Help support our school!

Remember to collect Earn & Learn Points stickers when you shop at Woolies. The more we collect, the more our school will benefit. This year we are aiming to redeem our Earn & Learn Points for XYZ equipment. The Woolworths Earn & Learn program ends on Sunday 9th June.

Thank you for your support.

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

YOU TH HIP-HOP PROGRAM

When: Sunday’s
2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th June
7th, 14th July

Duration: 1.5 hours

Who can join: Youth 10 years & up

Where: Broadmeadows Valley Primary School HALL.

Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm

Contact Dotty (03) 9351-3640 weekdays or
0409-514-165 after hours

NgioKa Bunda-heath

NgioKa found a love of the performing arts at the age of 7

and hasn’t stopped dancing since. Jazz, Cheerleading, Hip-hop,

Traditional Aboriginal and TSI, Ballet,

Contemporary also Singing and Acting any style will do, as long as she is learning and has the opportunity to perform.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURAL DANCING

WHEN: SUNDAY’S
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th July
7th, 14th, JULY, 2013

WHERE: Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Hall.
Dimboola Road, Broadmeadows

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Contact: Dotty (03) 9351-3640 business hours
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