Hi everyone,

It’s nice to be back after having been away for 3 weeks. There really is “no place like home.” Over the past 3 weeks I spent considerable time visiting schools in the London area. We were able to see teaching and learning throughout the day and talk with Head Teachers and classroom teachers. We also worked with highly esteemed educators from the National College of School Leadership in Nottingham. This time away enabled me to make comparisons and highlight the similarities between our system of education and current effective practices in schools.

It was evident in all the schools we visited that a safe and secure learning environment underpinned the entry point for all members of the school community. There was a clear and calculated focus on student achievement and practices regarding assessment and learning supported teachers in developing curriculum to optimise student outcomes.

A strong commitment to ensuring the wider school community played an active role within the school demonstrated the imperative understanding that parental involvement in their child’s education is necessary for optimum student achievement. All the schools we visited were full of students who demonstrated a sense of pride and contentment, they were happy to be there. The classrooms were bright and ordered with the buzz of learning all around. Students were engaged with the teacher and each other and were more than happy to talk with us about their learning.

We saw schools with limited outdoor space for children to play in, schools that had an abundance of space, kitchen gardens and hot houses propagating seedlings. We saw computer labs, time away spaces, and lunch rooms where the whole school ate their lunch together. All different to some degree but all with the same purpose: to provide the best education for the kids in their care.

Throughout the visits my thoughts were always turned back to BVPS, comparing and thinking about the great school that we share in our community. A school that caters for the diverse needs of all our students, teachers who are continually improving and striving for excellence with their practice and educational understanding and knowledge, a parent community that shows pride and respect of our school and a committed student group that is second to none!

We have all worked extremely hard to ensure that we are providing a great quality education for our students.

At BVPS we strive to provide the best education possible for our students. What we do here is not only as good as what I experienced in the UK, BUT BETTER!!

Carmela Bianco
Assistant Principal
LN1 News

We smiled beautifully for our photos this week! Tuesday was an exciting time for our prep as it marked their very first photo day at school. The grade ones and twos appeared equally excited as they gave their best smiles to the camera. It seemed that they had been practicing!

On Wednesday we had a 'Responsible Pet's Ownership' incursion in LN1. This is the second time this year we have had a four legged visitor to our neighbourhood. Students learnt about the importance of caring for our pets.

A whole school environment meeting happened on Thursday. Students chose from four different sustainability action groups; biodiversity, waste, water and energy. They met in their groups to brainstorm different forms of action that they could take across the school to improve their environment. We envisage that this will be an ongoing project for our students, so stay tuned for future updates on their progress.

Parent-teacher conferences are being held on Thursday June 20. Your child should have brought home a note about this last Friday. Parent-teacher conferences are an opportunity for you to meet formally with your child's teacher. By asking questions and finding out more about the information on your child's report, you have an opportunity to become more involved in your child's learning and give support where needed.

Jodie, Rosie, Beth, Karen, Rob & Marja

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Thank you to all of our students and families who had a look at home and returned school books that had been borrowed. Unfortunately we still have quite a few books missing so we'd greatly appreciate any more of our books to be returned.

On Wednesday our students attended a Responsible Pet Ownership incursion at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. Students got to learn all about the different ways that we should look after and behave around pet cats and dogs. Each child received a pamphlet that contains a lot of the information that was presented. Be sure to check it out if you have a pet cat or dog.

This week in our 'Taking Care of the Earth Together' unit, our students decided which area of sustainability they wanted to focus on for their action project. Students got to choose from energy, waste, water or biodiversity and will be working in small groups from now until the end of the year on how they can improve one of these sustainability areas within our school. On Thursday students from all over the school met in their sustainability groups to brainstorm a list of ideas for possible projects.

Can we also say a big thank you to one of our parents, Jacqui Kenworthy who volunteered her time on Wednesday and worked with some of our students sorting and categorising books for our library. If there are any other parents who would be interested in helping out our neighbourhood with our library then please don't hesitate to come up and speak with one of our teachers about this.

We hope you have a great long weekend!!

LN2 Team

LN3

Thursday was the first day of the school wide Sustainability Action Teams met to discuss their topic and some brainstorming strategies that we could adopt at school and that they could use at home. We have 4 School Wide Action Teams:

- Biodiversity: Studying the relationship between plants and animals
- Water: looking at ways we can reduce our water usage.
- Waste: Investigating different recycling, reusing and reducing strategies.
- Energy: exploring and devising plans to reduce our energy consumption at school and track how much energy the solar panels are generating.

As well as the whole school team time, students will be working in their Learning Neighbourhood Action Teams to look more specifically at what they can do, how they can collect information and how they can convince others to follow a more sustainable way of living.

iPad Information: In response to the number of students reporting that their recharge cable is no longer functioning we have investigated cost to replace these cables. The MyMac store in the Northlands Shopping Centre sells the cables for $25.00. It will be the students and their family’s responsibility to replace these cables, not the schools.

APPs OF THE WEEK:

- Popplet Lite: A great way to sort ideas into concept maps and thinking webs.
- Great for planning stories, finding connections and linking ideas.
- Mindfulness (audio guide): Great guided relaxation and calming app that teaches you how to refocus on your breathing during stressful times.

SCHOOL PHONE

Please note that due to technical problems with the school telephone number, 9309 4066, we would like parents to use 90991050 until the issue is resolved. Heading into the future, this will be our preferred number for contact purposes. Thank you.

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Website

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School are currently looking at giving their website a make over. We would love to hear from our parent community about what you want on your child’s school website. Follow the link and tell us exactly what you’d like to see!! Surveys will need to be done by Friday 14th June!!

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

Calendar:

June

Monday 10
Queen's Birthday
There will be no school

Wednesday 12
Active After School Program
Touch Rugby
3.30pm-4.30pm

Thursday 13
AFL Auskick 2012
Jacana AFL Program on oval
3.40pm-4.40pm

Friday 14
Interschool Sport
LN3 Away
Dallas Brooks Primary School

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Chelsea B
Suleekha J
Manderia M
Oktay D
Tyrone E
Pat M
Dakota D

Monday 10
Queen’s Birthday
There will be no school for students on this day.
### Christmas in July

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<td>MAKE OVER PAMPER DAY—All guests will receive a face mask, manicure, foot spa, and then a hair &amp; make up makeover.</td>
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<td>Musical Extravaganza—Christmas in July Bring Dad, Mum, Grandparents etc along to a fun and exciting morning melody with Santa's Sisters Christmas Musical Show. Morning Tea included and lots of free giveaways. Dress to impress to go into our lucky draw.</td>
<td>CRAIGIEBURN GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE 75-85 Central Park Ave, Craigieburn</td>
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<td>MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS—A magic show for the festive season that contains all the hallmarks of excellence you've come to expect from the masters of Magic.</td>
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Bookings and payments must be made at your local Leisure Centre and required by 27 June 2013 - Late bookings will not be accepted. Drink bottles are required at each activity.

**BROADMEADOWS LEISURE CENTRE**
cnr. Pearcedale Pde & Dimboola Rd
Broadmeadows 9205 2670

**CRAIGIEBURN LEISURE CENTRE**
127 Craigieburn Rd
Craigieburn - 9205 2650

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School
Dimboola Rd Broadmeadows VIC 3047
T: 03 9309 4066

**SUNBURY AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE**
Ligar St
Sunbury 9740 9766