Hello BVPS.

I believe a fine week of learning and wellbeing was the theme for week 5 and with only 6 weeks until the end of the 2012 school year, everyone is terribly busy with their important work. By now the students are in the very best form of the year. A positive relationships between staff and students which is always a strong feature of Broadmeadows Valley Primary School, is so very well placed at the moment. When I hear conversations between staff and students, I note the high levels of mutual respect in their voices. This shared respect between a teacher and a student is such an important part of the learning process. We know that when learners feel safe and secure, more effective learning can take place.

It is just great to see the BVPS Community Learning Hub going from strength to strength. The participants are currently their way working a computer unit. We now have 5 fantastic participants working with Roula, our trained facilitator from Kangan TAFE. With more adult learners joining the program in the next few weeks, we’re expecting to have up to 20 parents and family members joining the program for 2013. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity to meet new people and learn some important skills, please register your interest at the school office. The BVPS Community Learning Hub is a partnership project designed and delivered in conjunction with our good friends from Banksia Gardens Community Services and Mission Australia.

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On Monday November 19, Learning Neighbourhood 3 will be heading off on their 5 day camping experience to Coonawarra Farm Resort. I’ve been to Coonawarra about 5 times now and can safely say that this particular camp is one of the best ‘out of school’ educational experiences that I’m aware of. The resort, located 4 hours from Melbourne in Victoria’s beautiful East Gippsland region, offers rural adventure opportunities where our student’s participate in activities aimed to develop resilience, cooperation and self-confidence. I’ll be going to visit the students on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you have any questions regarding the camp, please contact LN3 Leader, Daniel Montalto for details.

Planning for the 2013 school year is well underway and with the schools highest numbers of new Prep enrolments already processed, we are expecting our biggest student numbers yet. If you have already enrolled a new student for 2013 you will soon receive the information pack with details on the upcoming transition program. If you have yet to enrol, please contact the school office immediately or risk not getting a place.

In addition to this, if you haven’t already, make sure that you put the Dimboola Road Festival into your calendars now. On the afternoon and evening of December 7, the Broadmeadows Valley Primary School community and the Hume Central Secondary College community will come together for the annual Dimboola Road Festival. Further details will follow but it will certainly prove to be a wonderful event with carnival rides, student performances, raffles, fireworks and more.

Kindest regards,

Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

Last Friday’s Science Works was a smashing success with 88 students attending the excursion. They were all excited by the wide variety of experience they participated in and were very proud to show off the energy and force knowledge as it applies to how toys work. The Playing with Light exhibition was also a highlight with lots of children challenging themselves in the laser room and making silly shadow shapes on the walls.

Student writing about the excursion:

Tanzel: On Friday we went to Science Works. I liked racing Cathy Freeman. Then I went on the pirate ship. Then I went to a café. I was giving the people the food.

Mason: On Friday I went to Science Works and I played races with Cathy Freeman and I went on the pirate ship and the box. I had so much fun.

Haylee: On Friday I went to Science works and I played with the blocks. I went in the disco and it was so much fun.

Mystical: On Friday I went to Science Works. I like playing with the balls.

The GRADE 2 CAMP EXPERIENCE notes went out this week and the 12 students involved are very excited as are the teachers. Please return the consent and all medical forms with the payment by Thursday 15th November.

Swimming is going to start soon, so get your forms and deposit in ASAP.

Next Tuesday’s special: The students in grade Prep have ART. The students in the Laughing Lizards group have MUSIC and the students in Amazing Ants have PE.

Laugh, Read, Count.
Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

In Learning Neighbourhood 2 this week we’ve had groups of students venturing out in to the Broadmeadows community as a part of two separate maths projects that are running. One maths project involved students role playing a day out in Broadmeadows which included heading to Hoyts cinemas, going to McDonal’d’s for lunch, buying some dinner from the butchers and stopping off for a swim at the Broadmeadows Leisure Centre. Students will then be calculating the total cost of their day and a range of other number-based calculations as well as looking at time and how long they would need to get through all of these activities.

The other maths project in action this week a group of students were given the task of making pizzas and smoothies to sell to their fellow peers. Students had to cost and then purchase all of the ingredients from Woolworths, create the pizzas and smoothies and then sell them. Students dealt with a whole range of maths including working with money, operations, decimal numbers and measurement when making their pizzas and smoothies. Next week some of our students will again be venturing out of the school as part of a mapping activity.

Next week in ‘Light Fantastic’ our students will be making a start on their toy projects. The challenge is for our students to design and create a toy that uses some element of light as its main function. Garbage bags of resources will be available to students to use as they wish and all toy projects will be showcased towards the conclusion of Term 4.

Have a great weekend!

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

With Melbourne Cup on Tuesday this week has flown!

In enrichment, students are commencing their project in making a circuit for a toy. The project is a collaborative event together with the students in LN1. The grade 5 students will be working in small groups assisting with the junior students to construct a toy model. The senior students are to create a circuit that will enhance the toy. The project will run throughout next week with a final presentation on Friday.

All campers to Coonawarra Farm Resort are reminded today is the last day to pay the full amount. If there are any concerns with the payment, please contact Mr Montalto.

As for what to bring, please refer to the pamphlet that was sent home at the beginning of the term that states what to bring and important details. As well, on the day of camp all students are to assemble to the General Purpose Room, where they will be greeted by their teachers (Mr Youden, Miss Simpson, Mrs Curchin, Mrs Dillon and Mr Montalto).

For our students who are not attending camp this year are expected to attend school as normal. There will be alternative programs running throughout the week.

Mrs Gaughan and Mrs Vella will create a mini camping experience in the Learning Neighbourhood, activities will include; cooking, tent making, duty groups, orienteering and much more.

Another important reminder is the Year 7 Transition Day is on the 11th of December.

Grade Six Graduation will be held on the 19th of December at the Humen Global Learning Centre.

At Broadmeadows Valley Primary, we work cooperatively.

Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team

Dimboola Road Festival Group are asking for parent help with the Dimboola Road Festival. 9309 4066

Dimboola Road Festival

We are holding the Dimboola Road Festival again this year on the 7th of December. At the festival we will be having a treasure stall. If any of our families have anything they would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

Calendar:

Monday 12
Active After School Program
Soccer
3.30pm—4.30pm

Wednesday 14
Active After School Program
AFL Football
3.30pm—4.30pm

Thursday 15
3.30pm—4.30pm
Milo Cricket on BVPS Oval
3.30pm—4.30pm

Friday 16
Interschool Sport
LN3 Students
Bethal Primary School Away
Swimming Program
commencing November 26

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Emily M
Anthony C
Sumayo S
Kaitlin B
Arati A
Olivia M

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

A big thank you to all the students who purchased our bandanas this week. When you buy a bandana, you are supporting young people living with cancer. Miss Rosie will let us know at assembly how much money we raised for this worthy cause.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Just a reminder that the Breakfast Program operates daily from 8.15—8.45 am in the Blue Room, in Learning Neighbourhood 3. All students are welcome and the program is free.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
The swimming program will commence this term for all students. The program will run for 8 days, Monday to Thursday over 2 weeks commencing November 26th—December 6th. Detailed information has been sent home to all families.