As term 4 rushes forward we find all areas of the school buzzing with activity. In each of the Learning Neighbourhoods we find students engaged in a wide range of exciting learning experiences.

Students in Learning Neighbourhood One have been exploring the topic "Push Me, Pull You", where they examine toys and the physics of how they move. They are working in collaboration with our wonderful students in Learning Neighbourhood Three to construct a toy with moving parts. The senior students are bringing their own learning about electrical circuits to include in the project.

In Learning Neighbourhood Two the students are creating a toy that uses a light source as part of the design. All these wonderful inventions will be on display at the Science Fair celebration later in the term.

Tonight a number of year 2 students will be packing their pyjamas and sleeping bag to take part in their first Broadmeadows Valley camping experience, the Year 2 Sleep over. This excited group of campers will join with staff to cook their own dinner, enjoy a movie and some after dinner games and a delicious breakfast, before heading home in the morning.

Our years 5 and 6 students are also packing their bags ready for their five day camp at Coonawarra in Gippsland. There is a sense of excitement and nervous anticipation in the air as the students contemplate the fantastic range of activities on offer at the camp—everything from horse riding to the high ropes course.

We would like to acknowledge the time given by the staff who willingly offer to attend these camping experiences be it an overnight sleepover or a three or five day camp. Without staff willing to leave their own family behind and take on the responsibility of a group of very excited campers, these activities would not be possible.

Planning for the learning and teaching programs for 2013 is well underway. Enrolments for our new prep intake are growing daily. If you have a child who is due to begin school in 2013, and have not enrolled them as yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please also remind family and friends to do the same.

Our Prep Transition program began this week. Our new 2013 preps participated in a number of activities in the Prep Suite whilst their mums enjoyed a tour of the school and an information session. The Transition Program will continue for the next two Wednesdays between 9:15 am and 10:30.

This program gives the children an opportunity to become familiar with the school environment and teachers and provides teachers an opportunity to begin to know a little more about your child. Don't forget there are valuable information sessions for parents and carers during these transition times, so stay and join us for a cup of coffee or tea and a chat.

It is now only three weeks to the 'Celebration of the Year', the Dimboola Road Festival on Friday December 7th. This year's festival will be a shared celebration between Broadmeadows Valley, Hume Central Secondary College and the Dimboola Road Early Learning Centre. It promises to be bigger and better than ever. Rides, popcorn, fairy floss, kebabs, a sausage sizzle, face painting and a treasure stall will be available to entertain you just to name a few. Home groups are busily rehearsing their performances for the event so stay tuned for weekly updates!

That's all from The Valley this week, have a lovely weekend,

Marnie and Carmela
Learning Neighbourhood 1

We have had an amazing week making our toys with the students from LN3. This was a fantastic opportunity to work collaboratively in a purposeful environment to share our learning about energy and forces, and to learn about electrical circuits from the students in grade 5 and 6. We are going to have a whole school TOY EXPO in the last few weeks of the term. The students in LN2 have been making toys too, their toys have to have light in some way.

The first 2013 Prep transition session went very well. Rosie, Beth and Cat Sewell, the play based educator, have worked very hard to plan an exciting program and we hope to see lots of children next Wednesday at 9:15 for session 2.

GRADE 2 CAMP is this weekend and we are all excited. We are going to be making part of our dinner and all the teachers are hoping that we will all go to sleep without much fuss.

Swimming applications have now closed. Your child will soon receive confirmation and further information regarding completing the payments and necessary equipment.

Next Tuesday's specialist: The students in grade Prep have PE. The students in the Laughing Lions group have ART and the students in Amazing Ants have MUSIC.

Laugh, Read, Count, Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

In Learning Neighbourhood 2 this week a group of students participated in the 'How far is one kilometre' location activity in maths. After estimating and measuring the location of an oval, students were asked to predict how far down Dimboola Road one kilometre would be. In groups of three students used trundle wheels which measures distance in one metre increments. After wounding their way down the hill, over the bridge and up towards Ermionda Crescent students hit their one kilometre target. Students and teachers then realised they had to turn around and walk another kilometre back to school.

In our other mathematics group students have been collecting cereal boxes, toilet roll holders and other scrap cardboard in order to build their Junkbot! As part of their focus on spatial objects, students were required to use a range of 2D shapes and 3D objects to build their Junkbot which is a robot built out of junk! The Dragon's Den Competition was then won and awarded to the best designed Junkbot in the group.

In literacy over the last few weeks students have been focusing on inferential comprehension strategies when reading a text or even looking at a picture. Inferential comprehension is the ability to read something and infer something else from what you have read. For example, it may be reading a story and understanding what the overall mood is, or what a character's personality may be like from a brief description.

On Thursday a group of our students ventured back to Birrarung Marr for their fourth City Beats excursion of the year. Julian Tovey has done a huge amount of work with our students over the year in music and it has been such a great experience for students to work with actual musicians from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in a strong musical environment.

Have a great weekend!
LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

Our students are energetically immersed in designing a circuit for a toy. The project is a collaborative event together with the students in LN1. The project design has been fantastic allowing all students to share ideas and construct electrical models.

All campers to Corowa Farm Resort are reminded to pack their luggage carefully. Please refer to the pamphlet that was sent home at the beginning of the term that states what to bring. 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 Youlten, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Cecchini, Mrs Dillon and Mr Montalto). Plans and organisation for this year's graduation ceremony is underway. The Graduation will be held on the 19th of December at the Hume Global Learning Centre. This year will be a teacher and student dinner prior to the official ceremony. The dinner will commence at 6:00pm followed by parents and distinguished guests to arrive at 7:15pm for the presentation of certificates.

Learning Neighbourhood 2 Team

Dimboola Road Festival

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

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.

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.

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

Calendar:

Monday 19
There will be no
Active After School Program
Soccer
Due to camp

Wednesday 21
Active After School Program
AFL Football
3.30pm—4.30pm

Thursday 22
3.30pm—4.30pm
Milo Cricket on BVPS Oval
3.30pm—4.30pm

Friday 23
There will be no
Interschool Sport
For LN3 Students
Due to camp

Swimming Program commencing November 26.

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Samira S
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Erayke H
RJ R
Rhiannon
Robert D
T'ziah M
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