Hello BVPS.

At BVPS we recognise that you have the first and most significant influence on your child’s learning. At primary school, your continued involvement in your child’s education is important so they can achieve the best possible learning results.

It is well known that children with interested and involved parents do better at school.

While you may be involved in your child’s learning at home, you can also contribute at BVPS by joining the PFA (Parents and Friends Association), nominating for the school council or helping with less formal school activities such as a classroom helper.

If you are concerned about how your child is fitting in socially and how secure and content they feel at school, or about their academic progress and how it compares to other students of the same age, make a time to meet the Learning Neighbourhood Leader, as they will be in the best position to help. Families are the first and most enduring influence on a child’s development and play an important role in a child’s learning. Developing strong skills in reading, writing and maths is critical to ensure your child’s success in early learning and beyond.

You can make a difference by supporting what your child learns at school and helping them to learn at home.

Reading is an important way to make the link from spoken words to written words.

Reading to your child is a valuable thing to do. Here are some tips:

1. Encourage your child to select the books, magazines, catalogues, multimedia stories or DVDs.
2. Discuss the pictures in a book and encourage your child to talk about the pictures.
3. Share wordless picture books to develop imagination, ideas and vocabulary by naming things in the pictures.
4. Re-read your child’s favourite books and stories.
5. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books.
6. Support your child to make their own books with pictures and then ‘read’ the story to you.

Important Events at BVPS

- Dimboola Road Festival, Friday December 7
- Last school day of 2012, Friday December 21

Until next time,

Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

JAY MAOTA is the 2012 LN1 PER PLANE CHAMPION. As part of our investigation into energy and force that toys require to work we have made lots of different toys. On Wednesday morning we had a Paper Plane Challenge where each student made a plane of their own design. After multiple test flights, Jay was crowned our overall winner. Rial Magok from Prep and Muhammed Tulek from grade 1 were also winners on the day.

The 2012 Grade 2 Camp last Friday was great fun. We had 19 wonderful campers who made pizza and salads for dinner, shared watermelon and ice-cream for dessert and by 8am on Saturday morning we were all sound asleep. By 6am that morning were awake and Miss Halton, Ms Larkin, Mr Pain and Grace Larkin were also up, maybe not as bright and chirpy as the children but we were up. A big thankyou to Miss Rosie, Mr and Mrs Hunter, Miss Avramoska, Mrs Burke and Mrs Reid for helping out on Friday night.

Session two of the 2013 Prep Transition program went very well this week and it is so great to see so many children attending these sessions. There are 2 more sessions, Wednesday 28th November and December 5th December. At next week's parent session there will be a focus on our student health wellbeing from Michelle Reid and Cathy Griffin.

The Dimboola Road festival planning is in full swing and there are lots of rehearsals happening at the moment.

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


Learning Neighbourhood 2

The planning and early designing of our Light Fantastic Toy Projects are well under way. Students have completed their design briefs and after collecting their required materials, have started the construction phase of their toys. Students are working in groups of 3-4 to complete their toy design that must use some form of light source as its main function.

In maths this week our students have been working on a couple of different investigations. The first activity involved students having to makeover a cafe and calculate what the costs would be for purchasing brand new tables, chairs and repainting the tiles of the cafe. Students were also required to map out the floor plan of the cafe and had to follow certain rules when doing this. In another investigation students were asked to look at identifying all the different combinations that could occur in a certain situation. For example, one task titled, 'T-Shirt Dilemma' required students to choose three different coloured T-shirts to buy out of five different colour possibilities. Students then calculated all of the different possible colour combinations that they could purchase.

We are extremely fortunate to have a huge collection of books in Learning Neighbourhood 2 for our students to take home as part of their home reading program. It's been great to see our students still raiding the library most days for a new book to take home to read. Recently we have had a few students take home large number of books at one time. We have asked our students to try and keep the amount of books they take home to 1 or 2 at a time. Then as soon as your child finishes reading their books they can return them the next day and borrow some more.

Every day we had lunch together with duty groups serving drinks and doing the dishes afterwards. Prizes were awarded at the end of each day after cabin inspections.

On Thursday we watched a camp movie and ate popcorn. We made "Frog in The Pond" and lemon slice.

Our special lunch on Friday was salad sandwiches, which the students made themselves.

We finished off the week with a talent quest in cabin groups.

LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3

Paula Gaughan Jan Vella

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Many of our students were on camp this week and we are looking forward to welcoming them back.

Those students who remained at school had a special "Camp at School" week.

Students chose their own cabin groups and built their own "cabin" in the neighbourhood.

We used compasses to complete an orienteering course and we went on a walk down to the valley and creek, spotting objects of interest.

DIMBOOLA ROAD FESTIVAL

We are holding the Dimboola Road Festival again this year on the 7th of December. At the festival we will have 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
Hi everyone, just to touch base and let you know how busy we have been in the art room. LN1 has been focusing on toys with moving parts and using line to create the illusion of movement. LN2 have been doing a fantastic job creating shadow puppets and creating their own plays. LN3 have been busy creating abstract art works based on the work of abstract artist 'Piet Mondrian' with a focus on electricity. I have been very impressed with the quality of the work produced by the students and I am hoping to display some of this fine art at the Dimboola Road Festival.

Better late than never but I would like to thank everyone who went down to the Masters Store in Roxburgh Park to vote for our scarecrow. The competition was fierce and all of the scarecrows entered into the competition were amazing. A big congratulations to Wilmont Park Primary School who were the winners. So thanks again for everyone who supported our school.

I know I have asked in the past for newspapers, ice-cream tubs, yogurt containers but I haven't had a huge response from families. In preparation for next year as I would like to focus on paper mache and construction so anything that you are going to throw out such as egg cartons, washed plastic containers etc. we really need them in the art room. So PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send some of these items to school with your child or drop them in yourself.

Thankyou
Laura Bishop
Visual Arts Teacher

Dimboola Road Festival

Pre purchased wrist bands will be $30.00
The office will stop selling tickets the day prior to the fete (Thursday).
Wristbands will not be available to purchase on the day of the fete.

We will also be offering the following family ride wristband package, which must include 2 adults and 2 children for $80, saving $40. This must be for 2 adults and 2 children and not 4 children.

We will start selling the tickets next week.
There will be one colour for single wristbands and one colour for family packages.

Rides prices these tickets will be available on the day

1 token = $2

Dodgem Cars - 4 tokens per car
Scrambler - 3 tokens
Cyclone - 3 tokens
Waterballs - 5 tokens
Dino Ride - 2 tokens
Inflatable Slide - 1 tokens
Trampolines - 2 tokens