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Although everyone at BVPS is still focused on delivering high quality education for 2012, as you would expect we have been busily preparing for the arrival of 2013. There are many exciting developments in the pipelines for our wonderful learning community next year. 2013 will be the best year yet. We’ve succeeded to hold onto our outstanding teaching workforce and been able to add value with the acquisition of a play-based therapist, educational psychologist, learning coaches and performing arts educator. Further information and notification related to the teachers in your child’s Learning Neighbourhood will be provided next week.

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Thank you for your ongoing trust and support,

Andrew Jones
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Learning Neighbourhood 1

WOW! The 2012 Dimboola Road Festival was a SMASH! Some of the highlights for the students in L1 are the rides, especially the Scrambler and the Dumper Cars, the food was lovely, free face painting was great, especially the horror faces. All the performances were great; Veronika’s favorite performance was 1/2A ‘Boo Moon’. Lilly, T’Ziah and Zane all loved 1/2P who did “Chasing the Sun.” The fireworks were sensational; they could be heard as far away as Gladstone Park. T’Ziah wants the school to have the Water Ball games everyday till the end of the year!

On Tuesday the students were introduced to their 2013 teaching teams. Information about home groups will be out next Monday; however this will be in draft form as changes may occur by the time school starts again in 2013.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

It was fantastic to see so many of our parents and our students having a blast last Friday at the Dimboola Road Festival. All of our student performances were sensational and you could guarantee seeing Learning Neighbourhood 2 students in the inflatable boats or on the Cyclone or Dodgem Cars.

We would like to invite all of our Learning Neighbourhood 2 parent community to attend our Toy Fair. At the fair students will be showcasing their “Light Fantastic” toys and to celebrate what has been a fantastic year in Learning Neighbourhood 2.

As next Friday is our last day, we will be having an extended Assembly starting at 12:15pm with performances by our amazing rock and acoustic bands. Students will be DISMISSED at 1:00pm from the Multi Purpose Room.

As this may be the last time I write to you as Learning Neighbourhood One Leader I would like to thank all the parents, friends and students of L1 who have been an absolute pleasure to work with. I have had an amazing time and this experience has only reinforced my belief that we all share a common purpose to do the best for the children. Thank you one and all for an amazing year and I look forward to working in L3 in 2013.

Happy Holidays


Lisa Halton and the Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 3

Unbelievable! One week of school left! This means it is coming to the end of our Grade 6 for 2012 as they enter into their new phase in life.

Next Monday the Toy Fair Expo will be taking place in the General Purpose Hall from 9:30-10:30am. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our families from L3 to observe the high quality electrical work our students have produced from their enrichment topic.

On Tuesday students in Learning Neighbourhood 2 will be having a games session. Students will be able to bring their own handmade gaming devices, iPads and iPods and play their games during school time. All families that are played must be appropriate for school.

In our neighbourhood on Thursday will be our Learning Neighbourhood Party. Students will work out in their groups and bring their favorite food or drinks that they can bring in for the party.

On the last day of school students will have the opportunity to watch a movie with their friends before they all head off on their school holidays. Assembly will run from 12:15 and students will be dismissed at 1:00pm.

Have a great weekend!

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team

Jacana Football and Cricket Club Raffle

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