

# Valley View

## **Hello Broadmeadows Valley,**

Good communication between parents and teachers has many benefits. When parents and teachers share information, children learn more and parents and teachers feel more supported. Good communication can help create positive feelings between teachers and parents.

Here at BVPS we know that good communication with parents is an important and integral part of our work. Teachers need to know about the children's families, language, and culture in order to help children learn. By communicating what we are doing at school, parents benefit because they learn more about what goes on in school and can encourage learning at home. Most importantly, children benefit by improved communication because contact between home and school helps children learn and succeed.

The Learning Neighbourhood newsletter is one way in which the school communicates valuable information to our families. We encourage you and urge you to not only read the newsletters but discuss the contents with your children. The newsletters give you a snapshot of what is happening with your child's learning, special activities that may be taking place, reminders and special dates you need to put on your calendar. Don't hesitate to contact your neighbourhood teachers if you need more information or clarification about the information in the newsletters.

***Give us your feedback?  
What do you think? Is there other information you would like included?***

Towards the end of Term 2 teachers will be communicating student's achievement by providing an individual written report. Parents will also be invited to meet with the teachers to discuss the

report and how best to further support the students at home and at school. This formal way in which we communicate your child's progress at school gives teachers, students and parents the opportunity to receive valuable feedback that will guide the direction for new learning in Term 3 and beyond.

Have you spoken to your child's teacher this term? Don't be shy, drop in and say hello!

Have a great weekend

Carmela



## LN1 News

LN1 has had a very **eggciting, eggtravant and eggstroadinary** start to the learning this term!



Students have been embracing every opportunity to learn more about eggs through a range of hands on learning

tasks. We began the term by asking 'what is an egg' and students have looked at, touched and tasted eggs. This week the focus has been on 'what is in an egg' and students marvelled and wondered



at the arrival of an incubator with ten eggs inside. They made predictions about what were in the eggs and their ideas included snakes, lizards, butterflies, chicks, crocodiles and dinosaurs! Their wonderment turned to pure excitement when they arrived to school on Tuesday morning to see four newly hatched chicks. This



quickly followed the hatching and arrival of more chicks and by today we expect to be hosts to thirty



teen little fluffy delights in total! Our Term Newsletter will explain in more detail the learning that will be supported by this wonderful addition to Neighbourhood 1.



LN1 Teachers – Jodie, Daniel, Marija, Wendy, Paula, Jamielee, Amy & Laura

## Learning Neighbourhood 2

Welcome back!

As term two kicks off with a short week of only 3 days, it is great to see so many bright and happy faces keen to get struck straight back into learning...

Our neighbourhood has changed around a little with Mrs Cromie and Mr Pain swapping the ends of the neighbourhood. Our bag lockers are still in a central zone and we are working hard to keep that space tidy and free from scrap food.

Our library has taken a little bit of a beating in term 1 and we have books everywhere!! We really

want to stress the importance of taking care of our precious books and returning them correctly. Everyone from LN2 really appreciate the people (parents and students) helping out with the sorting and returning of books, both before and after school. J

This week has seen the start of a few exciting programs. COGMED has taken off and students involved have already seen some great improvements in their levels. Tangata Pasifika has also started with Steve and the students were very excited to share their moves. Cultivating Communities will welcome the inclusion of Carmela Bianco (chef extraordinaire) who will be cooking up some tasty treats with the Lady Bugs on Friday.

Our enrichment topic is looking at the 'Circle of Life' students are investigating living and non-living things in our environment. Encourage your child to do some investigations at home today.

Thanks,

LN2 Team

## Learning Neighbourhood 3

Term 2 has started with a bang! LN3 has settled and we are back to business. This week students have been busy in with the Grade 6's attending a Peer Mediation day to continue developing their leadership skills and with the Grade 5's being exposed to the layout and format of the upcoming NAPLAN tests. Students had their first opportunity to try out for new inter-school sports teams. Netball, Soccer, Handball and Rugby are the sports that have positions up for grabs. Finally, Homework has been introduced into LN3 this term

by request of the students. All of the homework involves parent participation. Please help your child with their work. If you would like some of the tasks clarified please come into LN3 so we can help.

In reading this week, we continued to climb the hill of inference as we start to look at making conclusions. Students are continuing to use their knowledge of themselves, the real world and other texts to help make accurate conclusions. We have a few students who have the ability to become Forensic Scientists as we have created some crime scenes to help students gain a strong understanding of the concept. Once again, students can see their progress displayed quite clearly at all times in the neighbourhood, on LN3's wall of inference. Ask your child about where they are on the continuum and where they need to go next.

In writing, students are continuing to refine their persuasive skills. Students this week have been adding rhetorical questions, calls for action, professional evidence and statistics to their persuasive pieces on why smoking should be banned. Students are also investigating narratives and looking at the different ways to make a narrative more interesting. This week we have had a focus on being descriptive for the setting using the five senses and describing the main character using subtlety to describe personality and figurative language to describe character's appearance.

In math's, this week we have been looking at different types of graphs, location and co-ordinates and interpreting timetables. Students are still working on their four processes and are still encouraged to continue to work on these at home. This

week's homework coincides with what they have been learning in class. We encourage you to be an active part of your child's learning and supporting your child by listening to them articulate the reasoning behind their answers.

Have a great weekend!

Learning Neighbourhood 3

Luke Cripps, Jan Vella, Rosie Stra-teas, Marty Claybourne and Clinton Youlden

### **Adult Training Courses for Term 2 are up & running!**

Mondays 9.30am-11.30am: English as an Alternative Language (EAL)

Thursdays 12.30pm-2.30pm: Computers

Fridays 9.30am-11.30am: English for Work (Professional English)

Classes are free and open to all BVPS parents.

Contact Emma for more information at reception or on 9309 4066

### **BVPS CAR PARK**

We would like to remind parents not to park in the **BVPS CAR PARK** to drop off or pick up their children from school. This car park is for the staff of BVPS, HCSC and the SDS. It has very limited parking for the three schools.



## **Calendar**

### **Term 2**

#### **Monday 5**

Active After School Program  
Rugby  
3.30pm—4.30pm Preps-3

#### **Wednesday 7**

Active After School Program  
Rugby  
3.30pm—4.30pm 4-6

#### **Friday 9**

### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

**FRIDAY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> OF  
MAY**

#### **Breakfast Club**

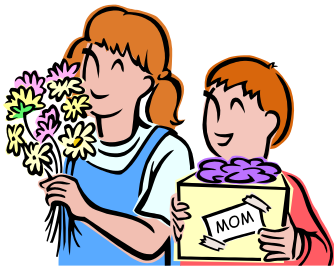
Breakfast Club has started for Term 2.

### **Birthdays**

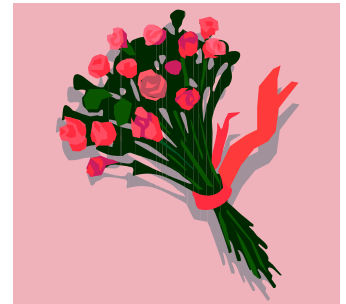
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# Notice Board



Broadmeadows Valley  
Mother's Day Stall  
Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May  
Multi-Purpose Hall  
Starting at 9.30am  
All gifts will be priced  
from \$1.00--\$6.00



## ***Mother's Day Brunch***

*All Mothers and Grandmothers Welcome!!...*

*11am Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May*

*At Broadmeadows Valley Primary School.*

*Learning Neighbourhood 2 in the Valley Kitchen.*

*We'll look forward to celebrating Mother's day  
with you over pancakes and chat!*