

# Valley View

## **Greetings and welcome to the Valley View – “The view from the Valley”!**

The school newsletter is one great way to get the information on the happenings at your child’s school. Another way is the **Weekly Whole School Assemblies** that are held in the Multi-Purpose Hall every Friday afternoon at 3:00pm. Unlike most school assemblies, our school assemblies are run by the most important people in our school – the students. If you have not yet got down to an assembly yet, I recommend that you do. Performances, presentations, awards, prizes and student reports are delivered in a way that our families just relish. So if you can, knock off from work a little early one Friday and come on down and share in this special occasion.

Of course another very important event is the biannual **Coonawarra Farm Resort Camp** for our Year 5 and 6 students. The resort is on 140 hectares and is nestled in a wonderful bush setting on the Iguana Creek in East Gippsland Victoria. Our school has been attending this camp since 2010 and the reason that we keep going back is because the facilities and activities are so safe, comfortable AND AWESOME! Coonawarra Farm Resort offers 24 centrally heated rooms along with 4 self-contained cabins, a BBQ area, recreation room, large dining hall and a conference room equipped with a PA system and big screen projection

TV. Specialised activities for our students include archery, campfire cooking, canoeing, giant games, bush walking, flying foxes, hut building, horse riding, initiative activities, raft making, ropes courses, swimming pools, team rescue and the giant swing. We believe that this experience is incredibly important for our senior students to participate in. This is one not to miss. Please contact Mr Luke Cripps if you have any questions.

Please note that we are now taking **prep enrolments for 2015**. We already have a number of students signed up onto our books and we anticipate record numbers in 2015. If you or someone you know is enrolling a child in 2015 – please contact the school administration as soon as possible. Following on from that, the **Prep Transition-to-school program** will be beginning in term 4 this year. This very important set of experiences are designed to help you and your child get a better understanding of what primary school will be like. Most importantly, they allow families to familiarise themselves with school staff, other families and children. We will continue to keep you posted.

Please note that the next **Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Council** meeting will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday August 12. The meeting has been rescheduled from its originally planned time next week.

## **THE DIMBOOLA ROAD FESTIVAL IS COMING**

Early planning has commenced for the 2014 Dimboola Road Festival. From very humble beginnings in 2010 when our school community wanted to host an end of year event to celebrate the first official year on the new school site, the then aptly named ‘*Broadmeadows Valley Celebrates*’ festival took place on the Dimboola Road side of our campus - chiefly because the rest of the school wasn’t yet finished. Now as we head into 5<sup>th</sup> year of this annual celebration, we are joined once again by our close friends at Hume Central Secondary College to put on what will no doubt be a tremendous evening’s entertainment for the entire family. Think 2013, but better!

I hope that everyone is staying nice and warm at this cold and wet time of the year. Please make sure that when your child wears jackets and jumpers to school that their name is clearly written on the clothing item. The lost property collection at school is already overflowing with jumpers short of a kid.

Be well.

**Andrew Jones**

## LN1 News!

Students in LN1 have settled well into their new literacy groups and have been writing up a storm. Last week our students enjoyed our Toy Incur-sion and they have been planning, drafting and writing about the experi-ence. We aim to regularly engage our students in fun learning experiences to help prompt ideas for their writing, this is an effective way to stimulate the thinking, talking and sharing be-fore getting ideas down on paper.

In reading students have been focus- ing on character attributes and are working on developing their vocabu- lary in order to describe what the characters in their books look like. This is something parents can encour- age their child/ren to do at home. When reading with your child ask them to look and describe the charac- ters by using their 'eagle eyes'.

In maths students continue to work on their counting and place value skills in a range of hands on and fun ways. Last week our grade one and two stu- dents worked to make one thousand using unifix blocks, their excitement at working to create such a large number rang throughout the neighbourhood. Students worked in pairs and teams to count smaller amounts and combined with other groups to create the total of 1000.

Our 'Then and Now' enrichment topic has had students interested in looking at toys from the past. They have found some of the old toys that their par- ents, car- ers or teachers have played with very fasci- nating and they have created lots of prompts for talking about the past.



**Jodie, Daniel, Amy, Wendy, Paula, Jamielee, Marija and Laura**

## Learning Neighbourhood 2

Week 3 in Learning Neighbourhood 2 BVPS welcomed a number of visitors this week from New Zealand. With so many visitors to the neighbourhood, it was hardly noticed by the students in LN2. We did not miss a beat and con- tinued on with our powerful learning. We have been making connections in reading, writing about ourselves in writing, shopping with money in maths and investigating measurement and geometry in applied maths. Below are photos of some students having fun with their measurement and ge- o m e t r y l e a r n i n g .



Further more, as part of Enrichment, we have been preparing for a competi- tion like no other. This week, stu- dents were asked to plan and create a portrait of a significant person from Australian history. We have seen de- signs for some amazing pieces of art and are looking forward to seeing them displayed in the neighbourhood during week 4. The pieces will be judged by some independent asses- sors, with winners and prizes to be announced next week.



Nathan Gage, Nicole Cromie, Krystina Simpson, Rob Pain, Nicole O'Meara.

## Learning Neighbourhood 3

This week LN3 has been visited by New Zealand principals and assistant principals. As we knew they would be, LN3 were very welcoming answering many questions and explaining the daily workings of our neighbourhood. Our new cross-tasman friends passed on their many thanks and could not

have said any more positive comments about our students. A massive thank you to all the parents for attending our Camp Information night. Remember it is not too late to pay your deposit for our trip to Coonawarra Farm Resort in November. The LN3 website is really making a positive difference to the workings of our neighbourhood. We would love parents to continue to check in to the website and ask your child questions about the learning that is happening.

As mentioned last week, every Sunday there will be a new face on LN3's website homepage. There will also be a prize for the student/parent combination that can come up with the best idea on how we can make the website even better. Leave a comment on the parent page. The website can be found at <http://ln32014.weebly.com/>. Put it into your favorites as it will be updated weekly with all the latest LN3 news.

In reading, students have been learning the importance of intonation. The students have been working on their expression with a focus on their pitch, tone and volume. They have been recording their new learning and understandings using our fluency rubric. We have been so impressed with the development in fluency. We are noticing students have been pausing, phrasing and adding stress when reading aloud and most importantly articulating the importance of doing this while reading. Videos and annotations can be found on their Prezi.

In writing, students have been strengthening their writing with a stronger sentence and clause level grammar understanding. Students have been learning about dependent and independent clauses and how this creates various sentence structures that keep the reader interested. Students are expected to have a finished writing piece by the end of this week demonstrating their new learning and understanding of key 'vocabulary' concepts. Students are continuing a unit on time/timetables incorporating the Commonwealth Games. Students will be working

in a variety of groups to help gain a stronger understanding in the area of time. Check out the website for more information.

Please make sure your child is using Studyladder.com for their individual maths tasks and as always if there are any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the teachers in LN3.

Have a great weekend!

Learning Neighbourhood 3  
Luke Cripps, Jan Vella, Rosie Strateas,  
Marty Claybourne and Clinton Youlden

## ENROLMENTS 2015

If you have a child who is turning 5 by April 30 2015, they will be ready for school. Call into the office for an enrolment form. If you have friends or family with eligible children, let them know about our great school.



## LOST PROPERTY

There are several items of lost clothing in the neighbourhoods and sick bay. Are you missing any school uniform?

This school is on its way to becoming

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## Calendar Term 3

### Monday 28

Active After School Program  
Rugby  
3.30pm—4.30pm  
**Make up lesson**

## Parent Opinion Surveys

Thanks to those wonderful parents who have already returned their Parent Opinion Survey.

Could those parents who still have surveys at home please fill them in and return them to the school ASAP.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated  
Michelle Reid

## Birthdays

Jordyn F  
Jaidyn B  
Suleiman S  
Fatime H  
Chelsea E



THANK  
*you*



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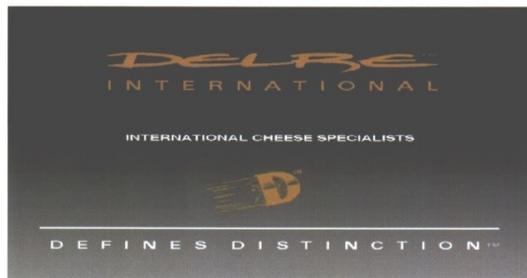


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On behalf of Broadmeadows Valley Primary School we would like to thank you for your generous donation towards our Staff Conference that took place in June. The conference was a great success for all attendees and was made so much more enjoyable by your donation. Your donation was greatly appreciated.

Andrew Jones  
Principal