

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (4th March 2024)

KINDNESS

WELLBEING

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

We would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands. We pay our respects to all First Nations elders, past, present and emerging.

Hi Everyone,

Parents/carers and school staff have a relationship that can last many years. This is an opportunity to work together to create a positive relationship in the best interests of the child.



Parents/carers can create a positive environment for learning and work by:

- modelling positive behaviour to their child/children and to the school community
- communicating politely and respectfully with all members of the school community
- communicating constructively with the school
- making use of the expected processes and protocols when raising concerns
- following the school's processes for communication with staff and making complaints

By treating everyone with respect, parents/carers and schools can make sure students feel supported and cared for.

School Leaders

This week we congratulate those students who have been appointed to the very important job of Junior School Council. Junior School Council Representatives will work on a range of jobs including the work on some whole school events and provide ideas from their Learning Neighbourhoods to make our school a better place.



These were the selected JSC students:

Foundation – Emily, 1/2A – Hamza, 1/2B – Menna, 3/4A – Han, 3/4B – Abbas, 3/4C- Aya Adam, 5/6A – Johliffe, 5/6B – Kay, 5/6C – Lujain

School Council Elections

The School Council nominations closed last week. Thank you to those people who are forming our school council for 2024. We are very pleased to have them all onboard. Our parent representatives on School Council are: Kate Wright, Tamara Guy, Cindy Eldridge, Kristen Ballerini.

Our two community representatives are: Marcelle Jackson and Michelle Gruyer. Staff members on School Council are: Belinda Karlsson, Jamielee Black and Jenny Petrone. We look forward to a great year.

I would like to make a special mention of those school councillors who are stepping down from our school council after years of service: Amanda Saunders, Koren Staaf and Ahmed Nadeem.

They have been amazing supporters of our school giving up their own time to come along to meetings and help our school. On behalf of the school council, staff, students and the Broadmeadows Valley Community, I thank them for their wonderful contribution.

The first meeting of the new School Council will be on **Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 5:00pm.**

Compass



Our school will be communicating with parents/caregivers using COMPASS. This will commence on Tuesday 5th March. From this date we will not be using Seesaw.

The Compass School Manager App can be downloaded for Android or iOS.

If you would like help to login to COMPASS for the first time please come to the following meeting:



**Tuesday 5th March 9am
Blue Studio (LN3)**



After School Care

We are excited to welcome children at Uniting After School Care at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. Our Lead Educator Nasima has developed a program of engaging experiences ready for afternoons of fun and recreation. For more information or to submit an expression of interest, please visit <https://earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au/child-care/broadmeadows-uniting-after-school-care/>



NAPLAN

Classes across Years 3 and 5 have already started preparing for their NAPLAN testing. This year the national testing period will occur this month. Our teachers have been working with their students to familiarise them with the process and to assist with reducing their levels of anxiety or distress that they may be feeling with these formal assessments.

With the NAPLAN test all being delivered online, an important element is developing each students typing/keyboard skills. As we get closer to the date, more information will be provided to those families with children in these year levels.

Last Day of Term 1

Term 1 finishes on **Thursday 28th March 2024**. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm.

Term 2

Term 2 will commence on **Monday 15th April 2024**.

Scooters and Bikes

Many students at our school ride a bike or scooter to and from school and it's important that we keep all our students safe when students are riding a bike or a scooter.

Therefore, please remember that **ALL** students who ride a bike or scooter to and from school **MUST** wear a helmet.



Attendance-Every Day Counts!

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE- Why it's important?

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick. Developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure you discuss your holiday plans with the Principal.

BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ONE DAY A FORTNIGHT EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL

Foundation Tours 2025

We will be operating Foundation 2024 School Tours on the following dates/times:

Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 9:30am

Thursday 7th March 2024 at 1:00pm

Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 3:30pm

If you have a child who will be starting Foundation in 2025, please make sure you attend one of our school tours!

Wellbeing Team

Hi, my name is Kirsten. I am the school's Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL). I work with the teachers, families and students to help understand things that can affect our mental health. We work together to learn ways of having better brain health. Understanding how our brains work can help with social connections, emotional regulation, learning, overall health and happiness.



Hi, my name is Cyndi. I may be familiar to you because I have taught lots of children at BVPS from 2015-2021. I have returned to BVPS after having a baby last year. I am the school's Disability Inclusion Officer, which is a new role here in 2024. I work with families and teachers to support students with additional needs, which includes supporting teachers to make modifications in their classrooms, organising assessments and being involved in student support groups and disability inclusion profile meetings.

Hi, my name is Mr Mitch and I'm the student counsellor here at BVPS. I work as a part of the Wellbeing Team and my role focuses on supporting the students social and emotional wellbeing. This is done through individual counselling, group work, classroom support, and lunchtime groups. If you ever have concerns about how your child is travelling socially or emotionally feel free to come and have a chat with me.



You can contact our Wellbeing Team members by calling the school office on 9309 4066 and speaking to us on the phone or organising a time to meet. You will also see us out and about the yard before and after school.

* New support group *

Do you have a child with Autism Spectrum (ASD) or ADHD? Would you like to connect with other families who also have children with additional care needs? We are hoping to start a support group for parents and carers.

This might include meeting up, talking about some of the challenges you experience, sharing ideas about things that have worked, learning new information and having guest speakers from relevant organizations.

If you are interested in learning more about this group, please speak to one of the friendly Wellbeing Team members. You can leave your details at the school office and we will contact you.

Baby & Toddler Pop Up Market

Our Community Hub proudly collaborates with **Big Group Hug**, a non-profit organisation focused on providing essential children's items for families in need.

At the Pop-Up Market, we distributed baby and toddler items and hosted a Toy Swap, where families exchanged pre-loved toys.



Baby clothing hampers available

If you have a baby or are expecting, please reach out to the Community Hub for assistance with high-quality baby clothing.

Playgroup

We are delighted to have the Mothergoose Program in our Playgroup. Mothergoose is an evidence based program to strengthen Parent-child relationships through rhymes and songs.

Children aged 0-5 are welcome to join Playgroup every Monday from 9.30am-11.30am.



Free Sewing Class

Participants were surprised at how easy it was to make children's pyjamas in the class.

Sewing machines and materials are available in class, although some participants choose to bring their own material.

The following sewing session includes transforming a \$2.50 Kmart t-shirt using simple jewel and ironing technique.



Sewing classes are held every Tuesday at the Hub from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Free Food Safety Workshop

In Collaboration with Banksia Garden we have a food safety workshop.

During the workshop you will learn skills to keep food preparation safe. Includes theory and cooking practice in the kitchen.

This free course is also an entryway to prepare you to enter a Food Handling certificate to work in the food industry.

Workshop dates: **Wednesday: 6, 13, and 20 February 2024**

For more information on Community Hub programs, please contact school reception or Hana on 0404809234.



BVPS

EASTER RAFFLE

**10 Amazing hampers to be won!
Including Gold Class Cinema
Tickets!!**

\$1 for One Ticket or \$5 for a Book

**Raffle will be drawn on the
last day of term at assembly!**

**28th of March at
1pm**



Have a great week!

Belinda Karlsson

Principal

School Diary Dates

Term 1 Dates 2024

Tuesday 5th March- Foundation 2025 Tour at 9:30am

Thursday 7th March-Foundation 2025 Tour at 1:00pm

Monday 11th March- Public Holiday (Students NOT required at school)

Tuesday 12th March-Foundation 2025 Tour at 3:30pm

Thursday 28th March-Last Day of Term

Term 2 Dates 2024

Monday 15th April- First day of Term 2

Tuesday 30th April-Annual General Meeting (4:30pm) / School Council (5:00pm)

Thursday 2nd May- Harmony Day

Thursday 30th May- School Photos