

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (5th May 2025)

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,

Welcome Back to Term 2! Term 2 is going to be actioned packed! Well done to all our students for settling back into school so well!!!

Story Hubs

Broadmeadows Valley PS is very excited about our partnership with Story Hubs. Story Hubs is a school and community program aimed at developing curious, confident and engaged learners. Story Hubs are working with us to develop a unique co-designed Story Hub - a wondrous and imaginative new space built within the school, providing an opportunity for students and teachers to step outside the boundaries of their classrooms.



In their Story Hub, students collaborate and take creative risks in their learning and teachers use the space as a tool to transform their practice and support creativity.

This week Story Hub facilitators commenced work with students from Years 1 -6 and later this term they will be delivering a whole school curriculum day to staff. We are very excited to begin this work as it will complement the work we have already started as well as stimulate students to be curious and engaged writers.

Network Conference

Sharon Goldfinch, Jamielee Black and I will be attending the 2025 Network Conference to be held in Sorrento on May 14th, May 15th and 16th. The Conference theme is Leading into the Future. We are looking forward to the Conference and hope to gain some new knowledge which we can share with the community.

Mackillop

We are thrilled to announce that we have commenced working with Mackillop Family Services. Mackillop Family Services foster hope and promote justice for children, young people and families, particularly those who have experienced distress, disadvantage and abuse. We are very excited to commence this partnership with MacKillop as we know they will be a great asset in supporting our community. We now have someone from MacKillop on site so if you need support or advice, please contact the office.



Student Mentoring Program

We are excited to announce a special student mentoring program this year in partnership with Broadmeadows Special Developmental School. Students from LN2 have been selected to support teachers in mentoring Foundation students for 1 hour, engaging in learning activities designed to build confidence and resilience at school. This voluntary program provides students with meaningful opportunities to contribute to the wider community while developing their communication and social skills.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

The SWPBS Action team has done an amazing job preparing the Broady Bucks shop for launch in 2025. Students are rewarded with 'Broady Bucks' (points) for showing the Expected Behaviours (from the Behaviour Matrix) and can redeem these for physical prizes (such as fidgets, bubbles, sports equipment, and books) or experiences (such as being a helper in another class or a cooking session with the Wellbeing team).

Cross Country

A total of 22 students from LN2 and LN3 took part in Cross Country on the 1st of May, with some completing a challenging 2km course and others tackling a tough 3km route. Every single student showed determination and resilience. They were adamant not to give up, and that has made me incredibly proud. We also have some exciting news to share — two of our students have qualified for the next round, which will take place in June. A big congratulations to Esam (LN3) for an outstanding performance, placing 6th in the 12/13-year-old boys' race and Zainab (LN3) who placed 9th in the 12/13-year-old girls' race — an excellent achievement!

Education Week

From Monday 19 May to Friday 23 May, schools across Victoria will celebrate Education Week 2025. At Broadmeadows Valley PS we will be celebrating Education Week on Thursday 22nd May. This year's theme, Celebration of Cultures, brings the rich diversity and cultural connections within Victorian government schools to the forefront. More information will be sent home shortly regarding our event.

Harmony Day

On **Thursday April 3rd** we had a very successful Harmony Day morning. It was great that to see so many members of the community participate in the event. A huge thank you to Colleen Coath and to her many volunteers for organising such a great morning. (Please see the attachment for great photos of the event.)

House Spirits

Our House Spirits Team for 2025 have been building their knowledge around how a schoolhouse system works through participating in workshops. Through these workshops our House Spirits leaders are creating a meaningful way to promote and engage our school community in making strong connections to our House system.

The House Spirits Team is working at bringing fun shared experiences to establish friendships and build a strong united team spirit at BVPS. Students will be participating in activities run by our House Spirits Team later this term.

Introducing our House Spirits Team for 2025:

Erinbank- Boyd and Rihanna

Johnstone- Youssef and Zainab

Lichfield-Aaima and Julie

Lilliput-Khloe and Kulin

Mother's Day Stall

On **Sunday 11th May** is Mother's Day and on **Friday 9th May 2025** we will be celebrating Mother's Day at BVPS!

At 2:30pm Friday 9th May at 2:30pm- We invite all our wonderful mother's, aunt's and grandmothers to come along for a special afternoon tea located near our café.



We will also be having a Mother's Day stall. Gifts range from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Only please send money on the day. Use an envelope or zip lock bag for your child/ren to keep their money safe and clearly label it with your child's name and year level.

Foundation 2026

Already, we have had enquiries about enrolments for **2026**. If you know someone who lives in Broadmeadows and is interested in our school, please ask them to telephone the school office to book a place on one of our tours. If you already have children at our school and have a Foundation student for next year, please make sure you come and collect the enrolment pack so we can add you to our list!!

Tour Dates:

Thursday 8th May 2025 at 4:00pm

Thursday 15th May 2025 at 4:00pm

Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 4:00pm

Thursday 29th May 2025 at 4:00pm

If you have a child starting school next year, then please make sure you attend one of our school tours.

OSHClub

Just a reminder OSHClub is providing an After Care program at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. If you would like your child/ren to attend OSHClub, please contact the office.

Attendance

Please remember, everyday 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.

Being away from school for one day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

Top Attendance Tips for Families

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.\

Have a wonderful week!

Belinda Karlsson

Principal

Diary Dates:

Monday 5th May and Tuesday 6th May-Teeth on Wheels

Monday 5th May-Foodbank Cooking Classes

Thursday 8th May-Foundation 2026 Tour (4:00pm)

Friday 9th May-Mother's Day Stall

Monday 12th May-Foodbank Cooking Classes

Thursday 15th May-Foundation 2026 Tour (4:00pm)

Monday 19th May-Foodbank Cooking Classes

Tuesday 20th May-School Photos

Thursday 22nd May-Education Week Celebrations

Thursday 22nd May-Foundation 2026 Tour (4:00pm)

Monday 26th May-Foodbank Cooking Classes

Wednesday 28th May-Curriculum Day- Students NOT Required at school

Thursday 29th May-Foundation 2026 Tour (4:00pm)

Monday 9th June-King's Birthday (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

Thursday 12th June-LN3 Excursion-Sovereign Hill

Friday 4th July-Last Day of Term (Students dismissed at 1:00pm)

Inter-school sport dates

AWAY - 2nd May, Bethal primary school

HOME - 9th May, Campbellfield Heights

AWAY - 16th May, Broadmeadows Primary School

HOME - 23rd May, Dallas Brooks PS

AWAY - 30th May, Coolaroo South PS

HOME - 6th June, Meadows PS

HOME - 13th June, Ilim College



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PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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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.

Getting in early

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.

IN VICTORIA SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 6 -17 YEARS

Student Absences

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, and 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 that you talk to your child's school in advance, and work with them to develop an absence learning plan.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.



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School refusal - School refusing children will experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school. See: [My child or teenager has anxiety](#)

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

If your child is away

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

Inform the school

- Speak with your child's classroom teacher and find out what work they need to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, **every day counts**. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
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Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/studentmanagement/attendance/Pages/improve-attendance.aspx>

HARMONY



EVERYONE BELONGS

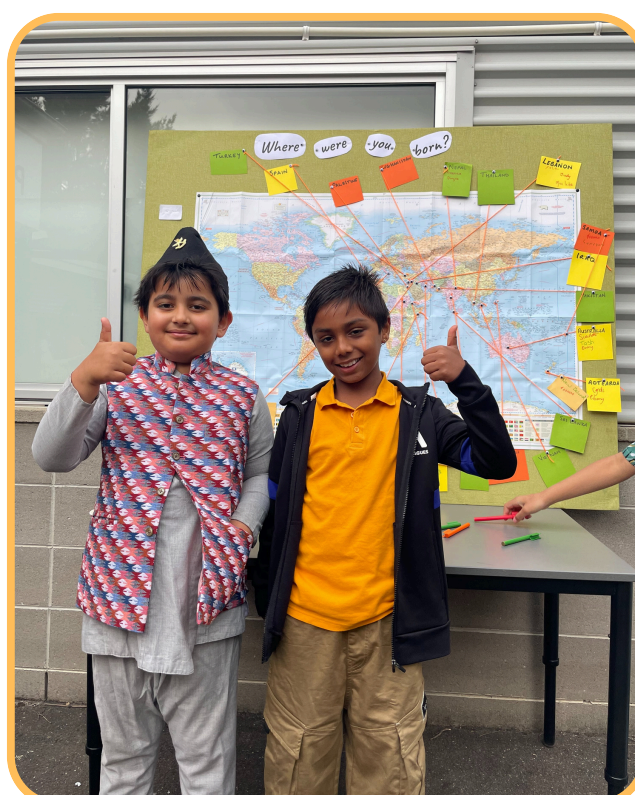
April 3rd, 2025

On April 3rd, our school came together to celebrate Harmony Day, and what a fantastic morning it was!

The morning kicked off with a delicious breakfast at 8:15 am, where many families joined us and brought a variety of cultural dishes to share. It was wonderful to see our school community come together over food and enjoy the flavours from around the world.

Between 8:15 and 9:00 am, students took part in activities that celebrated our diverse backgrounds. There was a drumming area where students could explore different beats, play together and create their own rhythms. Students also decorated handprints for our "Everyone Belongs" tree, adding their own special touch to this meaningful display. Another highlight was the world map, where students placed themselves on the map to show where they and their families come from, celebrating the many cultures within our school.

Harmony Day was a great reminder that our school is a place where everyone is welcome and valued. Thank you to all the families who joined in and made the morning so special! Another big thank you to Colleen Coath and the Community Hub parent volunteers for their wonderful organisation of the event.



Community Hubs aim to strengthen social cohesion and inclusion in school communities. They are integrated into primary schools and are welcoming spaces and support families and the wider community to connect, share and learn.

All welcome!



Child Outcomes

Children enjoy and succeed in school and achieve optimal health & wellbeing.



Community Outcomes

Community services respond early and effectively to child & family needs.



School Outcomes

Schools respond to the needs and aspirations of children & families.



Family Outcomes

Families are connected and involved in the community and workforce.

Programs

English Class



Valley Cafe



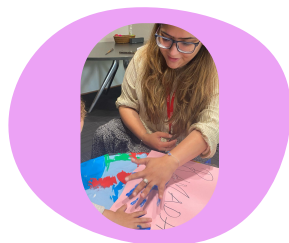
Engagement Group



Sewing



Playgroup



Gardening



Opportunities

- Volunteer work
- Further study
- Find employment
- Meet new friends
- Learn and teach new skills.

Contact

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Partners



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Wurundjeri people. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations People.



April 2025

Welcome to Term 2

There is a lot to look forward to this term and all are welcome to join in the Hub activities.

Volunteers Please

Parents and Carers are welcome to help with:

- Classroom support
- Cafe
- Events
- Catering
- Playgroup
- Garden maintenance



Contact Colleen
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Programs

Cafe

Monday & Thursday
8:30-9am

Sewing

Tuesday 9-11am
Community Hub

English

Tuesday 1-3pm
Gowrie Kindergarten

Gardening

Wednesday 9-12pm
Garden

Engagement Group

Thursday 1-3pm
Gowrie Kindergarten

Playgroup

Friday 9-11am
Community Hub

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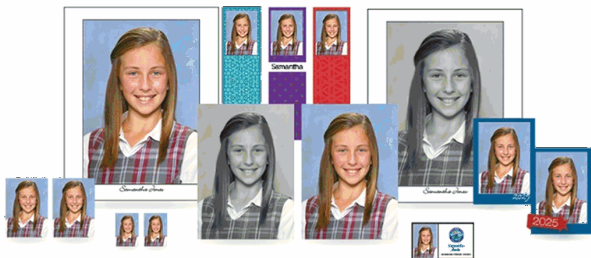
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