

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (15<sup>th</sup> 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,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter and we have an actioned packed few weeks ahead of us! Jamielee Black, Sharon Goldfinch and I will be attending the Hume Merri-bek Principal Conference at Sorrento this week. The topics to be covered at the Conference are Leading with Purpose: Strengthening School Improvement through Collaboration and Implementation and the Leadership Framework. We are looking forward to attending the Conference and I look forward to sharing the key elements with all members of the community.

### Attendance / Lateness

Each week during our whole school Friday assembly, we announce the winner for the most outstanding attendance from across the school. The cohort with the highest attendance percentage is awarded with the Attendance Cup. The cohorts who achieve 90% or more attendance receive an extra 15 minutes of play time each Monday. As you can see from the table, student attendance is very inconsistent. It is vital that students come to school each day and on time. Students arriving late at school causes major disruptions to students' learning and they miss key learnings as Math is the first subject of each day. We can all play a role in ensuring students attend school each day and on time.

Year Level	Term 2 - Week 1	Term 2 - Week 2	Term 2 - Week 3
Foundation	84.30%	91.50%	83.00%
1	84.70%	83.10%	81.60%
2	94.10%	88.00%	91.10%
3	84.40%	91.00%	86.30%
4	77.00%	86.40%	80.70%
5	91.40%	94.70%	88.80%
6	85.00%	89.90%	87.90%

### STEM



Students in LN2 are enjoying learning how to make Lego WeDo robots and the matching code on the iPad to make the robot work. Students are really enjoying being challenged in STEM and are very engaged in the activities. Great work LN2 and Mr. Liam!

## Education Week

From Monday 19 May to Friday 23 May, schools across Victoria will celebrate Education Week 2025. This year for Education Week, we will be organising a Literacy and Numeracy workshop for parents on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9:30am**. Wendy Cecchini will be speaking about ideas and strategies for families to support reading and writing at home and Jason Hucker will be speaking to families about strategies to support students with counting and place value at home. The hour workshop is intended to provide families with ideas and strategies to support their students learning at home.

## Student Mentoring Program

We are pleased to provide an update on the student mentoring partnership program between Broadmeadows Valley Primary School (BVPS) and Broadmeadows Special Developmental School (SDS). This initiative reflects our commitment to community engagement, inclusion, and student leadership. Each Tuesday from 10:30am to 11:30am, six students from Learning Neighbourhood 2 (LN2) attend SDS to support and interact with the Foundation students. Three Foundation classes from SDS are involved in the program.

Our students engage in a range of play-based and social activities, offering support, encouragement, and friendship to their younger peers. The program has been met with enthusiasm from both schools. Our LN2 students have shown increased confidence, empathy, and leadership, and they look forward to their weekly visits.

The SDS Foundation students have responded positively to the interactions, benefiting from the social connection and support provided by our students. This partnership has been a valuable experience for all involved and continues to foster strong relationships between our two school communities.

## NAIDOC Week

To celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, we have organised a special incursion on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. Each learning neighbourhood will have the opportunity to learn a First Nations-inspired dance, guided by a visiting instructor. At the end of the day, students will come together to perform these dances for the school community, showcasing their learning and celebrating the richness of Indigenous culture.

## Koorie Club

This term, we are inviting all students across the school to join lunchtime Koorie art projects once a week. The goal is to increase the visibility of Indigenous culture around the school and to provide opportunities for students to engage with and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture, and perspectives through art. We look forward to these initiatives further strengthening cultural awareness and inclusion at our school.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 4:00pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at 4:00pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Curriculum Day

Just a reminder that **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May** is a Curriculum Day. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

## Have a wonderful week!

**Belinda Karlsson**

Principal

### Diary Dates:

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May-Foundation 2026 Tour (4:00pm)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May-Foodbank Cooking Classes

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May-School Photos

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May-Education Week Celebrations

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May-Foundation 2026 Tour (4:00pm)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May-Foodbank Cooking Classes

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May-Curriculum Day- Students NOT Required at school

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May-Foundation 2026 Tour (4:00pm)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June-King's Birthday (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June-LN3 Excursion-Sovereign Hill

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

### Inter-school sport dates

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