

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (30th 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,

On **Thursday 22nd May** we organised a parent workshop for parents and caregivers about strategies to support their child's learning at home. We had over 20 families attend the workshop which was fantastic!

A huge thank you to Wendy Cecchini and Jason Hucker for facilitating the workshop. Due to the positive feedback, I received about the workshop, we will endeavour to organise more Literacy and Numeracy workshops throughout the year.



Attendance / Lateness

'Every Day Counts': A day here or there doesn't seem like much but...

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

The weather is getting quite cold but as you can see from the table, it is very important for students to attend school every day and on time. Please remember that we have heating in all three Learning Neighbourhoods.

We often have students arriving late to school. 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.

Story Hubs

This year, our school is fortunate to commence our partnership with 100 Story Building. This three-year partnership will support our work in writing by increasing engagement and creativity. 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 will collaborate and take creative risks in their learning and teachers will use the space as a tool to transform their practice and support creativity.

During our Curriculum Day on **Wednesday 28th May**, staff had a very engaging day with the Story Hubs presenters, Simon and Brendon. Staff spent time unpacking and exploring the Sparking Creativity student workshops as well as unpacking the Story Hubs programming principles.

School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government delivered the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025. The SSB can be used for uniforms and textbooks/activities until Monday 30 June 2025.

This must be done through the online system, prior to June 30, 2025. We encourage our families with any remaining unallocated SSB funds to be allocated towards school activities to ensure funds are carried forward in July 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities. However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July. To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the [SSB online system](#) and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent /Teacher Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 2nd July** from 12:00pm-6:00pm. Students will be required to be collected from school at **11:30am** to allow for parent /teacher interviews to commence.

A note about the Parent/Teacher interviews will be sent home soon.

Parent / Teacher Interviews are a wonderful opportunity to meet those teachers who are working with your child every day at school. I know the teachers look forward to meeting families and discussing your child's progress at school. We hope you find it useful to clarify any issues or questions you might have about your child's learning.

ES Day

On **Wednesday 21st May**, we celebrated Education Support Personnel Day where we recognised the extraordinary contribution education support staff make each and every day! It was great that we were able to acknowledge and celebrate the work of our amazing education support staff. On behalf of the whole BVPS school community, we thank our ES for their tireless work that is so often unseen but is so critical to the operations of our school.

Foundation 2026

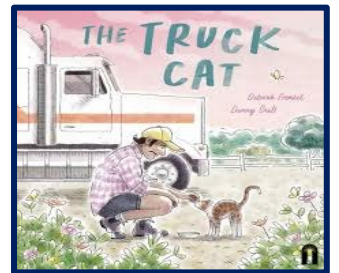
Already, we have had enquiries about enrolments for **2026**. If you know someone who lives in Broadmeadows and is interested in our school, please ask them to telephone the school office to book a place on one of our tours. If you already have children at our school and have a Foundation student for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

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 or OSHClub on 1300395735.

National Simultaneous Storytime 2025

On **Wednesday, 21 May 2025**, students and staff at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School united with children across Australia for the 25th annual National Simultaneous Storytime, celebrating the joy of reading together. This year's featured book was *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell—a heartwarming tale about Tinka, a cat who travels the country with his human companion, Yacoub, exploring themes of belonging, home, and friendship.



At exactly 12:00 PM, our classrooms paused to read the story aloud, creating a shared moment of literacy and connection with over two million participants nationwide. Following the reading, students engaged in enriching activities inspired by the book, such as crafting their own "truck cats," mapping Tinka's journey across Australia, and writing poems.

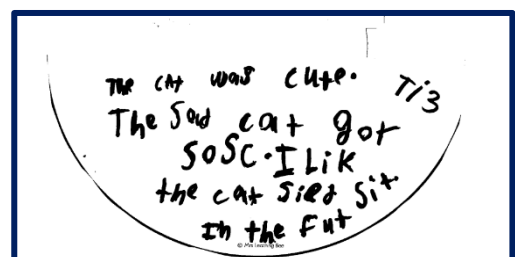


National Simultaneous Storytime is an initiative by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) that promotes the value of reading and literacy through a shared reading experience. We're proud to have been part of this meaningful event and look forward to continuing to foster a love of reading in our school community.

New To a World by Fatima Saleh, Grade 5

*"I step into a new world, far away from my home.
Everyone stares at me, its so scary that I think I want to go back to them.
Random words come out of their mouths, so different from back south.*

*Months go by, and I am finally one with them.
But I will never forget about my people and my land."*



Important Date

The Department of Education and Training has provided schools with the option to hold each teacher's allocated **Professional Practice Day** on the same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective and efficient use of this day. As a result, we have scheduled our Professional Practice Day for **Tuesday 10th June**. Students are NOT required to attend school on this day.

Have a wonderful week!

Belinda Karlsson

Principal

Diary Dates:

Monday 9th June-King's Birthday (PUBLIC HOLIDAY) (Students are NOT required at school)

Tuesday 10th June- Professional Practice Day (Students are NOT required at school)

Thursday 12th June-LN3 Excursion-Sovereign Hill

Wednesday 2nd July-Parent/Teacher Interviews (Students dismissed at 11:30am)

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

Inter-school sport dates

AWAY - 30th May, Coolaroo South PS

HOME - 6th June, Meadows PS

HOME - 13th June, Ilim College