



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (18th September 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,

It's fantastic that we have nearly made it through Term 3!! It's been a HUGE term so well done to the whole school community! A reminder that the last day of Term 3 is on **Friday 20th September 2024 at 1:00pm**. Parents/Carers are more than welcome to attend our last day of term assembly on **Friday 20th September 2024 at 9:15am**. We hope to see you at the assembly!

Term 4 commences on **Monday 7th October 2024**.

Footy Colour Day

This **Friday, 20th September** is Footy Colour Day. Students are invited to dress in their favourite footy gear!



What's Ahead?

We have some exciting activities planned for Term 4. Some of these activities include:

- LN1 swimming program
- LN3 Funfields Excursion
- Valley Family Celebration
- Year 6 Graduation
- Foundation Transition



School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks. The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for Parents and Carers:

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

Whooping Cough

Whooping cough cases are [continuing to increase across Victoria](#), particularly among school-aged children. [Whooping cough](#) is a very contagious infection, mostly spread through coughing or sneezing. Symptoms include:

- blocked or runny nose
- tiredness
- mild fever
- severe bouts of coughing, often followed by a 'whooping' sound on breathing.

Whooping cough can lead to life threatening infections in babies.

If your child is unwell, they should not attend school. Please see a doctor if you or your child develops whooping cough symptoms. Early diagnosis and treatment will help reduce the spread of the infection.

Students diagnosed with whooping cough must not attend school.

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, they must not attend school for 21 days after the onset of the cough, or until they have received 5 days of antibiotic treatment. You must notify the school if your child is diagnosed with whooping cough.

To further reduce the spread of infection to your child and the school community, the [Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019](#) require that some students who were in the same classroom as a student diagnosed with whooping cough should not attend school.

Foundation 2025

In accordance with the Department of Education's timeline for enrolments, we are now in the process of finalising enrolments for the 2025 school year. We are currently in the process of sending out letters of offer to families of future Foundation students and have submitted indicative enrolment numbers to the Department of Education. If you or someone you know has a child of age to start school next year, please contact the office to arrange enrolment as soon as possible. Likewise, if your family is planning to move away or move your children to another school for the 2025 school year, please notify the school in writing at your earliest convenience. You can do this via email at broadmeadows.valley.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Thank you to the 48 families who took the time to complete the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion survey. The preliminary summary report appears to be quite positive. In the coming months staff and school council will be looking more closely at these results to acknowledge what we are doing well and identify where we can make improvements. Once again, thank you for your input.

Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, 10th September, BVPS took a group of 30 students to the Regional Athletics carnival. All of our students gave their best effort and represented BVPS in a wonderful manner, showing our well-known fighting spirit. Congratulations to all athletes, with a special shout out to Lusiann, who achieved a third place finish in the girls shot put!

Have a wonderful break!

Belinda Karlsson

Principal

School Diary Dates

Term 3 Dates 2024:

Thursday 19th September-House Spirits Day

Friday 20th September- Last Day of Term – Students finish school at 1:00pm

Term 4 Dates 2024:

Monday 7th October- First Day of Term 4

Monday 14th October, Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 23rd October- Teeth on Wheels

Wednesday 16th October- Curriculum Day (Student do not attend school)

Monday 4th November- Professional Practice Day (Students do not attend school)

Tuesday 5th November- Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday-Students do not attend school)

Thursday 28th November- Brainstorm Productions (Incursion- F-6)

Thursday 5th December- Valley Celebration (2:30pm-4:30pm)

Tuesday 10th December- Year 6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 11th December- Funfields Excursion (Year 6)

Thursday 12th December- Year 6 Graduation

Friday 20th December- Last day of Term 4- students dismissed at 1:00pm

LN1– Swimming Dates

16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th October