

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (4<sup>th</sup> August 2026)

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!

### Staffing Update

Ms Marina Lopez Garcia will be taking Long Service Leave next week for the remainder of the term. Miss Annie will be replacing Ms Marina during this time. Ms Jamielee Black will be returning back to BVPS on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. I thank Mr Hucker, Ms Dafne and Ms Cyndi for doing an outstanding job during their time as Acting Assistant Principals.

### Book Week

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August** is going to be an exciting day at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School! We would like to welcome the school community to our Book Week Parade. The theme for Book Week this year is, 'Symphony of Stories'.

We are encouraging all our students and parents to attend school on this day in a costume that reflects this year's theme. Our Book Week Parade will commence at 9:30am in the Multi-Purpose Hall.



During the parade, students, parents and staff will be showcasing their costumes in a parade.

### NAPLAN

The **NAPLAN** (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) results were recently released to schools across the country. Overall, our school achieved pleasing results. Our results we achieved for medium and high growth for Year 3 to Year 5 for both Literacy and Numeracy were outstanding.

All parents/caregivers received an individual report for their own child. If you have any questions regarding your child's results, teachers will be happy to discuss them with you.

Please remember NAPLAN is only one way we assess our students, and it is a one-off test for the year but it does give us an opportunity to see what our students can do and what we need to focus on to improve our standards.

## Father's Day – Lego Challenge

On **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** we will be celebrating Father's Day with a special Father's Day Lego Challenge. All dad's, uncles' and grandfathers are welcome to attend. This event will take place near our school café from 8:30am. We hope to see all our amazing dad's at the Father's Day event. The best creation will win a great prize!

## Foundation 2027

In accordance with the Department of Education's timeline for enrolments, we are now in the process of finalising enrolments for the 2027 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 an enrolment meeting as soon as possible.

Foundation Tour Dates for Term 3: The tours will operate on the following dates/times:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 4:00pm**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 4:00pm**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 4:00pm**

Contact us to book your tour on 9309 4066

## Workforce Planning 2027

If your family is planning to move away or move your children to another school for the 2027 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](mailto:broadmeadows.valley.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## Curriculum Day

On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August**, Broadmeadows Valley Primary School will be having a Curriculum Day. Students are **NOT** required to attend school on this day. During this day, staff at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School will be focusing on Numeracy.

## Simple Tips for Students to Support Wellbeing

1. **Smiling is Powerful:** When you smile, your brain releases chemicals that make you feel happy. So, even if you're not feeling great, smiling can help boost your mood!
2. **Laughter is Medicine:** Laughing for just 10-15 minutes a day can help reduce stress and make you feel happier. Find something that makes you laugh, like a funny video or a joke!
3. **Nature Boost:** Spending time in nature can make you feel more relaxed and less stressed. Even a short walk in the park can help you feel better!
4. **Pet Power:** Playing with a pet can lower stress levels and make you feel happier. If you don't have a pet, spending time with animals at a petting zoo or animal shelter can be just as fun!
5. **Creative Outlets:** Drawing, painting, or playing a musical instrument can help you express your feelings and make you feel more relaxed. Plus, it's a great way to have fun!
6. **Gratitude Magic:** Writing down three things you're thankful for each day can make you feel more positive. It helps you focus on the good things in your life!

## LN2 Camp

On **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August**, students from LN2 will be attending the LN2 Camp to The Camp Ranch. Students will be able to participate in a variety exciting activities, such as the giant flying fox and archery. We hope the weather is kind to all the students and staff attending the camp! Ms Dafne, Miss Emma, Miss Jen, Mr Hucker and Mr Mitch will be supervising the students at camp.

## LOTE

Teaching a language other than English (LOTE) is mandatory for primary schools in Victoria. Under the Victorian Curriculum and VRQA registration requirements, all students from Foundation (Prep) to Year 10 are entitled to receive language instruction as a core part of their curriculum. Currently we have an exemption from teaching a Language program at Broadmeadows Valley PS. However, in 2027 we will need to begin to implement a language program, and we are keen to explore Auslan as an option for a language.

We recently sent home information to families to seek your thoughts and opinions about Broadmeadows Valley Primary School offering AUSLAN as an option for a language program. Please remember to complete the questionnaire and return the document back to school by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**. Your voice is important to us.

## 100 Days of Foundation Celebration

Our Foundation students were very excited to celebrate their first 100 days of schooling! The 100 Days of Foundation Celebration was held on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**, and it was so great to see our Foundation students getting in the spirit of the event by dressing as an old person and participating in some fun activities. Well done to both Miss Sema and Miss Jen for organising such a great event for their Foundation students!



***Please remember that every day at school counts!***

**Belinda Karlsson**

Principal

### Diary Dates:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August**-LN2 Camp Information Session at 3:30pm

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August**-Athletics (selected students)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August-Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**- LN2 Camp

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August**- Curriculum Day (Student do not attend school)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**- Book Week Celebrations

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**- Father's Day Lego Challenge (8:30am)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**- Last Day of Term 3 (students dismissed at 2:30pm)

## **BVPS Proposed LOTE Subject 2027 - AUSLAN**

Dear Parents/Carers,

In 2027, BVPS will be introducing a new LOTE (Language other than English) subject into our curriculum. As a result, we would love your feedback on whether you would support the introduction of AUSLAN being taught at our school.

Attached is some background information that explains AUSLAN learning in detail and outlines the benefits of students of all ages learning this language. We are now seeking your feedback to help us plan for this exciting learning opportunity.

We would appreciate each family reading this information and indicating whether they support the teaching of AUSLAN in 2027 by simply ticking the 'Yes' or 'No' box below after reading. This valuable feedback will then help us plan our LOTE subject delivery for next year and beyond.

We thank you in advance for your time and support.

Kind Regards,

Jason Hucker  
Acting Assistant Principal.

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Please return this slip to your student's home group teacher by Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2027.

Tick one statement only below:

YES, I support the introduction of AUSLAN at BVPS in 2027 ☐

NO, I do not support the introduction of AUSLAN at BVPS in 2027 ☐