



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (1st September 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,

Last week, we had our most successful Book Week dress up day yet at BVPS. Staff, students and several parents dressed as characters from a wide range of children's books. Our Book Week Parade included spectacular pirates and superheroes. A huge thank you to Mrs Wendy Cecchini for planning such a wonderful event and thank you to Mr Hucker for being the MC!



Canteen Update

From the beginning of Term 4, students will no longer be able to go to the canteen during both breaks. If students require any food or snacks from the canteen, they can purchase food and snacks by placing a lunch order.

2026 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

At this stage we have 24 families that have completed the survey, but we need more!

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open **until Friday 18th September 2026**.

For more information, please contact the office on 93094066.

Father's Day – Lego Challenge

On **Thursday 3rd 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! On Thursday, we will also be having our Father's Day stall.

Footy Colour Day

Thursday 17th September is Footy Colour Day. Students are invited to dress in their favourite footy gear!

End of Term!

Term 3 has been a HUGE term so well done to the whole school community! A reminder that the last day of Term 3 is on **Friday 18th September at 2:00pm**. Parents/Carers are more than welcome to attend our last day of term assembly on **Friday 18th September at 10:30am**. We hope to see you at the assembly!

Term 4 commences on **Monday 5th October 2026**.

What's Ahead?

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

- LN1 and LN3 swimming program
- Year 6 Funfields Excursion
- Year 6 Graduation
- Foundation 2027 Transition



An Afternoon in the Valley

This year, we will be having 'An Afternoon in the Valley' where students will be showcasing their dances on **Friday 20th November at 1:30pm**. This event will take place near the Café and families are invited to bring a picnic. More information will be sent out to families early Term 4.

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

Please remember that every day at school counts!

Belinda Karlsson

Principal

Diary Dates:

Term 3

Thursday 3rd September-Father's Day Lego Competition/Father's Day Stall

Thursday 17th September-Footy Colour Day

Friday 18th September- Last Day of Term- Assembly at 10:30am

Friday 18th September- Last Day of Term 3 (students dismissed at 2:00pm)

Term 4

Monday 5th October- Term 4 Commences

Hub News

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of these lands, and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Hub Happenings in Term 3

Many wonderful activities have occurred through the Community Hub this term. Here are some of the highlights...

Garden

One wet and rainy day, we made Macrame hanging pot plant holders. Amazing! Next term we will include more fun crafts as well as our regular gardening sessions with Gowrie Kindergarten.



Barista Training

We had 13 people complete the barista training. The participants learnt how to make a variety of espresso coffee and other drinks served in a cafe.



Playgroup

We welcome Saraa, our new Playgroup Facilitator, who brings care and creativity to the group. The families have enjoyed getting to know Saraa, and her wonderful craft activities!



Engagement Group

The Engagement Group is a place to connect and share while also learning about support services available in the community. This term the group have enjoyed outings to the park, art therapy and a visit to an employment support agency in Broadmeadows (Worskil Office).



Monday

Breakfast Club
8:15-8:45am
Kitchen

Tuesday

Breakfast Club
8:15-8:45am
Kitchen

Wednesday

Breakfast Club
8:15-8:45am
Kitchen

Thursday

Breakfast Club
8:15-8:45am
Kitchen

Friday

Breakfast Club
8:15-8:45am
Kitchen

SEWING

9:00 - 11:00am
Community Hub
Week 2-10

GARDEN & CRAFTS

9:30-11:30pm Garden,
Kitchen & Hub
Week 1-10

CAFE

8:30-9:30am

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8:30-9:30am

PLAYGROUP

12:30-2:00pm
Community Hub
Week 2-10

ENGLISH

1:00pm-3:00pm
Gowrie Kinder
Week 1-10

PEER SUPPORT

1:30pm-3:00pm
Community Hub
Week 2-10

ENGAGEMENT GROUP

1:00pm-3:00pm
Gowrie Kinder
Week 1-10

NDIS Information Session

Thursday 10th September 2-3pm
Gowrie Kindergarten



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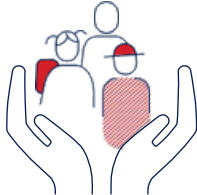


**NDIS Parent
Information
Session**

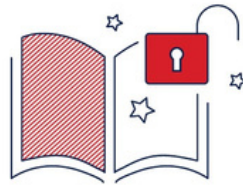
What is *Learning for Life*?

The *Learning for Life* program works in partnership with families to support their children's education and increase their chances of success at school.

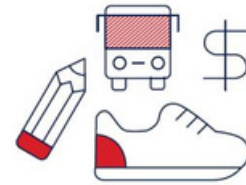
Learning for Life provides:



Support from a
dedicated Family
Partnership Coordinator



Access to educational
programs for the whole
family



Scholarship money to
help with the costs of
schooling

Am I eligible for *Learning for Life*?



To be eligible, you must:

- ✓Have a Health Care or Pension Concession Card
- ✓Have a child in a primary school we work with
- ✓Support your child to attend school regularly

What else do I need to know?

Learning for Life is a partnership between your family and The Smith Family.

As a parent, guardian, or caregiver, you need to commit to:

- Regular school attendance
- Completing a yearly update for each child
- Providing a school report yearly for each child
- Maintaining contact with The Smith Family



How do I express my interest?

If you meet all the above criteria and would like to express your interest in the *Learning for Life* program, please complete the form provided by your school.

For more information, please get in touch with the Family Partnership Coordinator:



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Family Partnership Coordinator

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School Holiday Fun at Glenroy Neighbourhood House

September/October Activities for Children
Attending Primary School

Mon 21st of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Garden & Art

12.30pm to 2.30pm
STEM Explorers

Tue 22nd of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Cooking

12.30pm to 2:30pm
Lego Challenge

Wed 23rd of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Art & Craft

12.30pm to 2:30pm
Love Me
Like a Reptile

Thur 24th of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Cooking

12.30pm to 2:30pm
Coding

Mon 28th of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Garden & Art

12.30pm to 2:30pm
Sports Games
& Activities

Tue 29th of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Lego Challenge

12.30pm to 2:30pm
STEM Explorers

Wed 30th of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Cooking

12.30pm to 2:30pm
Dazzling Dan
The Magic Man

Thur 1st of Oct

9.30am to 12pm
Art & Craft

12.30pm to 2:30pm
Coding

Fri 2nd of Oct

9.30am to 12pm
Construction

12.30pm to 2:30pm
Movie, Milkshake &
Popcorn

Cost: \$15 to \$30 per activity

Book in for one activity, a whole day or everyday!

**As places are limited, book online early to avoid
disappointment of missing out on the fun!**



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Neighbourhood
House

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Handwriting Still Matters!



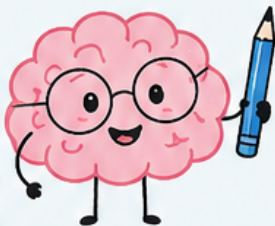
Practice today,
Confident tomorrow.



Dear Parents and Carers,

In a world full of iPads, laptops, and keyboards, it's easy to wonder: **Does handwriting still matter?**

The short answer is a **big yes!** While digital skills on a computer are incredibly important, research shows that learning to write by hand helps young students learn much faster.



Handwriting vs. Writing: What's the difference?

Handwriting is the physical tool (how we hold the pencil and form letters).

Writing is the mental journey (the words, stories, and smart ideas we want to share).

At Broadmeadows Valley Primary School we still dedicate time to handwriting every week:



It boosts reading and spelling: When children physically form letters, it lights up the reading centres of their brain. It helps them connect letter shapes to their sounds much faster than typing on a screen.



It helps them remember more: The physical act of writing slows the brain down just enough to process information deeply. Children who write their ideas by hand tend to understand and remember them better.



It unleashes creativity: When letter formation becomes automatic, children don't have to stress about how to write. This frees up their working memory to focus on brilliant stories and creative ideas!

How you can help at home:

You don't need formal worksheets to practice! You can build these skills through fun, everyday activities that strengthen their hand muscles:

Drawing, colouring
or painting



Playing with
Play-Doh or Lego



Writing shopping lists,
birthday cards, or
diaries



Thank you for partnering with us to help your child grow into a confident, capable writer!

Warm regards,
BVPS Teachers

