

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (3rd September 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,

Recently, our school received a 2025 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant. The Victorian Government and Landcare Australia offered Broadmeadows Valley Primary School a grant for for our **'Biodiversity in the Valley'** project which was submitted by our Community Hub leader, Colleen Coath.



As part of the grant, Year 2 students this week had an exciting morning at **Westmeadows Indigenous Community Garden** to learn more about the natural environment within our local community. Students participated in this educational experience, which included learning about indigenous plants, bush tucker, damper making with an Indigenous Elder and a drawing workshop that focus on our relationships with plants.

Part of the grant will also involves an on-ground project and aims to engage the LN1 students to improve biodiversity through restoring the natural habitat for Victoria's native plants and animals. LN1 students will take part in this by planting indigenous vegetation on the school grounds to create and improve habitat for Victoria's native animals in the coming weeks.

A huge thank you to **Colleen Coath** for all her hard work in allowing our students to learn more about our natural environment within our community.

2025 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement.

Currently we have only **15** parents/caregivers that have completed the survey and we would like many families to complete the survey as we will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 18th August to Friday 19th September 2025**. For more information, please contact the office on 93094066.

Father's Day Stall

On **Sunday 7th September** is Father's Day and on **Thursday 4th September 2025** we celebrated our father's, uncles' and grandfathers at BVPS!

On **Thursday 4th September**, we invited all our wonderful father's, uncle's and grandfathers to come along for a special Father's Day breakfast located near our café. We had a such a fantastic turnout, and our male caregivers were even treated to a special trivia quiz facilitated by our very own Mr Liam. A huge thank you to Colleen Coath for organising the special Father's Day breakfast.



We will also be having a Father's Day stall on **Friday 5th September**. Gifts range from 50c to \$5.00. Only please send money on the day. Use an envelope or zip lock bag for your child/ren to keep their money safe and clearly label it with your child's name and year level.

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.

Year Level	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Foundation	87.40%	91.30%	76.10%	85.20%	71.70%	82.80%
1	82.60%	89.50%	84.30%	86.40%	79.80%	85.70%
2	93.80%	91.20%	89.20%	87.30%	86.10%	87.50%
3	85.90%	87.90%	84.50%	83.20%	81.40%	87.90%
4	88.80%	83.20%	91.20%	80.90%	88.10%	92.10%
5	87.60%	83.70%	82.20%	84.90%	86.90%	92.00%
6	88.60%	85.70%	80.20%	74.70%	80.00%	84.40%

At the end of this term, the cohort with the best attendance for the term, will receive a major prize.

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. Parents and Caregivers play a vital role by ensuring that their child comes to school each day.

On average, **15%** of our students arrive late for school. This is not acceptable. 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

Book Week



Friday 12th September is going to be an exciting day at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School! The theme for our BVPS Book Week will be 'Celebrating Books We Love'. We are encouraging all of 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. More information will be sent home shortly.

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.

Foundation 2026

Enrolments are now being finalised for the coming year. If you have a sibling who you have not enrolled, please make sure you contact the school office urgently to get the necessary paperwork. Contact us to book your tour on 9309 4066.

If you are planning on leaving Broadmeadows Valley Primary School at the end of the year, it's vital you let us know. If your children will be attending another school in 2026, please contact the office on 9309 4066.

Have a great week!



Belinda Karlsson

Principal

Term 3

Thursday 4th September-Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 5th September-Father's Day Stall

Tuesday 9th September- Athletics-Selected students from LN2 and LN3

Friday 12th September-Book Week Parade

Tuesday 16th September-School Council Meeting at 9:30am

Friday 19th September-Last Day of Term

Term 4

Monday 6th October-Term 4 Commences

BVPS Community Hub News

Playgroup has been lots of fun for the children and parents this term! We celebrated birthdays with party games, explored a 'winter wonderland', made playdough and celebrated science week with some amazing experiments. A huge thanks to our volunteers, Darlene, Mousumi and Keira, and the wonderful families who support our playgroup each week.



Term 4 Barista Training Course - Would you like to learn how to make espresso coffee and volunteer in the Valley Cafe? All welcome to join our 4-week barista course starting Monday 13th October 9:30am.



Father's Day Breakfast - All families are welcome to share a delicious breakfast and some fun activities on Thursday 4th September 8:15am in the cafe area.



Please contact Colleen Coath (Community Hub Coordinator) for more information - 9309 4066.