Broadmeadows Valley PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (5th October 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,

Welcome back to the fourth and final term for 2026! It has been great to see our students settling straight back into their learning with ease after a two week break!

## Workforce Planning 2027

This is the term where we work through the detailed planning for the 2027 school year. As a staff we have begun working on; assessments in preparation for student report writing, formulating future class placements, teaching program evaluations and 2027 program budget requests.

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

## Foundation 2027

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!!

## Pupil Free Days

Just a reminder that the following days are Pupil Free Days: (Students are NOT required to attend school on the following days)

- Tuesday 3rd November (Melbourne Cup Day- Public Holiday)
- Monday 23rd November (Pupil Free Day)

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## Swimming

There is a lot of excitement in the school as students from LN1 and LN3 commence their swimming program. The program will operate on the following dates:

**October 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th**

Just a reminder that all students need to wear proper swimwear. Goggles and swimming caps can be worn. All students will need a towel.

Please make sure all items are clearly named and sent in a waterproof bag. If you need assistance acquiring swimwear, please contact the school.

## Attendance-Every Day Counts!

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

***SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE- Why it's important?***

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

***The main reasons for absence are:***

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick. Developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure you discuss your holiday plans with the Principal.

**At the end of each term, we look at the year level attendance data for the overall term. The overall attendance data for each year level for Term 3 is as follows:**

**Foundation-85%**
**Year 1-81%**
**Year 2-86%**
**Year 3-84.10%**
**Year 4-84%**
**Year 5-85%**
**Year 6-84%**

**Student Attendance rates at school should be at 90%. Poor attendance impacts a student's academic and social development.**

**Please make sure your child/ren attends school EVERY day!**

## Canteen Update

Just a friendly reminder that 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.

## 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. Gowrie and Hume Central Secondary School will also be part of our special event! No food or drinks will be available to buy but families are more than welcome to bring their own food and drinks. Please make a note of the date and we will send out further information shortly.

## Sun Smart

Term 4 marks the beginning of another Sun Smart term!
During break times from September to April, all students must wear a hat when playing outside. Students are required to wear a school hat or another hat style that protects the face, neck and ears when outdoors, for example broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket. Students who are not wearing appropriate protective clothing or a hat will be asked to play in the shade or in a suitable area protected from the sun

Please ensure your child brings their hat to school each day.

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

# Belinda Karlsson

**Principal**

## Diary Dates:

Term 4
Tuesday 3rd November- Public Holiday
Thursday 5th November- Foundation 2027 Transition Information Session at 3:30pm
Thursday 10th November Foundation 2027-Meet the Teacher Afternoon at 2:30pm
Friday 20th November- An Afternoon in the Valley at 1:30pm
Monday 23rd November-Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 9th December-Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 17th December- Year 6 Funfields Excursion
Friday 18th December-End of Term- Finishing Time-1:00pm

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