

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (22nd October 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,

We have had a great couple of weeks with students being involved in a variety of engaging activities! Students have also enjoyed participating in the swimming program! Just a reminder that swimming is also happening next week: **Tuesday 28th October 2025, Wednesday 29th October 2025, Thursday 30th October 2025 and Friday 31st October 2025**. A huge thank you to Miss Betul for all her hard work in organising the swimming program!

2026 Planning

This is the term where we work through the detailed planning for the 2026 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 2026 program budget requests.

Pupil Free Days

Just a reminder that both **Monday 3rd November** and **Tuesday 4th November** are Pupil Free Days. Students are not required at school on both these days. We look forward to seeing all students at school on **Wednesday 5th November 2025**.

Parent / Caregiver Opinion Survey

The Parent / Caregiver Opinion Survey results have been released. We had a response rate of 50 families completing the survey. The results were very pleasing, so I thank our parents/caregivers for taking the time to complete the survey.

Pleasingly, some of the area's parents/caregivers feel that our school is exceeding in include:

Parent Community Engagement

- Parent Participation and Involvement-**88%-2025**
- School Communication -**94%-2025**
- Teacher Communication -**85%-2025**
- Respect for Diversity-**98%- 2025**

Student Cognitive Engagement

- Effective Teaching -**89%-2025**
- Student Agency and Voice – **86% -2025**
- Student motivation and support- **92%-2025**
- Stimulating Learning Environment -**87%-2025**

General Satisfaction- 95%

World Teachers Day

Friday the 31st of October is World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to say thank you for the incredible contributions teachers make to our community.

You can get involved by sending a message of thanks to your child's classroom teacher for all their wonderful work they do all year round!

Remembrance Day

Coming up on **Tuesday November 11th** is Remembrance Day – Remembrance Day is one of the most important days on our commemorative calendar. It's a day when we acknowledge those who died or suffered while serving in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Remembrance Day is held on 11 November each year.



This is the anniversary of the [Armistice of 1918](#) that ended fighting in World War I. The war didn't officially end until 28 June 1919 with the [Treaty of Versailles](#). People in Australia and many other countries observe one minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month because that's when the Armistice came into effect. It's a time to honour all personnel who died or suffered in the service of Australia. the day many countries around the world remember those who have sacrificed their lives for their country in war.

The poppy flower is the symbol of Remembrance Day and to support the RSL we are selling \$1 pins, \$2 and \$5 poppies, \$3 wrist bands, \$4 bag tags and \$5 pens at the office over the next two weeks.

If possible, please support this very worthwhile cause.

Foundation 2026 Transition

On **Tuesday, 19th November** at 4:00pm, parents and caregivers of Foundation students 2025 will be invited to come to the school as part of an Information Session. During the session, we will be discussing in detail the Foundation 2025 Transition program. More information to be sent to families shortly.

Term Dates for 2026

The 2026 Victorian school term dates are:

Term 1: Wednesday 28th January to Thursday 2nd April 2026

Term 2: Monday 20th April to Friday 26th June 2026

Term 3: Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September 2026

Term 4: Monday 5th October to Friday 18th December 2026

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Foundation 2026

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!!

An Afternoon in the Valley

This year we are having 'An Afternoon in the Valley' celebration on **Thursday 4th December** from 2:30pm-4:30pm. The event will take place in the Multi-Purpose Hall where students will be showcasing their end of year performances. 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.

Everyday at school counts!

Belinda Karlsson

Principal

Term 4 Dates

Thursday 23rd October-Foundation 2026 Tour at 4:00pm

Thursday 30th October-Foundation 2026 Tour at 4:00pm

Monday 4th November-Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 5th November-Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday)

Thursday 6th November-Foundation 2026 Tour at 4:00pm

Wednesday 19th November-Foundation 2026 Information Session

Wednesday 10th December-Year 6 Funfields Excursion

Wednesday 17th December-Year 6 Graduation-Broadmeadows Town Hall

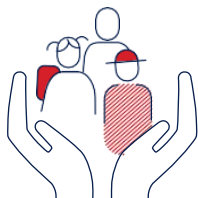
Thursday 4th December-An Afternoon in the Valley (2:30pm-4:30pm)

Friday 19th December- End of Term- Finishing Time- 1:00pm

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.

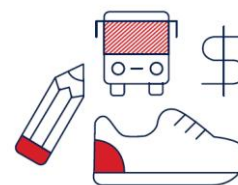
Learning for Life provides:



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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