



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (4th December 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.

Victoria has become the first state in Australia to sign a Treaty with Indigenous Peoples. The Treaty acknowledges the deep connection to land of Aboriginal People, the devastating and lasting impacts of colonisation and commits to the empowerment of First Nations People. BVPS recognises that under Treaty, all students in Victoria will learn the true history of these lands, and we commit to working together towards healing and reconciliation.

Staffing Update

Jordan Colombo recently informed us he will be teaching at Wollert Primary School next year. We wish Jordan all the very best for 2026! We recently recruited Emma Varallo as a full-time teacher. We congratulate Emma on her appointment.

Foundation 2026 Transition

During the week we had our Foundation 2026 Transition session! A huge thank you to Jen Thompson and Ash Macarthur for facilitating the session. It was such a great way to welcome our new foundation students into our BVPS School Community and an opportunity for families to meet and form new friendships.

Whole School Transition

Students will be participating in three whole school transition sessions this term. Transition sessions provide children with positive experiences to help them transition from one year level to the next. Students will participate in activities in their 2026 home groups where they will become familiar with the learning environment and the expectations for the next year. Students will be supported to make connections with their peers and develop positive relationships with their 2026 homegroup teacher.

Transition sessions:

Friday 5th December 9:30am-11:30am
Tuesday 9th December 9:30am-11:30am
Monday 15th December 9:30am-11:30am.

Assessment and Reporting

Teachers are in the process of writing reports for Semester Two. As part of the report writing process, teachers have been involved in moderation sessions which allows for consistent teacher judgement across all year levels. All teacher reports are proofread by the Principal, Assistant Principal and our Leading Teacher. Student reports will be uploaded onto Compass on **Wednesday 17th December**. If you would like a hard copy of your child/ren's report, please contact the office.

Story Hubs Launch

Thursday 27th November was the official launch of the BVPS Story Hub. The co-design team launched the space through creative storytelling, which captured the imagination of our students, staff and special guests. Our co-design team were brimming with pride and felt complete ownership over the space. All classrooms were invited to attend the hub for a teacher led session facilitated by Story Hubs. They were introduced to the hub and the world of wonders that lie within. We would like to thank not only the Story Hub facilitators, but our special guests from the School Council, Gowrie and the Department of Education for attending the launch. A big mention needs to go to Wendy Cecchini for supporting the co-design team from the beginning of 2025.



How to Support Your Child Under 16 with the New Social Media Restrictions

From 10 December 2025, the *Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024* will require social media platforms to:

- prevent children and young people under 16 from having a social media account
- deactivate or freeze existing accounts held by people under 16.

Delaying access to social media protects the health and wellbeing of young people and gives them extra time to build real world connections and digital literacy skills.

The responsibility will be on the social media platforms, not parents, carers, children or schools, to implement these new restrictions.

Most popular social media platforms will be age restricted. These include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Reddit and YouTube.

Messaging services and online games, as well as apps and platforms that support health and education, can still be used.

How to help under 16s prepare for the change

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online.

To help get under 16s ready for the social media minimum age requirements, you can go to the [eSafety website](#) to learn more about the social media age restrictions and find [tips on how to talk about social media age restrictions with young people](#).

Parent Payment 2026

Very soon we will be sending out letters regarding the voluntary contributions for 2026. The Parent Payment for 2026 will be \$70. These Parent Payments help cover the cost of all supplies and materials used by the children in their learning throughout the year. While this includes their daily use of stationery items such as pencils, glue, and paper, it also covers the costs of art supplies, maths or science resources and reading materials.

SWPBS-Broady Bucks BBQ-Friday 12th December

As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour program, we're excited to hold a special "Broady Bucks BBQ" for our students! No money is needed for this event.

Students can redeem 20 Broady Bucks (our positive behaviour points) for a special lunch order that includes a sausage sizzle and an icy pole. Many students have already placed their orders with their classroom teacher, and others are still working hard to earn their points.

The Wellbeing Team will be cooking the BBQ on the day, and students will collect their lunch during lunch eating time. We will have halal beef sausages and a vegetarian option available.

We're looking forward to celebrating our students' positive behaviour!

Free Public Transport

From 1 January 2026, people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services using a new youth myki card. This includes trams, trains, buses and coach services. To access free travel, they must tap the myki card on and off each time they travel. For areas that do not use myki cards, they must show their myki card to travel free. More information about the youth myki card will be available later in Term 4, 2025 – refer to the myki types webpage on the Transport Victoria website. For more information about other travel options to school, and support for eligible students, refer to the Travelling to school webpage on the Victorian Government website.

Term Dates for 2026

The 2026 Victorian school term dates:

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

Everyday at school counts!

Belinda Karlsson

Principal

Term 4 Dates

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

Whole School Transition sessions: Friday 5th December 9:30am-11:30am, Tuesday 9th December 9:30am-11:30am and Monday 15th December 9:30am-11:30am

Term 1, 2026

Tuesday 27th January (Curriculum Day)-no students at school)

Wednesday 28th January- Year 1-Year 6 students commence school

Thursday 29th January- Foundation students commence school

Thursday 26th February- Curriculum Day