Hello and welcome to this week's edition of The Valley View.

As we surge forward into what is one of the busiest times of the school year, students and teachers alike continue to show a very strong commitment towards student learning.

I would like to thank all our wonderful parents that braved the wet and windy weather to attend the term 2 'Open Day of Learning', which just happened to coincide with the Victorian Governments Education Week. Open Days are a great opportunity to be involved in the school based learning of your child. The parents that I spoke to reported that they enjoy education week so they can see their child in their natural environment – learning and working with others.

Of course if you were unable to make it today, please contact with your child’s teacher to find out other ways in which you can be involved inside the learning space.

Healthy eating has a long-lasting and positive impact on a child's growth, development and health. At BVPS we take an active role in this. Every morning from 8:15, the BVPS Breakfast Club program provides free breakfasts to students. Toast, cereal and milk are on the menu and are served in the warm confines of the Blue Studio in Learning Neighbourhood 3. All students are invited to attend. I would like to thank the wonderful staff that volunteer their time so willingly so that as many children as possible begin the day with the right nutrition.

Free fresh fruit is also available everyday in the Learning Neighbourhoods to any child that would like a piece. We have found that this has had a very positive effect on the learning behaviours of our students. Students are encouraged to have a drink bottle with them at their work stations so that they can drink when they need to. Hungry and thirsty students just don't learn as well.

Foods eaten by your child at school contribute greatly to their daily nutrient intake. These foods considerably influence their eating habits, growth patterns, energy, concentration levels and ability to learn.

You have an important role to play in helping to ensure your child eats well and stays active.

Healthy school lunch ideas include:

- cheese slices, crackers with spread and fresh fruit
- washed and cut-up raw vegetables or fresh fruits
- frozen water or milk, particularly in hot weather

Highly processed, sugary, fatty and salty foods should only make up a very small part of your child’s diet. Foods to limit in school lunches include:

- processed meats such as salami and pressed chicken
- chips, sweet biscuits, muesli and breakfast bars
- fruit bars and fruit straps
- cordials, juices containing sugar and soft drinks

Let the school office know if your child is allergic to particular foods.

Healthy learning!

Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

The sun shone, the birds sang and the creatures came out to play for all the students in LN1 yesterday. We had an amazing day at La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary smelling, seeing, hearing and touching some weird and wonderful insects and mini beasts.

It was the first big excursion for the students in grade Prep and they had a great time, they were co-operative and eager to show off all they know about creatures and where they live. The grade 1 and 2 students were excellent role models and all the children made us very proud of our BVPS children.

Some of the highlights of the day were:
- Pond dipping in the wetlands looking for water bugs
- Watching the kangaroos hop around the park lands
- Finding and catching mini beasts under logs and rocks
- Playing on the equipment at Bundoora Park on the way home.

Veronika and Zainab Y were excellent photographers on the day and we have lots of great pictures that we will put up in the neighbourhood and use in our writing.

Next Tuesday’s specialist: The students in grade Prep have PE. The students in the Laughing Lions group have Art and the students in Amazing Ants have Music.

Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

This week in Learning Neighbourhood 2 each of our ‘Plants in Action’ expert groups presented their findings to the rest of the neighbourhood. Students brought in experiments, diagrams and their reflections on the experiments and built up the neighbourhood’s knowledge in the science of plants. This week students have formed their new groups of 3-4 for their ‘Mini-Attenborough Documentaries’ that they will be working on over the next four weeks. Each team will be researching, investigating and experimenting in order to document their findings on their particular topic. Some of the topics include, ‘How to build a terrarium’, ‘Royal Botanic Gardens’, ‘Plants in our school’, ‘All about flowers’, ‘What type of liquid makes plants grow faster’ and many more. Students will present these to the neighbourhood and their families towards the conclusion of Term 2.

Next week in Learning Neighbourhood 2 we have two very exciting events. On Tuesday we have a lady coming in to work with our students on the topic of Bush Tucker. The experience will include some storytelling, art activities and maybe even some bush tucker cooking. Two days later we will all be on the bus heading off to the Royal Botanic Gardens. Students will spend the day exploring the gardens as part of their ‘Plants in Action’ topic. Please remember to check the weather forecast so that your child is wearing the appropriate clothing. A waterproof jacket could be a good option too!!

This week in mathematics, students have continued looking at multiplication but have also been looking at data collection and representation. Over the last couple of days students have been designing surveys and then had an opportunity to visit Learning Neighbourhood 1. Our students surveyed some of the LN1 students and then have collated the data and are aiming to present this data in the form of graphs.

Finally, a big thank you needs to go out to all of the parents and families who came to visit Learning Neighbourhood 2 during our Open Day today. We appreciate you coming in to see your child in their learning environment and more importantly, your child very much appreciates it. We know that parent involvement in our neighbourhood has many positives!

Have a great weekend!!

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

This week, the students were involved in various science experiments. From observing their Nightmare Lunch Box to making dough with yeast, it was obvious the students loved every minute of it. With the support of the preschool teachers, the experiments were totally awesome and engaging for the students and teachers as well. The highlight was defi-
initely the bread making process. Not only did the students get to eat the bread they had the opportunity to be a part of the making process. For literacy, students are looking at the features of a procedural text. This works perfectly with the science experiments that occurred this week.

Numeracy this week involved new topics around fractions, decimals, percentages and polygons. On a final note, it was great seeing all the families who attended the Open Day. The students in LN3 were excited to share their work and in particular showcasing the Amazing Race Challenge. Please remind yourself every day is an Open Day in LN3. We encourage families to come along and share their child’s learning journey.

**Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team**

**BOOK CLUB**

Welcome to the second Term 2 Book Club which was given to students on Thursday 24th May. If you would like to order any books or items please fill out the order form with your child’s name and class written clearly. All orders should be placed, with correct money, in an envelope or snap lock bag and given to the class teacher.

**ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY Wednesday 6th June 2012**

Thankyou
Jan Vella

‘Be a Dollarmite’ competition – have you made your 5 deposits?
Remember, if you have made 5 deposits at school since 16 April 2012, log onto

[www.commbank.com.au/beadollarmite](http://www.commbank.com.au/beadollarmite) and give us your best saving tip. If you haven’t made the deposits, it is not too late to join in the fun. There are great prizes up for grabs including the latest iPads and school excursions. Best of all, one lucky child will be transformed into our newest Dollarmite character. Good luck.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School photos will be taken on Wednesday the 6th of June. Photo envelopes will be sent home with the students today. Family envelopes will also be available at the office from this time.

**HE AD LICE**

We are aware that there are cases of Head Lice throughout the school. We have contacted the Hume City Council and have requested a Head Lice check for our school. This will be done in the first week of June. In the meantime it is very important that everyone carry out regular inspections and head lice treatments if necessary.

**Calendar:**

**Friday May 25**
Interschool Sport
LN3 Students
Holly Child Primary School
Cancelled

**Tuesday 29**
Active After School Program
Netball
3.40pm—4.40pm

**Wednesday 30**
Active After School Program
Rugby
3.40pm—4.40pm

**Thursday May 31**
Jacana AFL Program on oval
3.40pm—4.40pm

**Friday June 1**
Interschool Sport
LN3 Students
Winter catch up day
To be announced

**Happy Birthday to the following students:**

Joel A
Baris S
Ario G
EXTENDING CHILDRENS' LITERACY SKILLS THROUGH STORYTELLING
Storytelling is a great way to extend your child’s language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story.

Story telling might be about:
- A favourite character from a book or television program
- Another family member
- Your child’s favourite toy

Here are some tips to start your storytelling:
- Make it exciting, with different voices, puppets, props or a finger play
- Start with what interests your child
- Create a character and setting

MARVELLOUS MATHS

Many of our day to day activities involve maths. Such as...

Money, Money, Money

When shopping at the supermarket, ask your child to keep track of how much you are spending. You might say 'I only want to spend $30 today. Can you please keep track of how much I have spent and let me know when I have reached my limit?'

Encourage your child to round off prices, eg: an item that costs $2.99 could be added onto the tally as $3. Have your child check their mental calculations against the final docket at the checkout!!