Hello Broady Valley.

I would firstly like to thank the parents and families for their understanding in regards to interruptions to regular school programming yesterday due to the Australian Education Union’s industrial campaign which affected almost all state government schools thought out Victoria.

As the Victorian Government and the Australian Education Union struggle to work through the development of a new agreement on teacher pay and conditions, I will continue to keep you well informed of all relevant developments and their impact on educational programming at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School.

As we head into the colder months of the year, I’d like to remind students and families that when children arrive at school in the morning that they have access to the Breakfast Club. This free program operates everyday of the year and provides a nutritious breakfast, a warm welcoming environment, teacher supervision and some quiet activities for children to enjoy before beginning the exciting school day. The service begins at 8:15am and is run in the Performance Studio in Learning Neighbourhood 3. Every student is welcome!

In this week’s edition of The Valley View you will find details on a very special offer that our friends at the Broadmeadows Branch of the Bendigo Bank have provided. Energy Makeovers in partnership with Bendigo Bank have offered to give our school $15 for every free energy saving system that someone in the Broadmeadows (HUME) area signs up for. Regardless of whether the household is connected to the school or not, all local residents that sign up either online, over the phone or at the local Bendigo Branch will automatically raise $15- for our schools environmental education program. Further details can also be received at our school office. THIS IS ABSOLUTLEY FREE! The more people we have sign up, the more funds we raise, the more your family saves$$$. and the less carbon your family releases into the environment. Everyone is a winner, but be quick – don’t miss out.

I would like to remind families of students that there will be further changes to the regular school programming in the weeks leading up until the last day of term on the June 29.

On Thursday June 21 there is an alternate daily timetable for students for parent/teacher/student conferences. Further details on this important event will follow as will details on the mid-year reports which will accompany the meetings. The last two days of the term, which are the 28 and 29 of June, will be student free days as the teaching staff will spend this time developing their knowledge an understanding of your child’s learning.

Furthermore, I would also like to once again remind families that the Dimboola Early Learning and Care Centre still have places for Kinder, occasional care and long day care for the 2012 school year. If you or someone you know has pre-school aged children that would benefit from these services, please contact the very helpful staff at the DELCC on 90991080.

Of course the Queen’s birthday long weekend is now almost upon us, so I would like to take this opportunity remind everyone to take some time to relax and prepare for a very busy final 3 weeks of term 2. See you all back at school on Tuesday.

Regards,
Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

There has been some great learning happening in our little corner of the BVPS world. As we get closer to the end of term, the students in grade 1 and 2 have been busily collecting all their knowledge about insect habitats, diet, survival and appearance to make their own non-fiction books.

On Tuesday we had a nurse in to do a thorough head lice check for all students in the Learning Neighbourhood. This service was free to all families and it is very important that parents continue to check their child's head regularly. If you find eggs or live lice you must treat the hair and all the bedding to be sure that you stop the spreading.

The students in grade Prep have had another big week of learning experiences. On Wednesday morning they had toast and wrote their own procedural texts. On Wednesday afternoon they were experimenting with safe ways to look at the planets and the sun through a pin hole on a piece of paper.

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

Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Our Learning Neighbourhood Two students are all working towards improving the management of their personal learning. During these two years of schooling students are being supported in becoming more independent learners through building our students up with the knowledge of strategies such as planning, setting priorities, seeking help and managing their time on activities. It also includes positive attitudes towards their learning, cooperation and organisation. But it is the management and maintenance of basic resources that we wanted to discuss today.

Students require resources such as a pencil case with grey lead pencils, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, coloured pencils, glue sticks, workbooks and 'Have-a-go' books to mention some as well as our technology side which includes our desktop computers, laptops and digital cameras. We are still having quite a number of students turning up to school without pencil cases. The excuses include students just losing their belongings or leaving these resources at home. This week students are being given another grey lead pencil, red pen, eraser and glue stick if required as these were part of their initial book packs at the start of the year.

Staff will continue to support students in the management of these resources. It would be fantastic if parents and families at home can also discuss with their child about whether they require anything else for school such as a ruler. We are noticing that rulers are probably the one basic resource a lot of students do not have. Also students are heavily encouraged to label every one of these basic resources so please check with your child that all of their belongings are labelled. A painter who turns up for work without his paint and paint brushes is going to struggle to get the job done. This can be said for our students as well! A strong partnership between our students, teachers and parents can only improve this!

Just a reminder to all of our parents as well that you are more than welcome to enter the Learning Neighbourhood in the morning or in the afternoons to come and have a look at your child's learning. Remember on Thursday mornings our students can enter the building earlier to participate in our Reading Club.

Have a great weekend!!

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

This week in LN3 has been a steady and productive week. The enrichment topic is coming to an end, as the students completed a self-evaluation on their understandings on micro-organisms. The students were to reflect on their learning journey and to give feedback to the teaching as well. The teachers feel it's essential to
ask for student feedback on the teaching experience as much as the teachers giving feedback on the students learning.

Once again, our interschool sports have risen to another level this week. Mr Youlden has organised a hockey and soccer team to represent in this year’s Gala Day. The event hosted over 6 schools which the participant’s competed throughout the day.

Home Reading has lifted this week. Students are taking the responsibility in taking their readers home and returning them at a suitable time. Reading is an essential part of the child’s personal development. With support from families, LN3 would like to see a continued improvement with Home Reading. If you wish for more advice to encourage your child to read at home regularly, please come and visit the team in LN3 for more helpful hints.

Camp for 2012 is at planning stages. This year the Year 5 and 6s are embarking on a five day camp in November to Coonwarra Farm Resort, North of Bairnsdale, Gippsland, Victoria. An information night will be scheduled early Term 3. Stay tuned for more exciting details about Camp Coonwarra.

Parent, Teacher and Student interviews are scheduled on the 21st of June. All request times need to be sent to your child’s Home Group teacher as soon as possible. Places and times are filling up very quickly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Learning Neighbourhood Team

Reminder to all parents

Could you please make sure that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child’s name on them.

HEAD LICE

We are aware that there are cases of Head Lice throughout the school. We have had the Hume City Council out to do a Head Lice check for our school. This was done in the first week of June for our LN1 students. LN2 and LN3 students will be next.

In the meantime it is very important that everyone carry out regular inspections and head lice treatments if necessary.

Staff Car Park

The staff car park is for staff only due to limited space. Parents should avoid using this area as it is a safety issue for the children and emergency vehicles need access at all times. Could parents please drop off and pick up their children from the appropriate areas.

Calendar:

Friday June 8
Interschool Sport
LN3 Students
Soccer Day and Hockey Gala Day

Tuesday 12
Active After School Program
Netball
3.30pm—4.30pm

Wednesday 13
Active After School Program
Rugby
3.30pm—4.30pm

Thursday May 14
Jacana AFL Program on oval
3.40pm—4.40pm

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Suleekha J
Tyana B
Manderia M
Oktay D
Tyrone E
Pat M
Dakota D
Parent, Student, Teacher Conference

Thursday, June 21st is Parent, Student, Teacher Conference day at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School! We invite all parents and students to participate in the conference to discuss each student's achievements in Semester One and to discuss learning goals for Semester Two. A notice has already been sent home about the conference and included a booking sheet to enable parents to request an appointment time. Please send this back to school as soon as possible as appointments fill quickly. If your child did not receive a notice please check with their home group teacher or Learning Neighbourhood leader as soon as possible.

Please note that the normal school program WILL NOT operate on this day. Children are to attend school only for their appointment time with their family.

We encourage all families to attend and look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's learning achievements for the first half year.

School Banking Day Reminder

Don't forget that FRIDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dolarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School.