Hello Broadmeadows Valley community,

What a great week to come back to school! The weather has been fantastic and the students have returned from the break with learning on their mind. They have settled back into the neighbourhoods with a minimum of fuss and enthusiasm for the new learning challenges ahead.

Teachers too have returned refreshed and revitalized for a busy term ahead. The Mindfulness conference at the end of term 2 gave staff the opportunity to engage and learn more about the benefits of such practices for themselves and their students. Throughout the conference we were exposed to new learning about how the brain learns best, and which instructional strategies are most effective for learning. All staff will be developing personal and student focused SMART goals in relation to mindfulness practices. These goals will be developed and actioned throughout this term. Could you develop a SMART goal for yourself and your children at home?

A SMART goal is one that is Specific, is Measurable, Attainable, is Relevant and there is a Timeline for it. Talk to us if you would like more information!!

COGMED training for 3 students will take place this term. I shared the Term 2 student results of this training with the COGMED National Coordinator and she was thrilled with the improvements our students had shown. 7 students have completed the training in our school since the end of 2012. All students were able to complete the training successfully and all improved throughout the 5 weeks. We are very interested to see the impact of such training on our students.

The teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy continue to be our focus and students are engaged in learning that has been developed by a whole team of teachers working together to ensure the needs of the students are met on a daily basis. The Independent Reading model is really taking shape in all neighbourhoods and it is extremely pleasing to see all students participating in this. They are choosing their preferred literature and engaging in sustained silent reading whilst reclining in comfortable bean bags around the neighbourhoods. We encourage all students to continue with this enjoyment of reading at home too.

SUSTAINABILITY continues to be the topic of investigation in all neighbourhoods this term. Students will continue to investigate and determine the meaning of being sustainable. Throughout this term students will engage in project development that will see a whole school approach and responsibility to ensuring we are caring for our environment.

Not only are our students learning but we have 15 Pre service teachers returning to Broadmeadows Valley Primary School in term 3.

This partnership with Victoria University sees the pre service teachers working with our students every Wednesday and participating in their tutorials on our campus on Tuesdays. Our students have the support of not only the members of our teaching team but an enthusiastic group of pre service teachers. This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance the learning outcomes for our students. The partnership continues to be a successful and worthwhile initiative in our school.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to working with you in Term 3!

Carmela
Learning Neighbourhood 1

News!

What a fabulous start to Term 3 we have had welcoming back LN1 students and families after what we hope was a restful and enjoyable holiday for you all. Term 3 has already proved to be one of rich and hands on learning experiences for all students to further develop their skills in a range of learning areas.

Across the neighbourhood there has been a strong focus on developing our understandings and vocabulary around feelings. The Grade 1/2’s made ‘feeling faces’ by icing biscuits and making facial expressions using jelly beans, snakes and M&M’s. The Preps also made ‘feeling faces’ using macaroni, pom poms and liquorice. These experiences have been used as a writing stimulus and have helped students increase their vocabulary about feelings.

Enrichment action teams have kicked off with enthusiasm and creativity. The biodiversity team have been making tree guards to put around the newly planted trees at BVPS. The energy team are designing three types of energy sources, including solar panels, fossil fuel and wind energy. The students in the water team have been designing water saving techniques, bird baths and testing water to assess how healthy it is. Lastly, the waste team have been conducting experiments about how rubbish breaks down over time.

Our Neighbourhood Libraries are now completed and reading is more of an adventure than ever before! Students are enjoying reading independently and exploring the range of books that we have at BVPS. It is so important that your child reads each night and returns their book each day.

The grade 1/2s are heading off for a visit to Hume Global Learning Centre Library next Monday and Tuesday, which will hopefully add to their enthusiasm for reading!

As we are in the middle of winter, please be reminded to ensure your children come to school with appropriate clothing for the cold weather and be sure to name all items of clothing. Thank you to all students for making LN1 a wonderful place to be.

Jodie, Marija, Rosie, Rob, Karen, Beth & Trudy

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Welcome to the beginning of Term 3 to all of our students and families, including our new students and their families. The students and teachers have got straight back into learning with heaps of enthusiasm.

We have a School Camp Parent Information Session on Tuesday 30 July at 5.00pm. The school camp is being held at The Island, which is in Cowes, Phillip Island. This session will be an opportunity to hear from the staff from the camp The Island to share what the camp involves and provide parents with an opportunity to ask any questions about the camp. A note will be sent home with further details, including the costs, payment plan and a return slip to let the team know of your attendance at the session or interest in your child attending the camp. The camp facilities and activities are amazing and well worth experiencing!

At times in our Learning Neighbourhood it has been extra quiet as the students have been meditating. The students have been focussed, relaxed and cleared their minds during the one –two minute meditating sessions. At the moment we have been meditating in the mornings, but this will change to other parts of the day, especially after recess breaks, to allow the students to redirect and clear their minds before tackling the next learning challenge.

Our Library is up and running and the students have been busy borrowing books and reading independently. Students are choosing books at their reading level and also texts of their own interests to read at school and at home. The homework expectation is for students to read for 20 minutes at least 4 nights a week.

In Maths, the students are continuing to develop or extend their addition and subtraction skills. This has involved the students completing tasks on Mathletics. Each student has their own username and password and can access the program at home (www.mathletics.com.au).

Students are encouraged to participate in the Mathletics Program to consolidate mathematical skills at home. Mathletics is a fun learning tool.

Learning Neighbourhood 2 will be a hype of activity, learning and fun this term.

Jodie, Nicole, Paula, Krystina, Julian & Trudy

Learning Neighbourhood 3

News Around The Clock!

Term 3 and hasn’t time flown? A great start to the term and business as usual for the students and teachers of LN3.

After returning from leave I was very pleased to see our students utilising the central library and developing a desire to read and select their books for a number of reasons. Students are encouraged to carefully select their readers before leaving the central area. Furthermore, the work ethic
and standards have lifted tremendously over the past weeks. During literacy sessions, independent and silent reading is part of our daily practice. Students are constantly encouraged to build their stamina to read and to develop a love for reading. With your support at home, we encourage students to read at home for at least 30 minutes a night and to share their reading, discussing the author’s main idea and theme about the book.

The study of sustainability is continuing over the next 5 weeks. As part of the curriculum in LN3 we will embark on an environmental expedition to CERES (environmental park) on the 12th Aug. The day will be filled with activities from a variety of topics to provide an overview of key sustainability issues. There will be three lessons running 50 minutes each session. Permission forms will be sent to homes next week. The cost will be coming from the excursion levy, so there will be no additional costs to the excursion, which is great! (check out their website http://www.ceres.org.au/) Our computer and network support staff are continuing to register our students to the new WIFI system over the next week. We have 45 students currently using their IPADs and logged onto the school’s new network.

Interschool Sports will be continuing for only two more rounds for the term. Rounds 4 and 5 will be played in week 3 and 4 of this term. The next two following Fridays will be training sessions at school; as well Mr Youlden will be training our students for the District athletics carnival which is scheduled for late term 3. More on sport, there will be Gala Days for AFL and Cricket. It was fantastic to hear our students displayed appropriate sporting behaviours in term 2. The team spirit has definitely grown stronger throughout the year as most of our teams were positioned high on the ladder last term.

LN3 Teachers: Wendy Cecchini, Lisia Halton, Jan Vella, Clint Youlden and Daniel Montalto

**Active After School Communities**

During Term 3, there will be a free, fun, Handball program beginning Tuesday 30th July and a Netball program beginning Wednesday 1st August over 7 weeks.

The program will run after school until 4.30pm as part of the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program.

Please pick up a form from the office and return it as soon as possible because spaces are limited to only 20 per sport.

**Breakfast Club Term 30**

Term 3 Breakfast Club will begin on Monday 22nd July in the “Blue Room” LN 3.

Once completed, Breakfast Club will move to the new kitchen facilities in the Art Studio.

### Calendar:

**Monday 22 July**
- Breakfast Club
  8:15am Blue Studio
- Yr 1/2 Hume Global Learning Centre

**Tuesday 23 July**
- Yr 1/2 Hume Global Learning Centre

**Tuesday July 30**
- 3/4 Camp Information Session - 5.00pm

**AASC Tuesday July 30**
- Handball
- Wednesday August 1
- Netball

**Birthdays**
- Joel WM Cohen T
- Chedelle N
- Ula A
- Nick G
- Hussein H
- Pasitale F
- Ashley B
- Angelica S
- Edona T
- Tyler M
- Harry A
- Izaya Mc

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Happy Birthday!
Notice Board

Playgroups

Start next week and there are groups for parents and their children. Come and join us!

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