Hello BVPS!
What an exciting week of learning it has been in the Learning Neighbourhoods. The progress of the students has continued to be highly impressive!

There are a number of important reasons why children are improving in their learning at the new BVPS and it’s not all about our wonderful buildings.

First and foremost, a school needs to create the right preconditions for learning. The environment where the learning takes place has to be safe and secure. Equally important is that the buildings, furniture and other resources are attractive and engaging.

Children also need to feel comfortable with the teachers and staff, as well as with the other students around them. At BVPS, our staff spend an enormous amount of time working together so as to determine what your child already knows and they pride themselves on having a strong knowledge of your child’s needs.

Once we know what areas each individual student needs to work on, our professional and innovative team create learning experiences which develop the areas of need.

There are children at BVPS that are having difficulty with their learning....but the important thing is that we do know who they are; what their issues may be and we have individual plans in place to support these students in making the relevant gains. If you are ever concerned at any time about the learning progress of your child please contact your child’s Learning Neighbourhood Leader and make an appointment to discuss the issue.

I hope that the families that are attending the big game at Etihad Stadium tonight have a fantastic time. We are thrilled to be able to offer these tickets and we thank the Essendon Football Club for their involvement.

Kind regards,

Andrew Jones

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Broadmeadows Valley Primary School is now taking Prep enrolments for 2013.

If you have a child commencing Year Prep in 2013, please make the opportunity to contact our school office reception for all your enrolment needs.

The Prep induction and pre-transition program will be commencing shortly

(Further details to come)
Learning Neighbourhood 1

It’s been pretend week this week in LN1. We have had lots of students imagine animals and weird creatures in the paint shapes they made by blowing and pressing paint puddles. These creatures were used as stimulus for making up stories about what they see.

On Thursday it was our pretend sleep over day to celebrate HOT CHOCOLATE DAY. Everyone had hot chocolate and marshmallows, almost everyone brought a teddy and their pillow. We talked about what you might do when you sleep over at someone’s house and what you do when it’s really cold outside. We had some teachers in the PJ’s and it was a great day for writing creative stories and sharing our toys and teddies.

Next Thursday is the WORLD OF MATHS activity day. Students brought a permission form home on Thursday and we really would like to see all our children and parents participating in this great event. On Friday next week the OLYMPICS come to BVPS and we are having a whole school mini Olympics. The students in LN1 will be competing between 11:30 and 1:30 so if you are free it would be great if you can come and join us. After lunch the finals and the presentation ceremonies will be held. Come along and support us.

Reminder: Breakfast club has started, 8:15 and 8:45 in the Blue Studio (LN3). If your child is attending breakfast club they need to be here by at least 8:30 so they have enough time to eat.

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

Once again I’d like to mention the fantastic excursion that our students, teachers and parents went on last week to the Melbourne Museum. After the train ride in, students had an opportunity to visit various exhibits within the museum including Dynamic Earth & the Dinosaur Walk. Our students then had an opportunity to participate in activities focussed around Melbourne’s history and what toys and games have looked liked for children in Australia throughout these different periods. Students were dressing up in costumes and playing with toys from all periods including a ball made of possum skin! After this we ventured up to the Melbourne Story exhibit where students got to meet Phar Lap and explore the history of Melbourne. It was an amazing day for all involved and what we think was an extremely effective way for our students to be introduced to the topic of History in Australia.

Over the past two weeks our students have been looking at real-world worded problems within mathematics. This focus has given our students the opportunity to apply their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division that they studied within Semester 1. Over the next two weeks in mathematics our students’ learning will be looking very different. To link in with the Olympic Games in London, students will be participating in 8 days of Maths Olympics. Students will work through 14 different events that all have a particular focus in measurement and number. This will be a great chance for our students to really develop their knowledge and application of measurement by participating in ‘hands on’, group-based activities.

Homework for Learning Neighbourhood 2 will look similar this term to what it did last term. Students are provided with some sort of homework from both their literacy and numeracy teachers. Literacy generally involves a writing task and daily student reading at home. However, homework can look like many different things and does not always have to come in the form of a worksheet. With so many great resources available now on the Internet it will not be uncommon for students to have homework that includes computer and Internet usage. Mathletics is a website that all students have access to and allows students to play Maths games and complete set tasks that are given by the teacher.

Our students work extremely hard at school every day and while we believe homework is a good opportunity to reinforce or revise key learning that’s taken place at school, we do not provide huge amounts of homework. If you would like additional homework for your child please do not hesitate to come up and speak to your child’s home group teacher or if you do have access to the Internet, let your child do some maths activities on the Internet!

Another extremely important focus for our students out of school is consistent home reading. Our students are expected to read for a minimum of 15 minutes every week night. Students have an opportunity every day to change their reader at school from our student library.

Have a fantastic weekend!

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

TERM 3

This week was over the top with exciting events. Firstly, the students had a learning experience role playing a visit to the airport. The entire neighbourhood was converted into an airport where by the students had to register their luggage, present their passports, fill in departure forms, walk through immigration gates to finally be seated on a
plane. The experience was fantastic! Teachers acted out roles from airport checking agents to flight attendance. The students also were a part of the act waiting in cues and following strict guidelines. This was all part of their virtual trip to see the London Olympics, which each group had planned for with appropriate costings.

The students had a special class this week on Body Changes. We were very fortunate to have a school nurse free of charge to visit the neighbourhood to assist with the health rated topic. The sessions went very well as many students asked informative questions about the body. We strongly encourage our parents from LN3 to continue discussions at home about changing bodies.

A gentle reminder for students who have not returned their excursion note for the Immigration Museum still have time to do so. The excursion will be on the 7th of August and the cost of the excursion is $15.00. The students will travel to the city via the train metro system. Please be informed, students are to arrive at school on the day of the excursion. Teachers and students will be walking to the station together.

As well, a Camp Parent Information Session has been organised for Thursday 9th August at 6:00pm in Room L17 at Learning Neighbourhood 3. We encourage all parents and students to attend. During this session information will be given on costs, activities, accommodation, transportation and student requirements. Notices about the evening have been handed out.

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Keep Rocking!

*Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team*

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**World of Mathematics Incursion**

**Date:** Thursday 2nd August 2012

**Where:** Multi Purpose Hall BVPS

**Cost:** $6.00 per student

Parents are most welcome to come and join in on this activity with their child. If you would like to know what time their session will be, you can ask their home group teachers, they will be more than happy to let you know.

**Dear Parent/Guardian**

We will be holding a school fun run/Mini Olympics on Friday the 3rd August. We are using this day to expose students to the Olympic sports and continue the excitement the Games creates for all us sports fans!

Each student will have receive a sponsorship booklet that they can use to raise money for the school. Students can ask friends and family to sponsor them to participate in all the activities we have planned for the day which will be put towards new and exciting active initiatives at BVPS.

As an incentive for students to raise money, they are able to select from a range of prizes for themselves based on how much money they raise. All sponsors signatures are required at the back of the booklet for confirmation and booklets are to be handed in to home group teachers no later than Friday 10th August.

This promises to be a fun and exciting day of events with some great performances being added to an extended assembly in the afternoon, so we encourage all parents to come along and watch or participate in the events!

Regards

BVPS Staff

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**Calendar:**

**Monday 30**

Active After School Program Athletics

3.30pm—4.30pm

**Wednesday 01**

Active After School Program Basketball

3.30pm—4.30pm

**Thursday 02**

AFL Auskick 2012

Jacana AFL Program on oval

3.40pm—4.40pm

**Friday 03**

Inter School Sport

Dallas North PS Home Game

Mini Olympics is between recess and lunch

11.30am—1.15pm

**Happy Birthday to the following students:**

Salote M

Darius T

Hannah K

Jodi B

Jemma B

Mary S

Brianna S
Notice Board

Before School/After School Care

We would like to let families know that our centre is now available for Before and after school care. We have put a flyer in this week's newsletter and also at the reception desk. All enquiries from parents can be made to Belinda at the Early Learning Centre on 9099 1080 or you are welcome to drop in for a tour.

Free Junior Golf Clinic

For the parents out there that would like their child to participate in a respectful and challenging sport, what better way to start than a free clinic with Robert Stephens who has taught golf for more than 25 years and will accommodate all skill levels.

Cragieburn Golf Club,
9308 2774
August 4th, 10am.

Call to make sure your child does not miss out.

Thanks