Good afternoon Broadmeadows Valley community,

Literacy and numeracy are the foundation for learning and success throughout life. At Broadmeadows Valley we believe that all teachers are teachers of literacy and numeracy. We maintain that this is the most important work and continue to ensure that the focus remains on these two areas of the curriculum. We support our students in developing the myriad of capabilities so they can progress and succeed through all stages of learning and participate as active members of our society.

Students at BVPS have access to contemporary resources that support literacy and numeracy learning, they learn in an environment where their individual needs are recognised and catered for, students receive additional support if they are not making expected progress in literacy and numeracy at any point throughout their time with us. The teachers are ensuring that students are presented with challenging and interesting learning opportunities that will enable them to be engaged and participate in the learning to the best of their ability. We have dedicated the entire morning of our timetable to literacy and numeracy learning. Students remain in their neighbourhoods without interruption to this time. All of our specialist teachers are working with the LN teachers and together they facilitate the learning experience for our students.

We also recognize that parents are the children’s first and ongoing teachers, playing a key role in supporting their children’s learning from birth to adulthood. We encourage you as parents and carers to assist us with this vital work.

We invite you to attend our Literacy and Numeracy Open Morning on the 6th August and help us celebrate the successful learning taking place in the neighbourhoods.

Here are some ways you can make a difference: read to your children, learn number facts whilst chopping onions at the kitchen bench, have conversations about everyday events on the news, engage in family discussions about books or favourite television shows or apps!! Count the cars on the opposite side of the road on your way to the shops, there are millions of things you could do!!

What other opportunities can you explore in the home environment that promotes the use of literacy and numeracy? If you would like any ideas, please speak with your child’s home group teacher!!

Further information will be available in the next week so stay tuned for what plans to be a fun filled morning!!!

Have a great weekend everyone

Carmela
Learning Neighbourhood 1

News!

Surrounded by a world of books, the sound of scampering feet, joyful whispers and pages turning was a delight to the ears! This week the Year 1/2 Literacy groups walked to the Hume Global Learning Centre Library and explored all the opportunities the library offers. All students spent time exploring the children's section of the library, choosing books to read independently or with a friend. They had a tour around the rest of the library and some students even learnt how to sign up for a membership card and borrow books for themselves. This was a positive experience for all students and we really encourage families to spend some time visiting the library with your own children on a regular basis, as being exposed to such a literature rich environment has so many benefits! The Preps will be visiting the library next week, so stay tuned for more information on that.

In Maths, all students have been developing their number skills in exploring the concept of multiplication. One day per week students spend their Maths session learning about ‘time’ and discovering what time looks like in the context of a year, particularly looking at months and seasons. Well done to all students who return and change their take home books each day. It is so important for your child to spend time at home reading, so please encourage them to bring a new book home each day.

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

Learning Neighbourhood 2

News!

We have an abundance of budding authors in our Neighbourhood as the students have been writing and publishing their own Narrative texts. Some students created their own characters and wrote a story about those characters. Other stories have included characters such as Batman, dogs and children. The published stories will be added to our library for all students to share and read the texts.

In Mathematics, the students have been working on the learning goals in the area of addition. Some students have been creating board games that include an addition focus. These games will be used as a learning tool for students to build upon their skills in automatic recall of addition problems.

Tuesday 30th July at 5.00pm we welcome our parents to the Parent Information Session for the Year 3/4 Camp. Thank-you to the parents who have filled in and returned the reply slip already, and we look forward to receiving more by Monday. The Information Session will outline what the camp involves and answer questions you may have about the camp. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Enjoy the weekend.

Jodie, Krystina, Paula, Nicole, Julian and Trudy

Learning Neighbourhood 3

News Around The Clock!

Your child would have brought home their excursion notice for this term’s excursion to CERES for the 12th of August. The study of sustainability is continuing over the next 5 weeks. 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. The cost will be coming from the excursion levy, so there will be no additional costs for the excursion to those who have paid the levy, which is great! (Check out their website http://www.ceres.org.au/) To support our sustainability program we are encouraging all students to be mindful of the use of resources around us and to make real decisions that are relevant to their lives. Sustainability is one of the richest authentic learning areas and can generate many areas of learning. There have been a few Mini IPAD screens broken from mishandling around the neighbourhood. The ICT team are looking at resourcing new screens from other departments for a cheaper solution. Currently, a few students have found local services to replace their screens at a reasonable price. It is very important to remind your child of the agreement with the use of IPADs, which was to be mindful of the care and use. Having the IPAD mini program is a luxury which the school values.

LN3 Teachers: Wendy Cecchini, Lisia Halton, Jan Vella, Clint Youlden and Daniel Montalto
MEDICATION
If your child requires medication to be administered during school hours, parents must fill out a form at the office.
Under no circumstances will medication be given without this form.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK
Tuesday
August 6
This will be an OPEN DAY for you to come and share in your child’s learning environment. Keep this day free. More information soon!!

ENROLMENTS 2014
If you have a child who is turning 5 by April 30 2014, they will be ready for school. Call into the office for an enrolment form. If you have friends or family with eligible children, let them know about our great school.

LOST PROPERTY
There are several items of lost clothing in the neighbourhoods and sick bay. Are you missing any school uniform?

INJURIES
Best wishes to Mrs Rider who is on the injury list.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
Forms available from the office. Netball starts on Tuesday July 30 and Handball Wednesday July 31.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
If you are the holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card you maybe eligible for the EMA payment. Applications close on Friday August 2. If you applied at the beginning of the year and your circumstances have not changed you will receive the second payment.

STUDENT BANKING DOLLARMITES
Make saving fun by joining the Dollarmites Club and you’ll learn to set a little aside every week or month, so you’ll soon have money to spend on the things you enjoy. Banking day—FRIDAY

Calendar:

Monday 29 July
• Prep Library Visit 10am—11am
• Breakfast Club 8:15am Blue Studio Everyday

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

AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm
• Tuesday July 30
  Netball
• Wednesday July 31
  Handball

Friday August 2
Melbourne Rebels and Victoria Rugby visit 1.30pm—4.00pm

Birthdays
Ege A
Salote M
Darius T
Jemma B
Jodi B
Hannah K
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Parents can learn too!

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The Melbourne Rebels and the Victoria Rugby are coming to BVPS.
Friday 2nd August at 1.30pm – 4pm.
Come and see the players and share a healthy snack.