Hello once again my dear friends of the Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Community.

Wandering through the yard at recess today, the sun shining and the children playing, I was once again reminded of just how fortunate we are to have the things that we have. In the hustle bustle of life, it is often the case that we forget to acknowledge our good fortune.

Given that, I thought I steal a moment to consider what I believe to be the best things about your child’s school. Here are my top 6 (in no particular order!)

Students of Broadmeadows Valley
Far and away, the wonderful young people that call BVPS home are our most outstanding feature. Our school could exist under a boab tree and I would still be proud to be the Principal of this school for the reason that my students are amazing human beings and they deserve every good thing that comes their way. Enough said.

Facilities
I’m not sure there is much else that needs be said about our facilities that hasn’t already been said before. Yes, our school buildings and grounds are world class and remain the envy of other schools throughout Australia. And yes, there is a mass of opportunities for us to present the perfect environment for learning and expand the range of experiences available to our students because of these spaces. But above all else, our beautiful school buildings and grounds encourage our students to be proud of their school and themselves, and I think that is so very, very important.

Learning spaces
Inside the buildings, it just gets better. The learning spaces for our students have been specifically built to meet the needs of a modern learner. We have quiet spaces, formal spaces, communal spaces, spaces that are comfortable, spaces that are not and large open learning spaces. A space for every occasion - a space for every learner!

Teachers
If you haven’t realised already, our teachers are simply amazing. We have spent 4 years getting the mix right and as Principal, it has been my most significant work yet.

We know that teachers make the difference. Think of a time in your own school life when you had a strong connection with a teacher. Now consider your own progress at that time and to what extent that teacher allowed for that. At BVPS our teachers are smart, strong, caring, insightful, dedicated and work together in close knit teams that give your children their very best. Our teachers rock!

Calm, caring safe and secure environments
I’ve always believed that if you don’t have your health and safety, you’ve got nothing. School must provide safe and secure environments for all their members. They must also be rich in values such respect, trust and cooperation. BVPS strives very hard to consider the wellbeing of its students, staff and families and we expect that as a member of our school community that you do to.

Thanks for being a player at BVPS.

Regards,

Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

Each grade this week competed in UNI Olympic events. The medalists for our 3 events are listed below:

Gymnastics:
- GOLD MEDALLISTS: Veronika, Abdi, Jay
- SILVER MEDALLISTS: Rael, Jason, Tyana
- BRONZE MEDALLISTS: Zainab A.T., Serena G, Tanaya, Keryke

Weight Lifting:
- GOLD MEDALLISTS: Veronika, Joanne, Mason, Srumoni
- SILVER MEDALLISTS: Irmak, Sulekhra, Brinzie Meaudeanis
- BRONZE MEDALLISTS: Robbi, Mystica, Manisha

Long Jump:
- GOLD MEDALLISTS: Veronika, Siera, Jay
- SILVER MEDALLISTS: Tyler, Muhammed, Cohen
- BRONZE MEDALLISTS: Noah, Tanaya, Issiah, Darius

Big Thankyou to Latrell for being the official photographer for children in UNI who attended the World of Maths activity session.

Reminder: Early Bird Learning Club has started 8:40 to 9:00am in the small room near the Library in UNI.

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

This week in Learning Neighbourhood 2 has seen the start of our Mini Maths Olympics during maths. All students are in a country with 2-3 of their fellow students and are working their way through two different events each day in which they are exposed to measuring length, time, weight, area and volume. Some of the events so far have included the cotton ball shot put, left hand sponge squeeze, straw javelin, the paper plate discus and the big foot. All of these events have been indoors and next week will see the students head outdoors.

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. In literacy our students have also been following the Olympic theme and have been researching information on Olympic sports and athletes and producing information reports on their chosen sport or athlete.

In our 'Back To The Future' studies our students have been investigating the history of the Broadmeadows area. Places, landmarks, names of roads and names such as Hume, Camp Road, Will Will Rook and the old Broadmeadows (Westmeadows) have been some of the areas researched. All of the students' information will be displayed next to the Broadmeadows map and connected to the relevant landmarks on the map.

Have a great weekend!

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

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In literacy the students have begun to collect their avantures ideas for their narrative piece of writing. The year 8 students from Hume Secondary will visit our neighbourhood each fortnight to assist with narrative writing and to develop a short story. The partnership will continue throughout the term.

World of Maths was a wonderful event yesterday. Our students were able to work in groups, chose their level and solved problems. It was another way of showing our students that mathematics can be exciting and challenging at the same time. The UN3 team were impressed with the amount of enthusiasm the students gave when tackling a mathematical problem.

Next week UN3 will be setting off to the CBD (city) to visit the Immigration Museum. The excursion will open up the curiosity of our students on relevant issues and topics on multicultural society, impact of migrants and finding out more about their own family history. The students will travel to the city via the train system.

Please be informed, students are to arrive at school on the day of the excursion. Teachers will be walking the students to the station together.

As well, a Camp Parent Information Session is still scheduled 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. Notice about the evening has been handed out.

Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team

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.

Calendar:

- Monday 6: Active After School Program Athletics
  3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Wednesday 7: Active After School Program Basketball
  3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Thursday 8: AFL Auskick 2012
  Jacana AFL Program on oval
  3.40pm - 4.40pm
- Friday 9: Inter School Sport Home Game

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Hanan N
Fatime H
Orlando-Joy
Sihama J
Tony L
Hassan Y

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COLES AND WOOLWORTHS SHOPPING VOUCHERS

BVPS are collecting Coles shopping vouchers and Woolworths stickers to purchase some educational and sporting resources for our school. Please place your vouchers in the boxes provided at the office.

For more information visit www.bvps.vic.edu.au
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Best of the Olympics

The athletes were eagerly waiting for the race to begin. Determined and filled with energy, they were ready to compete. The tension was high as the flags were raised and the starting gun was fired. The race was on! The competitors were running fast, each trying to be the first to cross the finish line. The crowd was cheering loudly, showing their support for their favorite athletes. The atmosphere was electric as the athletes pushed themselves to their limits.

By Jess and Siyab

Best of the Olympics

The crowd was in silence as the runners approached the starting line. They took the three famous plunges on your neck, getting ready for the intense stadium to be electrifying. As the athletes ran, the excitement was high; the best man was the one who won first to show the crowd he was victorious.

By Branna and William

Finally, the most anticipated and exciting sporting event, London Olympics, was hours away. Everyone was waiting for the athletes to perform in an energetic and passionate way, thrilling and electrifying atmosphere.

By Elisha and (Blank)