Hello Broadmeadows Valley community, we hope this newsletter finds you all fit and healthy.

Here at school we are continuously promoting the health and wellbeing of our students and have programs in place that ensure the focus on these two elements are always at the forefront of what we do not only for our students but for the entire school wide community.

Students are engaged in learning about healthy eating and looking after their bodies and mind. Looking after our body and mind is critical to participating in effective learning every day.

Programs like iFIT encourage students to engage in physical activity that stimulates and activates the mind and body first thing in the morning. All of the programs we offer here at school have the research to prove that they can make a difference if students participate fully. What level of exercise do you participate in? I’ve been walking my dog at 6am every morning for the past 4 years and I couldn’t begin my day without it now. This time gives me the opportunity to think about my day ahead and keep active!

Our senior school students are engaged in a Gardening program every Friday and with the help of our volunteer gardener Ray. This is a treasured time for all and we are always pleased to see the fruits of their labour. Students are fully engaged in the learning that the gardening experience provides. Freshly grown vegetables have been shared amongst our students and used in cooking classes here at school.

Three representative players from the REBELS RUGBY UNION team are coming to BVPS this Friday from 1.30pm. They will be engaged in clinics with our students and teaching them the necessary skills to be a great Rugby Union player.

Come and see Rory Sidey, Cadeyrn Neville and Pat Leafa!!

The BVPS kitchen is almost ready to go! This fabulous new space will provide specific learning experiences for our students utilising the produce that is grown in our garden. Gardening is a great way for our students to learn new skills and engender a love of nature. Most students enjoy being outdoors and love digging in the soil, getting dirty, creating things and watching plants grow.

There will be NO ASSEMBLY this week but we invite you come along and watch the clinics taking place on the oval instead!!

Have a great weekend everyone and I hope your football team wins!!

Carmela

The students work extremely hard to keep the garden functioning productively and we were all EXTREMELY disappointed to find that some of the seedlings planted last week were removed over the weekend.

Hopefully this won’t happen again but we do appreciate your attention to our garden if you see uninvited people in it. Thank you!!

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Learning Neighbourhood 1
News!

No longer do we say ‘happy’ and ‘sad!’ ‘…Ecstatic…thrilled… excited…glad…surprised… frustrated…stressed…angry… worried…’ These are all new words the students in LN1 have been using when they talk about feelings.

All students from Prep to Year 2 have been working hard to extend their vocabulary when they talk about the emotions of others and make inferences about characters’ feelings when they read. This week students in Years 1 and 2 made stick puppets to represent characters and then role played stories using expression and emotion.

On Monday The Preps walked to the Hume Library and enjoyed exploring all that it has to offer. The students have a strong love for reading, and having the opportunity to go to the library was an exciting time for all!

This week has been the beginning of a brand new IFIT challenge! Each time a student attends IFIT they will receive a stamp on their hand. With each stamp students receive a positive, as well as points to work towards the end of term reward and the accumulation of house points. Whilst there is a fantastic reward at the end of term for those who regularly attend IFIT, the most important rewards are improved health and fitness and a brain that is ready for learning!

As people who strive to ‘take care of the Earth together’, we encourage all students to make sure they put their rubbish in the bin. We are proud of our school and want it to be a tidy place that has a positive impact on our environment.

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

Learning Neighbourhood 2
News!

A huge thank-you to all the parents who attended the Camp Information Session on Tuesday night. We hope you gained all the information you require about the camp. A notice to begin the process of paying the deposit was sent home today with your child/children. If you have any further questions about camp, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us in the Learning Neighbourhood.

The students have been busy reading a variety of narrative texts. During independent reading sessions, students have been focusing on identifying the traits of the characters in the text, and finding the evidence in the text to support these trait identifications. Character traits such as kind, positive, nice, and bossy have been identified. The students have continued to focus on character traits in their own narratives in writing sessions.

Next Tuesday (6th August) we welcome all parents into our Learning Neighbourhood for Open Day. Literacy sessions will be very creative as we all make our own finger puppets after listening to a story being read by the teachers. The students will be working in LN2 or LN1 during Literacy. After recess in Maths, the Year 3/4 students will be designing, creating and evaluating paper bridges in small cooperative groups. Come along and be creative with your child/children!

Have a fantastic weekend.

Jodie, Krystina, Paula, Nicole, Julian and Trudy

Learning Neighbourhood 3
News Around The Clock!

There has been a change to the LN3 teaching staff this week. Mrs Mori Milholland has joined the LN3 team as Mrs Jan Vella is taking long service leave which will run through the rest of this term. The team is thrilled to have Mrs Mori Milholland as a member of LN3. She is a familiar figure to the school, as she has been working in LN1 throughout Term 2.

A reminder, on the 12th of August the neighbourhood will be heading down to CERES to further their current knowledge on sustainability. By having the excursion levy credit account, we have over 95% of students attending this awesome experience to CERES.

Check out their website http://www.ceres.org.au/ This week, there have been some exciting learning experiences occurring throughout the neighbourhood. One particular experience is cooking. The teachers have spent many hours organising and preparing master chief classes in support of the literacy and numeracy programs. The cooking experience allows students to work cooperatively, use mathematical computation, read through a procedural text, have discussions and produce a food product which can create a big buzz across the neighbourhood. ‘Who said learning couldn’t be fun?’

For more information on special dates and reading this term’s curriculum; check out the Term 3 Newsletter which is now published.

Wendy Cecchini, Lisia Halton, Mori Milholland, Clint Youliden 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.

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

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?

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
Forms available from the office. Netball held on Tuesdays and Handball on Wednesdays for the next six weeks. Enrol now!

MELBOURNE REBELS
The Rebels are coming to BVPS on Friday August 2nd at 1.30pm until 4.00pm Come and see the players and share a healthy snack.

PLAYGROUPS
Monday—Mother Goose
9am—10am
Tuesday—Valley Kids
9am—11am
Wednesday—Valley Kids
9am—11am
Thursday—EP4U
9am—11am

Calendar
Friday August 2
Rebels Rugby Union visit
1.30pm—4.00pm

No Assembly this day

Tuesday August 6
Open Day
All families and friends welcome.
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday August 6
Netball
Wednesday August 7
Handball

BIRTHDAYS
Mary S
Jordyn F
Brianna S
National Literacy & Numeracy Week
OPEN DAY - Tuesday August 6th

Monday 5th August – Friday 9th August

National Literacy and Numeracy Week represents a collaborative approach by the Australian Government and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a specific focus on school-aged children.

The Week gives schools the opportunity to be involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities and aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

Here at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School we celebrate our students achievements and the value of reading and writing in our learning.
We welcome you to come along and join your child next Tuesday at 9.30am, the 6th of August, for some FUN and CRAFTY activities and celebrate with us.

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| At 9.30 am        | **Crafty Characters**  
Students will have loads of fun creating their own finger puppet and acting out with their friends!! |
|                   | **Where?**  
Kinder students and Prep students – LN3 (Blue building)  
1 / 2 & 3 / 4 classes are mixed – LN1 (Yellow building) & LN2 (Red building)  
5 / 6V & 5 / 6H – LN3  
5 / 6C – LN3 & LN1 |

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| At 11.30 am       | **Creative Construction**  
Children will design, then build their ‘creative construction’.  
Will the LN2 team be able to ‘Build A Bridge… and get over it?’  
Can the LN3 team complete the perplexing ‘Polyhedron House Challenge’?  
And will the LN1 crew come up with an ‘Amazing Animal House?’ |
|                   | **Where?**  
All students in own Learning Neighbourhoods |