Hello BVPS community and welcome to another week in our fabulous school!
The celebration and promotion of Literacy & Numeracy week was a great success with all students participating in the construction of finger puppets and 3d shapes. Students were grouped in multi age teams which allowed older students to mentor and assist our younger students. These events and this type of grouping have proven to be very successful here and allow our students to highlight their cooperative learning skills. We believe the teaching of these important life skills has given our students the opportunity to engage with each other in an extremely respectful and considered manner. They understand that as a community of learners they need to be effective in their communication with each other and appreciate and tolerate the differences they present when learning together.

The puppets were a fun and creative way of responding to a whole range of lovely picture story books that are in our libraries here at school.

Research consistently shows that one of the most effective strategies for fostering a love of reading in schools is the creation of neighbourhood libraries, as it serves as a constant reminder for the children to pick up a book and start reading. Our neighbourhood libraries with books from a variety of genres and covering a range of potential areas of interest increase student’s literacy-related activities and promote phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension and writing.

By providing access to a rich neighbourhood library, we promote greater amounts of reading, increased reading frequency and more diverse reading experiences among our students, thus helping them to attain greater levels of reading achievement.

READ MORE ABOUT OUR LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD LIBRARIES ON OUR WEBSITE!!

The completed finger puppets are show casing in the neighbourhoods at the moment and will also be on display at the Hume Global Learning Village from the 26th August.

Come and view these beautiful creations, they look great!!

Thank you to all the families that came to support the visit from the Melbourne Rebels Rugby team on a very gloomy and wet Friday afternoon. The three players and two development coaches lead the clinics that saw our students develop and learn new skills of the game. The visitors were warmly welcomed and worked beautifully with our students. It will be a visit that will be remembered for a long time. The Rebels have indicated they would love to come back to BVPS and work with our students again!! A big big thank you to Brigitte Walker and Clint Youlden for their super organization of this thoroughly enjoyed event.

To all of our community, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at any of the events we host for you here at school.

Have a great weekend.
Carmela
Learning Neighbourhood 1

News!

The joy that is found in reading, writing and maths is a treasure in LN1, with celebrations for Literacy and Numeracy Week ringing loud and clear! On Tuesday morning LN1, LN2 and LN3 worked together to read a picture story book and make finger puppets out of felt to represent characters from their book. The students were so proud of their finger puppets and these will be displayed across the school for all to see. This experience has been a fantastic writing stimulus for the children and the grade one twos are using this to practice sequencing their ideas when they write recounts.

![Image of children with finger puppets]

Throughout the neighbourhood this week there has been an obvious buzz for learning and it has been wonderful to see students engaged in their learning in all areas.

Well done LN1!

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

Learning Neighbourhood 2

News!

What a fun and creative Open Day we had on Tuesday. The students had a fantastic time creating finger puppets, such as Mr Strong, Mr Birthday, Little Miss Naughty, monsters, sea creatures and the Rainbow Fish. These puppets will be used for oral language tasks and also displayed in the Learning Neighbourhoods. Thank-you to all the parents who attended the Open Day. It was fantastic to see you in the Neighbourhood and having lots of fun creating and learning with your children.

This week in Maths the students have been demonstrating their knowledge and skills in multiplication and division through a series of pre-assessment tasks. These tasks were analysed and assisted the students in developing their learning goals for the next few weeks.

Next Wednesday, the students will be attending a production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* at the Hume Central Secondary College Town Park Campus.

Last Sunday it was a pleasure to see some of our students who had the opportunity to play AUSKICK games at the MCG, during half time of the Collingwood vs Essendon game. Congratulations to Je-miah, Serena and Owen from LN2, and to Olivia, Emily and Issiah. You showed great spirit during the game.

Enjoy your weekend.

Jodie, Krystina, Paula, Nicole, Julian and Trudy

Learning Neighbourhood 3

News Around The Clock!

Next Monday, the 12th of August the neighbourhood will be heading down to CERES to further their current knowledge on sustainability. Kastoria Bus Company has fitted seats with seat belts and will be leaving the school by 9:30am, so please have your child on time for school. By having the excursion levy credit account, we have over 98% of students attending this awesome experience to CERES. For more information please check out their website [http://www.ceres.org.au/](http://www.ceres.org.au/).

Please support your child by packing a ‘Nude Food Lunch Box’ for the excursion on Monday. We would like all our students to have an eco-friendly lunch box at an environmental park. Refer to the LN3 Term 3 Newsletter for info on a nude food lunch.

Summarizing is our continued fo-
Students are building up their reading stamina called ‘iRead’. Students are encouraged to read for 20 minutes uninterrupted and then highlight main points from the text to summarise back to their team. This exercise is very effective.

Is your child reading nightly at home?

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

Wendy Cecchini, Lisia Halton, Mori Milholland, Clint Youlden and Daniel Montalto

HUME CUP

On Monday 19th August, BVPS will be hosting 4 other schools from the greater district in a football and netball round robin competition called the ‘Hume Cup’. Last year the school netball team took out the championship and this year both teams are in with a great chance. The Hume cup is organised through the Essendon Football club and we hope to have a player come out to present the trophy to the champions as Courtney Dempsey did last year. It will be a fun all-day event and all parents are encouraged to come along and watch and join in the fun of the day.

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

WINNERS of the Smigles Gift Bags were: Stefano Valeri and Izabel Kirbas

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 five weeks. Enrol now!

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Parents please ensure that your children use the crossings at manned times. The supervisors are concerned that many children are using the crossings outside of manned hours. This is a serious safety issue.

Supervision Times for manned crossings are:
8.15am — 9.00am
3.00pm — 3.45pm.

Calendar

Monday August 12th
CERES Excursion
Yrs 5/6 9.30-3.15pm

AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday August 13
Netball

Wednesday August 14
Handball

Thursday August 15
Interschool Netball Finals, Reservoir 9.15am

Monday August 19
Hume Cup at BVPS

Father’s Day Stall
Friday August 30
9.10—11.30am
1.40—2.30pm

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A big thank you to the parents who joined us on our Open Day on Tuesday the 6\textsuperscript{th} of August to participate in our ‘Crafty Characters’ literacy activity and the ‘Creative Constructions’ numeracy task. A great time was had by all and we welcome you to come in to the Learning Neighbourhoods with your children and admire our fun finger puppets and constructions!! I am sure you’ll agree that we have some very artistic and creative students.

We will be displaying our finger puppets at the Hume Global Learning Centre on the week beginning Monday the 26\textsuperscript{th} of August so keep an eye out for them when you visit.