Hello BVPS.

Welcome to the end of another very successful weeks’ worth of learning at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. Our very own Dimboola Early Learning and Care Centre (DELC) is now offering Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) for families that need family support programs after school some or all days from Monday to Friday. If you have any questions regarding this service please speak to the centre manager for details. The DELC also offers long day care, occasional care and both 3 and 4 year old preschool programs. Currently, our Prep teaching team are working closely with the kindergarten students as they prepare to make the leap into primary schooling. This is one of the most important benefits of having an early learning centre of our own.

The 2012 Hume Netball and Football Cup competition was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Broadmeadows Valley Primary School playing field and netball courts. It was so pleasing to see local year 5 and year 6 students come together in a celebration of participation, fun and fitness. As you can tell by the photos in today’s newsletter, a great time was had by all. The four local schools have been working together on a range of projects including partnerships with Victoria University and the Essendon Football Club. The Essendon Football Club webpage and Foxtel’s sports program ‘The Hanger’ will have a segment dedicated to our event in next week’s episode. We anticipate that this will be an annual event.

We look forward to next week’s whole school literacy and numeracy day on Wednesday morning from 9:15am until 12:30pm. As you would no doubt be very well aware of by now, Literacy and Numeracy education are our most important focus at BVPS. The most wonderful gift we can give our children is the ability to read, write and use numbers effectively. So next Wednesday we are inviting the families of our students to school to participate in a fun-filled morning of activities and learning. A morning tea will be held for families in the art room. I look forward to seeing you there. I’m sure all the children and mothers of the school are racking their minds and pondering the best way to show the fathers in their lives how special they are. The annual BVPS Father’s Day stall will be held in the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) next Friday morning. Gifts are priced between $1 and $10. Please send the money along with your child on the day.

A very important part of a teacher’s role at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School is the supervision that they provide before school, after school, at recess and at lunch time. Before and after school begins, there are two teachers on duty making sure that the children arrive and leave the school grounds in a safe and orderly manner. At recess and at lunch time, there are four teachers and at least one additional Education Support Staff member with the students in a formal supervisory way. Teaching staff are posted in one of each of the three zones: Johnstone, Central and Dimboola, with the addition of a staff member in the time-away room. The time away room has been set up to cater for children that need a little extra TLC (tender, love and care). Not all children want to spend their entire lunch and recess times outdoors. Sometimes kids like to play inside with trusted adults monitoring the play around them.

The staff at BVPS are very aware of the needs of your children. The staff at BVPS are very good. In fact, if at any stage you would like to discuss any areas of special need or concern, please feel free to come up for a chat.

Until next time,

Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

WOW! We saw an awesome performance of Peter Pan Wednesday afternoon. Hume Central Secondary College students performed for us at the Town Park Campus. Not only was this the first time that many of the students had been to the Senior Campus but it was also amazing to watch the students so engaged and excited by the performance. We would encourage all families to see the show, tickets can be purchased from the Dimboola Campus of HSC.

We have introduced a THINKING CAVE into the learning neighbourhood where students can elect to work in a quiet solitary space or if we see a need for a particular student to break away from the regular program they can use this space to rest and refocus on their learning.

The personal timelines are now being put up in the learning space, please come in a have a look at the brilliant job the students are remembering and recording how they have changed over time.

Next Wednesday is our special celebration of Literacy and Numeracy Week. On Thursday the older members of the family took home an explanation of one of the activities that everyone will be involved in. For homework we would like you to work together to produce a design that can be reproduced using fabric markers at school on Wednesday.

Reminder: the Learning Neighbourhood is only open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:45am. If there are no teachers in the learning space then there should be no children in the learning space.

FATHER’S DAY STALL ON FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST. GIFTS BETWEEN $1 AND $6.

Next Tuesday’s specialist: The students in grade Prep have ART. The students in the Learning Lions group have MUSIC and the students in Amazing Arts have PE.

Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Like all Learning Neighbourhoods, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in Learning Neighbourhood 2 consists of students participating in the IFL program. The activities each day run for about 10 minutes and cover strength, speed, agility, power and endurance. This program is a great way for our students to ‘switch on’ for the learning ahead of them as well as promote physical activity. As well as this, it is part of the curriculum.

In literacy this week our students have continued their focus on information reports. As students complete their planning for their writing pieces our students will be focusing in on proof-reading and editing their writing. Our students are working towards consistently being able to try and improve their writing by rereading for correct spelling, use of capitals and punctuation. As well as this, students are encouraged to look at ways to improve their writing by checking for overused words, beginning sentences in different ways and shortening sentences that are too long and wordy. All of our students will be using a checklist that lists all the different sorts of editing that they can apply in order to improve their writing.

This week in mathematics some of our students have continued their focus on working with fractions. Students have been looking at basic fractions of a shape such as halves and quarters. As well as this groups of students have started looking at equivalent fractions and the fact that two fractions, for example 1/2 is the same as 2/4. All of our students have their own Mathletics passwords to access a range of maths games and activities online. A great way to get your child practising their times tables races at home is for them to go on the times tables races where they can play against students from all over Australia and New Zealand.

This week our students started their first of six Science activities with our Pre-Service Teachers from Victoria University. Every Wednesday for six weeks our students will participate in three activities on Robotics using Lego and three activities on looking at the science of plants. Although our enrichment topic is Australian History, this means the students will be getting a good dose of Science as well during the term.

Have a great weekend!

LZN Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

TEEM 3

On Tuesday, over 40 students from L3 took part in the Lightning Premierships Hume Cup hosted by the Essex FC and supervised by Netball Association. Our footballers won two out of the four games and completed the fixture in third place. A big congratulations to our netball team, as they completed their fixture on top. The event was a great success and a credit to the support from Mr Youlden the day would not have happened.

This week the Grade Sires were informed of their secondary college placement for 2013. If any families are not satisfied with their child’s placement they need to follow the instructions on the form which can be appealed to Northern Region. However, I am pleased that 90% of our students received their first preference.

Student Three-way Conference has been pushed back till the 13th of September. It was originally set for the 29th of August.

Camp Coonawarra update: There is still time to collect medical forms and deposit forms. A reminder, the $60 (non-refundable) deposit for camp must be paid by 2nd of September. Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Learning Neighbourhood 2 Team

In the Art Room

We have had a very busy and productive term so far in the art room. To help celebrate the London Olympic Games the whole school created an Australian Olympic mascot. The enthusiasm by the children was amazing and the mascots look bright and fantastic and are displayed in the art room. The topic this term has been changed, and 1st/2nd classes have been creating paintings and drawings on the weather. The 3/4’s have enjoyed the traditional dance in performing arts and have been working exceptionally well mixing primary colours to create secondary colours. The senior school have been working in teams to create a collage relating to Australian History.

As you know the art room can be a very messy place and we do go through a lot of newspaper. So if anyone can bring in newspaper to cover the tables, large washers of yogurt containers and or ice-cream tins I would really appreciate it.

Last Masters Home Improvement store in Roxburgh Park is having a competition for local schools in the area to create a scarecrow to help celebrate Spring. L3 will be involved in creating the scarecrow and it will need to be finished back at school by the 20th of September. Shoppers will vote for their favourite scarecrow over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd of September. The winning prize will be a community project assisted by the Masters team valued at $500 which would be great for our school.

Laura Bishop
Visual and Performing Arts teacher.

BOOK FAIR
PLACE L3N3 LIBRARY
BEGINS
Tuesday 28th August 3.45pm-4.15pm
OPENING TIMES FOR OTHER DAYS
8.30am-8.50am
3.45pm-4.15pm
Wednesday 29th August to Monday 3rd September

FAMILY MORNING
WEDNESDAY 29TH AUGUST
9.15AM-12.30PM

Families of our students are invited to attend our National Literacy & Numeracy Week celebrations.

Students will work in House Teams to illustrate a family story on fabric squares which will be sewn together to make a quilt representing their House Team.

Morning Tea
Join our staff for morning tea in the Art Room in Learning Neighbourhood 2. 11.00-11.30am.

For more information visit www.byps.vic.edu.au

Calendar:

Monday 27
Active After School Program
Athletics
3.30pm—4.30pm

Wednesday 29
Family Morning
9.15AM-12.30PM

Active After School Program
Basketball
3.30pm—4.30pm

Thursday 30
AFL Auskick 2012
Jacana AFL Program on oval
3.40pm—4.40pm

Friday 31
Inter School Sport Training
Fathers Day Stall

Happy Birthday to the following students:
Zainab A

11.30-12.30
Students will work on Numeracy activities in their Neighbourhoods.
Notice Board

Three Way Conferences

Thursday September 13th

Thursday September 13th is Three Way Conference Day at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. Students will be sharing their learning in a conference with family members and their Homegroup teacher.

Today the oldest child in each family has brought home an important note with information about the day and a booking form on which to request an appointment for each child in your family.

As time slots fill quickly it is important to return the booking form to school as soon as possible. Every attempt will be made to provide a time as close as possible to your preferred appointment time.

PLEASE NOTE: Thursday September 13th will be a Pupil Free Day. Students will attend the conference with their parents

FATHERS DAY STALL

Friday the 31st of August

Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift on this day. Prices are from $1.00—$6.00. There will also be hand crocheted cushions in AFL colours for $20.00