Good day to you all.

Like myself, I’m sure the entire school community is looking forward to one of the big events on the annual calendar; Father’s Day! Once again the BVPS Parents and Friends Association (PFA) has run a very successful Father’s Day stall aimed to give our children a chance to purchase a gift for dad and raise a little money for the school at the same time. I would like to thank those parents that gave up their time and energy to manage this special event. If you would like to get involved in the PFA for the planning of future school events such as the Dimboola Road Festival, please contact the school office.

Parents, families and friends had a great morning of fun on Wednesday when they came to school to commemorate Victorian Literacy and Numeracy Week. I would personally like to thank the staff, students and members of the community that help make the event such a success. Having family involved in our school is ever so important. We like to think that parental involvement is one of our great assets at BVPS. Please contact your child’s teacher to find out how you can be further involved in your child’s learning.

We wish our assistant principal Carmela Bianco all the very best for her upcoming marriage. We feel very honoured to be able to share in special moments in the lives of BVPS community members. Our thoughts will be with Carmela at this happy time and I’m sure I speak for everyone when I say; we wish we were able to be in the United States ourselves to help celebrate. She will be on leave from the beginning of next week until the end of term 3. In her absence the three Learning Neighbourhood Leaders will be stepping up and rotating through the role of Assistant Principal over those three weeks.

As you’re probably aware the Australian Education Union (AEU) is continuing its course of industrial action in lobbying for a new agreement for teaching staff. This campaign will once again impact most Victorian Government Schools next Wednesday September 5, when teaching staff and Education Support Staff stop work for 24 hours. Although we hope to be able to offer some form of supervision, the greater majority of staff have indicated that they will not be at school and therefore normal programming will be cancelled. Parents are urged to begin making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on this day. Further detail to follow. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

ADULT LEARNING AND CLASSES AT BROADMEADOWS VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Any parents and adult community member that would be interested in continuing their education please note that from the beginning of term 4 and then into 2013, we will be offering a range of study options during school hours and delivered in one of the adult learning spaces at BVPS. Areas of study will include, English, Mathematics, Computer Studies and communication skills. Local tertiary institutions such as Victoria University and Kangan TAFE will be on board from 2013 with a view to formal certification and qualification. This initiative will be delivered in conjunction with Mission Australia and Banksia Gardens. I will provide more information on this opportunity in next week’s edition of The Valley View. Parents with pre-school aged children are also strongly encouraged to be part of this opportunity as child care will be made available during the sessions.

Kind regards,
Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

There are lots of happy little vegemites in UNI and over the last few weeks we have seen some dramatic changes in learning behaviours and improved social skills.

Wednesday's Literacy and Numeracy Family day was a great example of these changes. The morning session involved families working together on the creation of a panel for our school quilt. The discussions, designs and level of sharing that occurred during this session was sensational. All the children were extremely proud of their family panel and wanted to share their family's unique story. Over the next few weeks these will be sewn together and hung in the school. If you have a sewing machine and are able to help sew these panels please come and see Lisa Halton. All help will be greatly appreciated as we have over 150 panels to sew together.

The numeracy session involved another panel design activity through this time was the creation of a tessellated square. This task required a lot of perseverance, trial and error and creative thinking to ensure that all the pieces fitted together in a repeating shape and colour pattern. These tessellation panels will be displayed in the Neighbourhood over the next few days.

As Term Three draws to a close we begin to think about the Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences on Thursday 19th September. This is a special time for parents to talk about themselves as a learner and share their success stories. The eldest child in the family took home the interview request form earlier in the week. Please return this form as soon as possible to ensure that you are able to secure the time that you prefer.

Reminder: The Learning Neighbourhood is only open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:15am. If there are no teachers in the learning space then there should be no children in the learning space.

Next Tuesday's specialist: The students in grade Prep have PE. The students in the Laughing Lion group have ART and the students in Amazing Ants have MUSIC.

Finally, we would like to wish our families, especially our DADS, a Happy and Safe Father's Day this weekend.


Learning Neighbourhood 2

In literacy this week our students have continued their focus on information report writing. 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 improve their writing by re-reading for correct spelling, use of capital letters and punctuation. As well as this, students are encouraged to look at ways to improve their writing by checking for overlooked 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 of the different sorts of editing that they can apply in order to improve their writing.

Our 'Back To The Future' topic continues to take shape as students in their expert groups are delving deeper and deeper into their chosen historical area of study. Ships from the First Fleet are starting to take shape at one end and as of the building as well as a range of props in preparation for a performance that tells the story of the First Fleet. Ned Kelly was seen roaming Learning Neighbourhood 2 last week as the story of him and his gang's deeds are being brought back to life. In the middle of our building a whole range of activities are taking place to bring back the Victorian Gold Rush story that took place back in the 1850's. Physical models of scenes from the Gold Rush and Kohneex expressions are also being created by students to develop their understanding of what took place back in those days.

Next Thursday there will be a busy day of activity for our students but a lot of this will take place outside of the neighbourhood. We have a group of students who qualified and will be representing Broadmeadows Valley Primary School amongst a number of other schools at an Athletics Carnival. As well as this we have a number of students heading in to BIRRINGIN MARR in the City with Mr.Tovey on another City Beats excursion run by the Melbourne Symphony Orchest ra. A normal program will continue to run with our remaining students.

A big thank you as well must go out to all of our parents and grandparents for our Family Morning of literacy and numeracy events. Some of the family stories looked amazing and should look fantastic when they are all sewn together to form a quilt for each house.

Have a great weekend!

UN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

Next Monday night, there will be an information session on CyberSmart Internet Safety Awareness Presentation. With our commitment with net-book leases and entering in the 21st Century Age of Technology, we encourage all families to attend this essential presentation. The CyberSmart session will take place on the 3rd of September in the Blue Studio (L37) at 5:00pm for a one hour session.

This week in numeracy, the students are busy working on measurement tasks. Each group has been assigned to a UN3 teacher where they are to develop and strengthen their understandings on mass, weight, units of measure and conversion. Over the next two weeks a mini project around building and measuring lengths and comparing units of mass will also be a part of the numeracy program.

Our enrichment topic on Turning Back Time: We Are Australian topic is moving along well. Students are investigating the lyrics of 'I am Australian'. Many class discussions and shared stories are generated from the lyrics. Students have commenced their investigation into a project on one major Australian event to research further on.

Camp Coonawarra update: There is still time left for students to send in deposit forms. A reminder, the $60.00 non-refundable deposit for camp must be paid by 2nd of September.

Have a great and restful weekend.

Learning Neighbourhood 2 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 weeks 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.

BOOK FAIR
PLACE UN3 LIBRARY
OPENING TIMES
8.30am - 9.30am
3.45pm - 4.15pm
Monday 3rd September is the last day for you purchase books

FATHER's DAY STALL

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Eva, Ricki-Lee and Katrina for all of their help with the running of our Fathers Day Stall.

Wishing all of our Fathers a very Happy Fathers Day

City Beats excursion
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

AFL Auskick 2012
Jaca in AFL Program on oval
3.40pm - 4.40pm

Friday 7
Inter School Sport
Training

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Devante M
Abdi S
Annabella M
Latrell M

Girls Circle

every Thursday in Spruenge on Central District Community Centre
71-75 Princesville Pde Epsom enewsletter contact: kei 0419 982 282

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

Calendar:

Monday 3
Active After School Program
Athletics
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 5
Active After School Program
Basketball
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 6
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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 bought 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.

INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

When: Monday 3rd September @ 5:00pm
Where: BVPS – Learning Neighbourhood 3 – Dance Studio

Details:

Young children today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Broadmeadows Valley Primary School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. This presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips for parents to help children stay safe online.

This presentation is free of charge and all BVPS parents are welcome!