Welcome to ‘The Valley View’. 

I’m happy to report that despite the gale force winds that have lashed the state over the past week, Broadmeadows Valley Primary School remains safe and sound. When we experience severe weather conditions such as excessive heat, extreme cold, dangerous wind and of course heavy rain, during lunch and recess times we make the decision for the students remain inside. The safety of our entire school community is always of paramount importance. We also welcome feedback and insights on the issue of safety so if you see something that is of concern, please feel obliged to inform our office staff at your soonest convenience. Safety is a collective responsibility.

When I went to school in the 1980’s and 90’s it didn’t seem to me to be important what I thought about my learning. In fact I was rarely asked. My parents would trundle up to my school in the evening after work for parent-teacher interviews, hear the words of my teacher and proceed to talk about me and talk about what I need to be doing and what I need not to be doing. When I went to the doctor on the other hand, the doctor would always ask me how I was feeling and where it hurt. This contradiction made me think that learning was something that was done to me and not something that I should actively participate in. Fortunately for the pupils at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School, learning is significantly different nowadays and the role a student plays in their learning is seen not only as being important, but is in fact critical. The three-way student led conferences are taking place next Thursday September 13. They provide opportunity for students to share and share in the story of their learning. Students, parents and teachers will discuss each child’s learning behaviours and progress. This is a designated Pupil Free Day and the normal school program will not operate. Children are expected to attend the conference with their parents. The first appointments begin at 11.00 am and the last available appointment time will be 6.30pm.

BVPS is currently taking enrolments for the 2013 school year for all year levels including Prep. Anyone planning to enrol their child for next year can get an enrolment pack and further details from the school office. The 2013 Prep Transition program will be commencing shortly. Further details will be published in upcoming editions of The Valley View. To enrol your child in a Victorian government school you will need to fill out an enrolment form at that school and provide important information about your child, including:

- evidence of your child’s date of birth
- your contact, phone and address details, and that of any other parent, guardian and/or carer
- names and contact details of emergency contacts
- doctor’s and dentist’s names and phone numbers
- Immunisation Status Certificate
- health and welfare information
- information about the language/s your child speaks and hears at home

If you need an interpreter to help fill out the enrolment form our helpful office staff can help organise this for you.

Kind regards,

Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

Thank you to all the families who have given great positive feedback regarding the student’s personal timelines. Not only have the students worked extremely hard on this task, they are also very proud of themselves and how cute they all looked as babies and toddlers. We appreciate your support in finding and sharing all the amazing photos.

The book fair ended on Monday and it was great that so many students and their families came along to support the students. We plan to hold another event soon and we will keep you informed.

Thank you very much.

Next Thursday is Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences day. Please remember to return your time sheet to school ASAP. Early next week you will receive a form informing you of your session time. As we have over 90 students and their families to meet with, it is essential that you are on time for your appointment so as not to inconvenience other families.

Reminder: The Learning Neighbourhood 1 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.

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

Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

This week we had a visitor from ACMA to talk about Internet Safety with our student group. The presentation covered the issues of giving out personal information, using safe passwords and cyber bullying.

Our students used a whole range of technology in their day-to-day learning including a new website called Edmodo. Edmodo is a social media tool designed specifically for education and allows students and teachers to communicate with each other using a safe and secure online portal. Teachers are able to post learning tasks or pose questions to students and all communication is moderated by teachers.

On Thursday a large number of students had an extremely busy day outside of Learning Neighbourhood 2. A group of our students joined Learning Neighbourhood 3 students at Meadow Glen Athletics Track in Epping as part of the local athletics carnival. As well as this a group of students joined Mr Tovey and Mr Montalto at Birrarung Marr on their City Beats excursion with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

Next week our Pre-Service Teachers from Victoria University will be working with our students for the whole week as part of their teaching rounds. It will be a great opportunity to have even more staff working with our students.

We look forward to seeing all of our parent community next Thursday during our 3 Way Conferences. The conferences will be a great way for our students, teachers and parents to discuss where the students are at with their learning and where they need to head to for the remainder of the year.

Have a great weekend!

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

There was a parent information session on Cyber Smart-Safety Awareness last Monday. It was disappointing to see no parents from LNS attended the session. As part of our commitment with technology and the use of netbook leases we encourage all families to take part in sessions that will build awareness on issues such as Cyber bullying.

It also raises concerns of the miscommunication between our students and families. Our students are reminded many times throughout the week when special events are occurring. We have neighbourhhood meetings each Monday before their specialist program, the digital T.V is on each day highlighting events throughout the week and we have our weekly newsletter. I encourage families to ask their child for any notices and more importantly the weekly newsletter. This is one way of communicating to our community.

Camp Coonawarra update: Today was the last day for making a $60 (non-refundable) deposit for camp. The response has been good, however there are still a few spots left for any other students to attend this awesome camp. To apply for a position, simply ask your home group teacher for a form to fill in.

Have a great and restful weekend.

Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team

Reminder to all parents

Could you please make sure that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name on them.

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 at the reception desk. All enquiries from parents can be made to Binda at the Early Learning Centre on 9099 1080 or you are welcome to drop in for a tour.

Early Learning Centre

Valley Kids

Tuesday 9.30-11.00am
Wednesday 9.30-11.00am
For families with children 0-5 years
At Dimboola Early Learning Centre
Next to BVPS

Calendar:
Monday 10
Active After School Program
Athletics
3.30pm—4.30pm
Wednesday 12
Active After School Program
Basketball
3.30pm—4.30pm
Thursday 13
Three Way Conference Day
AFL Auskick 2012
To be announced
Jacana AFL Program on oval
Friday 7
Netball Final
Dallas Brookes
Primary School
Inter School Sport
Training

Happy Birthday to the following students:
Albert T
Renee J
Anastasia A
Andrew Y

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

Three Way Conferences

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.

Last week your child 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. If you have not yet returned your request for an appointment please do so as soon as possible. Time slots are filling quickly!

If you have misplaced your form please see your child's home group teacher or our friendly office staff.

Appointment times will be forwarded home on Monday, please check your child's bag for this important information.

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

Don’t FORGET!