Hello and welcome to The Valley View.

By all accounts the three-way student led conferences were a tremendous success. The appointments were very well attended and from what the teachers have reported, the student contributions were exceptional. The few conferences that I sat in on were very focussed on the learning behaviours that had been developed and the areas that require additional attention. Sharing this information with parents and teachers can be a very daunting experience for a child but the confidence and skills that are gained through the formal presentations are life-long.

It is with great excitement that I can announce the commencement of the Broadmeadows Valley Community Learning Hub at the beginning of term 4. Parents and families will have the opportunity to participate in a school-based learning program for adults that is designed with the needs of the individual participants in mind. BVPS is a family friendly school and we see a role for ourselves in supporting the education of the entire community. Please register your interest at the school office.

As next Friday is the last day for term 3, there will be an extended assembly that will begin at 1:15pm. Students will be dismissed at 2:00pm and we will have modified recess and lunch times. As always, parents are encouraged to attend the assembly as the last one of the term is always a lot of fun.

Parents are reminded that early in term 4 the individual reports from the NAPLAN assessment of students from Year 3 and Year 5 will be sent out to families. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has ten bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia. Further details will be provided to families of these children closer to the event.

Schools do an enormous amount of important work which at times can be very difficult to define. Parent engagement, community interaction and supporting the families of students are very important elements of our work. However, I would argue very strongly that our most important work can be articulated very simply.

Our mission is to improve the learning and wellbeing outcomes for all of our students.

We expect that all students at BVPS can learn. It is our moral obligation to ensure that this happens. The early data is incredibly positive. We acknowledge that we have lots of work to do, but believe that we are on track to ensure your child's success. Between now and the end of the year formal written reports, if you have any questions and queries about your child's learning progress, please contact your child's Home Group teacher or Learning Neighbourhood Leader.

Kind regards,

Andrew Jones

LAST DAY OF TERM
STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 2:00PM NEXT FRIDAY
Learning Neighbourhood 1

Newsletter

This week learning neighbourhood 1 has been busy drawing and making Time Machines. We will be writing narratives about the time machines. We have also been publishing our narratives during writing sessions.

The Preps are having the first of a series of visits from Cat Sewell who is a Play Based Learning Specialist. She will be working with groups of prep students and she will be modelling and running play based activities around the theme of food. She will be continuing the program with a different theme in term 4.

There is a lot of uniform at school that is being picked up and taken home. Please come and check our lost property for any items of clothing that your child is missing. It would be great if we could have all items of clothing named at the start of term 4.

Week 10 specialists
Prep – Art
Laughing Lions - Music,
Amazing Arts – Phys Ed

Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Yesterday it was so fantastic to see so many of our student families come up to Learning Neighbourhood 2 for our annual three way conferences. It was fantastic to see and hear students who are in years 3 and 4 discussing their learning, strategies and behaviours with their parents and teachers. Our students are being given more and more opportunities to think and communicate their learning verbally and we would highly encourage our parents to question your child frequently about their learning.

I'm sure a lot of our families have now heard the website, Edmodo being frequently spoken about at home by their child. Learning Neighbourhood 2 has started using the web-based social learning network for teachers, students and even parents as an educational tool. The website is similar to Facebook but contains a range of safety features that includes unique codes for each group that prevents outsiders from joining the network. Teachers and students can post comments to all members of their group or particular topics such as members of their literacy group. Teachers are able to post topics for discussion, learning tasks including documents, images, video and web links, homework, quizzes and polls. Another function of the site allows parents to sign up and then view their child's posts and contact teachers. If you have Internet access at home ask your child to give you a tour of Edmodo!

LN2 Celebration of Learning

Next Thursday 20th September all of our staff and students would like to invite our parent community for a celebration of our students’ learning this term. The celebration will run from 9:15am to 11:00am as follows:

9:15am Information Report Showcase: Our students will be showcasing their information reports that they have produced during Literacy in the latter part of Term 3. All of the information reports have been published in a variety of innovative ways.

10:15am Back To The Future Expert Group: Every student in Learning Neighbourhood 2 was given the opportunity to choose from one of three historical events in Australia's history and have been working hard over the last month to become experts on these unique stories. Each expert group will present their learning in a range of ways such as through plays, models and Kahootz animations. Come along and find out more about The First Fleet, the Victorian Gold Rush and the story of Ned Kelly and his gang.

We hope to see as many family members here as possible. Our students take a lot of pride in their learning and these experiences are extremely positive for our students and a great way to celebrate their learning! Have a great weekend!

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

As we approach the last few weeks of Term 3, the team have reflected and celebrated on the wonderful successes. From creating a flight simulation to London to celebrate the Olympics, an expedition to the Immigration Museum, representing the school in Zone Athletics, developing targeted teaching workshops in numeracy, this term had it all.

To end it all with the 3-way conferences, our students have developed their own personal learning journey. It was very pleasing to see our students and families come along to the 3-way conference.

Camp Coonawarra update: The number of participants has grown 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.

Last week the teachers had a planning session on the next enrichment topic, which will be based around electricity. There will be a planned excursion in mid-term which will support the classroom investigations. We encourage our families to have open discussions around the importance of the use of electricity at home.

Have a terrific weekend.

Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team

National Solar Schools Program

On Thursday 20th September at 2.30 p.m. there will be an official opening of our solar installation at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Assembly Hall. Our school’s application to the National Solar Schools Program 2011-2012 round was successful and the solar panels on the north facing roof of Learning Neighbourhood 2 are now connected and are a testament to this program.

We have invited School Counsellors, Hume City Council Environmental Officers and Members of Parliament to the opening and we look forward to celebrating this latest addition to our school.

We are committed to improving the environment and working towards a more sustainable school through our management of power and water consumption and waste management.

Valley Kids

Playgroup

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

Calendar:

Monday 17
Active After School Program
3:30pm—4:30pm

Wednesday 19
Active After School Program
Basketball
3:30pm—4:30pm

Thursday 20
AFL Auskick 2012
Jacona AFL Program on oval

Friday 21
Last Day Of Term 3

Assembly 1.15pm

Students dismissed
2.00pm

EMA cheques are now available to collect at the office.

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Tele F
Eman O
Jerimah D
Reem H
Irmek C
Jason B
Angela B
Nikita D

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

Broadmeadows Valley PRIMARY SCHOOL

DIMBOOLA EARLY LEARNING AND CARE CENTRE

FOUR YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
YEAR CHILD WILL ATTEND PRESCHOOL 2013

- Children must turn 4 years of age by April 30 in the year of attendance
- State Government funding is allocated to children for one year of preschool only

Contact Belinda on 9099 1080

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 Belinda at the Early Learning Centre on 9099 1080 or you are welcome to drop in for a tour.

Early Learning Centre
Childcare & Kindergarten

Reminder to all parents

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