Hello and welcome to the final term of the 2013 school year.

It is great to be back at Broadmeadows Valley School for what promises to be an exciting term of growth and improvement for all. After almost 20 years of working in and with various school communities in Melbourne’s northern suburbs I took leave for all of term 3 and spent it travelling with my family and friends. I had an enjoyable and relaxing time however towards the end I certainly felt more than ready to come back.

I would like to thank all teachers, students and families for their efforts in ensuring that the school has continued to prosper and succeed in my absence. I just knew when I left that the place was in good hands and it was rewarding to return and see everyone and everything so well.

As you would know, term 4 is a very busy and fast paced term; a term full of events and important celebrations. Some of these include, the year 3/4 Phillip Island Camp to CYC in Cowes, our year 6 students will be graduating from primary school, the 2014 prep students begin their journey to BVPS and of course the annual Dimboola Road Festival that will bring together our entire learning community in a celebration of our achievements in 2013.

Today students in year 3 and 5 will be bringing home their personal report of this year’s National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy – The NAPLAN assessment. Teachers assess students in Literacy and Numeracy on a regular basis and NAPLAN testing complements the school-based information gathered by teachers about each student’s learning needs. Anyone with questions regarding their child’s NAPLAN report are urged to contact the school and make an appointment to discuss their child’s learning progress with their home group teacher.

Please be reminded that term 4 is an Anti-Cancer Council, ’No hat, No play’ term. All students are required to wear an approved sunhat during recess times and during outdoor learning events. School ‘bucket hats’ are available at the school office for $6.50. Please remind your child to have their hat with them at school every day.

Unfortunately this term we officially say farewell to Mr Troy Taylor. Troy has been with BVPS since 2010 and over that time he has shown himself to be an amazing person, colleague and educator. Troy has left teaching to build a private online business and we look forward to hearing more about his successes into the future. We honestly wish him all the very best for the future and thank him for his very obvious contribution to others here at BVPS.

I would personally like to welcome a new member to the BVPS team. Emma Pulen joins us as Community Learning Coordinator. Her role will be to support families and adults in connecting to employment and training pathways. Already I can see and hear tremendous early progress in this area. Thanks for choosing us Emma!

New students continue to join BVPS at unprecedented rates. Current enrolment is at an all-time high with many more expected to join us in the very near future with the establishment of the Valley Park estate on Dimboola Road. As expected, school leadership is continuing to have strong communications with the developers.

BVPS is still taking enrolments for the 2014 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 2014 Prep Transition program will be commencing shortly. Further details will be published in upcoming editions of The Valley View.

Hey and by the way! Have you checked out the updated school webpage? It’s awesome!

Cheers,

Andrew Jones

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LN1 News!

WELCOME BACK! What a wonderful start LN1 have made to the last term of 2013. All our students bounced right back into the learning this week and demonstrated the many learning behaviours we have come to expect of them.

During reading time students in prep have been focusing on how texts have beginnings, middles and ends. After reading a big book together and practicing sequencing the text, students have been working independently to read their own books and dividing the events of the story into the beginning, middle and end.

In grade 1/2 the reading focus has been on making connections. Students will also read a big book together, following this is some discussion with the teacher and their peers about different connections they can make with the story. These typically are a text to self connection, whereas students hear a story and think about what it reminds them of in their own lives. It can, however, also be a text to text connection, whereas a story reminds them of another book they have read or a movie they may have seen. And finally sometimes students may think of a text to world connection, whereas the story or text reminds them of an event they have heard about that has happened to someone else, on the news or elsewhere.

In maths the focus in grade 1/2 has been on fractions. This is a great time for you to involve your child in helping with the cooking at home! Cooking is a real world example of when we use fractions, eg. ½ a cup of flour, ¼ of a tablespoon. Giving your child the opportunity to measure during cooking will add to their learning of this sometimes tricky maths concept. We also plan to do cooking at school in our brand new BVPS kitchen! Maybe you would like to help out with this!

Preps have been working on addition and other critical number facts in maths. Parents get them counting as much as you can at home, numbers opportunities are everywhere!

Our enrichment topic for the term is titled "We All Laugh in the Same Language" and has a strong focus on multi-culturalism and community. Look out for the LN1 Term Newsletter, coming home in the next week, which will have more information about this exciting and celebratory unit of work.

Have a fabulous week. Term 4 is going to shape up to be one of the best ever in LN1!

Jodie, Rosie, Rob, Karen, Beth & Marija.

LN2 Newsletter

Welcome back to LN2 for another term full of learning, fun and exciting adventures. Welcome to our new students and your families, plus our new additions to the teaching team, Mori and Marty.

It was wonderful to see the excitement on the students’ faces as they shared what they experienced on the holidays. Activities ranged from going to the zoo or the Royal Melbourne Show, spending time with friends and family, playing games and reading. The students have settled back into their school routines and their enthusiasm has shone through in their learning.

The students have been working with the PSTs for the first week of a two week teaching block. The PSTs have been focusing on predicting, choosing just right books, independent reading and information texts in English sessions. In Maths the focus is on data collecting and graphs. The students have been discovering the process of quality data collection and presenting this data on a bar graph. Enrichment sessions have revolved around the unit on Community. The students have shared what makes them unique and researched their background. Thank you to the parents and families who assisted the students with completing their questionnaire on their family background.

Next week the learning in Maths will be happening outside the walls of LN2 as we incorporate the community in our data collecting. It will be lots of fun and interesting to discover the data we will be collecting.

In Week 5, the Year 3/4 Camp will be happening. Thank you to the students who have returned their permission and medical form, that were due today. The final balance of payment is due next Friday (18th).
There is still a large quantity of school jackets and jumpers in lost property. Please come and check the tub in the Learning Neighbourhood for any missing items.

We look forward to the next ten weeks of learning in LN2 to complete the 2013 School Year.

Paula, Nicole, Krystina, Julian, Mori and Marty.

LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3
News Around The Clock!

Term 4 and hasn’t time flown?
A great start to the term and business as usual for the students and teachers of LN3.

Grade 6 Graduation is under construction. This year there will be a teacher-student dinner before the official ceremony at the Hume Global Learning Centre at 6pm. Once dinner has concluded, the staff of Broadmeadows Valley will walk the students back to school to meet the parents for the main event. Students will be contributing a small cost to attend the fully catered dinner.

During literacy sessions, independent and silent reading is part of our daily practice. Students are constantly encouraged to build their stamina to read and to develop a love for reading. With your support at home, we encourage students to read at home for at least 30 minutes a night and to share their reading, discussing the character traits and emotions.

The world of sport this week, the B.V.P.S volleyball and basketball teams are playing in the district finals at Boardman Stadium in Sunbury today.

This is another wonderful opportunity for our students to be able to represent our school colours at a higher level of competition, well done to all the participants to get this far.

All ipads will be collected on December the 7th for our computer technicians to fully service the devices and to be ready for 2014. If your child has paid the full lease of $205.00, then it’s your child’s responsibility to make sure their ipad is in perfect condition and ready for their learning for 2014.

LN3 Teachers: Wendy Cecchini, Lisia Halton, Jan Vella, Clint Youlden and Daniel Montalto

Term 4 Sun Smart
Hats Hats Hats

All student will need to wear a hat at all times while they are in the yard throughout terms 1 and 4. Hats are available from the uniform shop at $6.50 each.

Dimboola Road Festival Group are asking for parent help with the Dimboola Road Festival. 9309 4066

Dimboola Road Festival
We are holding the Dimboola Road Festival again this year on the 6th of December. At the festival we will a raffle. If any of our families have anything they would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.
Notice Board

Talking About Childhood Asthma
Live From The Airways
Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children’s Hospital

Sunday 27th October 2013
4pm - 6pm
FREE!
Ella Latham Auditorium, Ground Floor, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Ask questions, gain advice on: medications, diagnosis and asthma management from top Respiratory Specialists:
A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan
Prof Colin Robertson
Dr Jo Harrison

Light refreshments will be served and tickets are limited, therefore registrations are essential.
Attend the event at the Royal Children’s Hospital OR watch the LIVE Webcast online
Register at www.asthma.org.au or call 1800 ASTHMA (278 462)

Air Pollution and Asthma

School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:
- **Outdoors** — smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.
- **Indoors** — formaldehydes/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors
- Make sure you have a bush-fire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit www.asthma.org.au.