Welcome to Term 4 everybody and hang on to your hats because it going to be bigger than ever!!

Term 4 is a time for transitions in our school, a time to welcome the new Prep students for 2013 and a time to farewell our grown up Grade 6 students.

An exciting and carefully developed Prep Transition Program is fast approaching and we encourage all students intending to begin school next year to come and be a part of this valuable program beginning Thursday 15th November and will continue for the following 3 Thursdays. An invitation will be forwarded to all students and their families currently enrolled in Prep for 2013. ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!!

Preparations are under way for our Grade 6 Graduation where we will farewell our students and celebrate their 7 years of schooling. This is a wonderful accomplishment which will be a firm foundation for further learning.

The camping program at BVPS is a very important part of the broad range of student learning experiences that we offer. The opportunities that arise on camps and sleepovers cannot be replicated here at school. Students in LN 1 will have the opportunity to participate in a Gr 2 sleepover held here at school and preparations for this exciting night of fun are taking place now.

The countdown has begun for the Gr 6 students who will be participating in a five day camp to Coonawarra Farm Resort, Stanford Gippsland. There are still a few available spaces for any children that would like to attend this camp. Daniel Montalto will be happy to speak with any parents regarding the camp.

Warmer weather, sunny skies, longer days all indicate our move into our Summer season. Don’t forget to be sun smart and ensure your children are well protected by wearing sunscreen and an appropriate hat.

The Dimboola Road festival will be held on the 7th December 2012. Preparations for this community celebration are well under way and we look forward to sharing in the celebrations of another fantastic and learning rich year in the Valley!!
Learning Neighbourhood 1

WELCOME BACK! We have all enjoyed a smashing start to term 4 with all the weather varieties that Melbourne offers. Over the holidays some of our teachers came in to sort out and clean up the student library and as such we now have lots of books that we are offering to the students to keep for free. We will continue to offer books next week and any books that are left over we will package and send to the Share a Book program that gives books to remote and struggling communities.

We have set up a giant chess set in the small room next to the student library with a couch and bean bags which is available, along with the Wii, for all students before school and as part of our privileges and rewards program.

This term we are investigating energy transfer and how this applies to toys in the way they move, make sound and light. If you have any old push, pull, toys that make sound, light up or have movable parts at home that you are willing to donate to the school we would greatly appreciate this. We will be taking the toys apart to see how the pieces work together so any toys that are donated will not be returned.

Reminder: The Learning Neighbourhood is only open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8-4:30am. 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 MUSIC. The students in the Laughing Lions group have PE and the students in Amazing Ants have ART.


Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Term 4! Eleven weeks of learning to go! Welcome back to all of our Learning Neighbourhood 2 students and families. We hope all of our students and their families have had a relaxing break over the holidays and are ready for the final quarter of 2012.

Our students have returned recharged and full of enthusiasm and with a motivation to learn. This term’s enrichment topic ‘Light and Fantastic’ is science-based and focuses on the science behind light including looking at the different ways in which light is created, how we can use light, light travel, using mirrors to direct light, shadows and solar energy.

This term’s science unit of learning will be treated as one big challenge by the students. Every single activity and experiment will play a part in building up the students’ knowledge of light so that they can then apply it to their project. Students will work throughout the term as a part of a group of 4 students. Each group’s final task will be to plan, design and produce their own toy that contains some source of light within it. While the students will learn about the science behind light, a huge focus will be placed on working cooperatively with their peers, taking roles, supporting each other and avoiding conflict.

We are still having some of our students not bringing the appropriate school equipment with them to class. Please have a chat with your child and see whether they do require a new red pen, ruler, rubber, eraser etc as we have exhausted all of these stationary items.

We look forward to another productive and exciting term in Learning Neighbourhood 2!

Have a great weekend!

LN2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

This week in the world of LN3, students are investigating the power of electricity and circuits. Class discussions have been fantastic regarding the topic. Students will be assessed on explaining energy transfer within a circuit in terms of a function of electrons. Explain the differences between conductors and insulators. The teachers are very pleased with the high level of curiosity amongst the students with enrichment so far.

To link our investigation with electricity, students are developing their writing through explanation reports. An explanation is a piece of text that explains how something works. It is used when explaining topics in science and technology. We encourage our families to support their child with their writing by asking questions about their topic and assist with resources.

Congratulations to our volleyball team reaching the Zone Finals. Stay tuned for their results in next week’s issue.

As term 4 continues to roll on, there will be many important dates to keep in mind:

Camp to Coonwarra Farm Resort is on the 19th of November.

Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team

Term 4 Sun Smart

All student will need to wear a hat at all times while they are in the yard throughout terms 1 and 4.

Attention School Bankers.

Now is a great time to start saving money for Christmas. If you want to buy something special by just putting a small amount in your account every week you’ll soon have some money to spend. If you already have an account you can start banking at school straight away. If you want to join school banking open an account at your local Commonwealth Bank or ask at the office for more information.

Remember our school also receives commission for all deposits made at school which helps our fundraising efforts which is paid to us directly from the Commonwealth Bank.

Don’t forget School Banking day

Calendar:

Monday 15
Active After School Program
Soccer 3.30pm—4.30pm

Wednesday 17
Active After School Program
AFL Football 3.30pm—4.30pm

Thursday 19
3.30pm—4.30pm
Milo Cricket on BVPS Oval
3.30pm—4.30pm

EMA cheques are now available to collect at the office.

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Mohammad K
Dillon C
Serafina F
Bilal K

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

Care Monkey and Asthma Australia

CareMonkey is a safe and free web app for sharing health care information. Asthma Australia has partnered with CareMonkey in order to contribute to the safety and well-being of people with asthma. Parents can create a profile for their child in CareMonkey which can be shared with trusted carers, including family, friends, teachers and sports coaches.

Vital information such as emergency contacts, health and safety alerts, medications, allergy details, asthma plan and more can be easily shared.

Consider creating a profile for your child with asthma (or other medical condition) and share this with others including the staff at your school or preschool. Go to caremonkey.com for more information.

Holiday and Festival Asthma Trigger Warning

The upcoming holiday season and festivities planned during Term 4 and throughout the summer holidays may mean that your child is exposed to new triggers for their asthma. It is important for parents and carers, and children themselves, to be aware of changes to their environment and the activities that may impact on their asthma.

Christmas trees, both real and artificial could be triggers for people with asthma. Artificial trees may be quite dusty after being stored away, while both real and artificial trees may harbour mould. It is important to ensure that artificial trees are cleaned appropriately and that care is taken to select real trees that do not produce wind-borne pollen.

All tree and other decorations should be cleaned and free from dust and mould when used at home.

Scented candles, room deodorisers and air fresheners may also trigger asthma in those susceptible to perfumes, and care should be taken when purchasing these and other scented items at home.

Lastly, the added pressures of the year drawing to a close can cause stress and anxiety for many people, potentially triggering asthma attacks. It is important to consider ways that the whole family can enjoy the holidays and feel safe happy and comfortable.

Happy Holidays from The Asthma Foundation of Victoria.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

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