Hello Broadmeadows Valley Primary School

We continually work very hard to ensure that Broadmeadows Valley Primary School is a safe place for everyone - students, teachers and other staff, families and members of the local community. The involvement and commitment of the whole school community is required to achieve a culture in which safe and respectful schools are everyone’s concern and responsibility. I greatly appreciate your support and assistance in this area. Thank you.

In the recent annual Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey we have continued to see strong growth in the opinion of quality of education offered at BVPS. The graph compares BVPS data against all other government primary schools in Victoria. The fourth quartile represents the top 25% of schools and the bottom quartile is the lowest performing schools across the state. We readily acknowledge that we still have a lot of work to do to improve the school but we know what the work is and we know we can do it.

Parents and families are the first educators of children and they continue to influence their child’s learning and development before, during and after schooling has been completed. While schools have an important responsibility for student safety, learning and skill development; parents, carers, guardians and extended family members have the primary role in modelling and teaching children and young people about appropriate behavior and respectful relationships. It is important that families reinforce positive behaviors and messages in the home. Effective schools like ours have high levels of family involvement, providing ongoing opportunities to work together in partnership to create and maintain a safe and supportive school environment. Your child’s school becomes a better place with your support and assistance. If there is ever anything we can do for you, please let us know.

The BVPS Community Learning Hub is continuing to offer a wide range of advice, support and training opportunities to parents for parents that would like to rejoin, join or prepare to join the workforce. Computer training sessions are available at school for any families or parents that would like to increase their skills in the I.T area. The course caters for both ‘entry-level’ participants all the way up to more advanced computer users. Please contact the school Community Learning Hub Coordinator, Emma Pullen for further details.

Please remember that term 4 is a ‘no hat, no play term’ and all students must wear an anti-cancer council approved hat while in the yard and at Physical Education. Hats can be purchased from the school office.

We are still having many students with very poor rates of attendance. International research demonstrates a strong correlation between students’ learning, longer-term life outcomes, attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs. It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age; and even from the time they are enrolled in a pre-school setting. Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their full educational, social and psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life. Once learners have begun to absent themselves from preschool or primary school if the reasons remain undetected or unexplored, it is likely that the pattern of absence will continue and escalate throughout secondary college.

If you would like some assistance or advice in the area of school attendance, please contact your child’s Learning Neighborhood Leader or our student Wellbeing Coordinator Michelle Reid.

Enrolments for 2014 remain open. Please see the office for assistance in this area.

Until next time,

Andrew Jones
LN1 NEWS
Our preps had a wonderful experience working with the kinder kids today, the Prep A students headed over to the kinder to enjoy puppet making and play at the Dimboola Early Learning Care Centre. Whilst the Prep ST students hosted the other kinder group in the prep suite and they created finger puppets out of felt. We were very fortunate to have the help of some of our LN3 students and this made the morning a great success. Next week our preps and the kinder will be involved in a combined outside game. All of this is a lead up to the formal Prep Transition Program beginning on Friday 8th November. If your child is coming to BVPS next year, enrolment forms are now available at the office.

The Grade 2 School Sleepover is being planned and is set for Friday November 22nd. This is a very exciting time for the older students in our neighbourhood who will get to enjoy all the thrills that come with sleeping at school. More information will be coming home in the next couple of weeks about this including an ‘Expression of Interest’ form that has been sent home with the grade 2s today.

This week all of LN1 students were involved in cooking during maths time. So many maths opportunities and learning can come from being in the kitchen. Students are learning about volume, capacity, mass and fractions. This hands on learning experience involved groups cooking cupcakes, pizzas or pancakes. Over the next few weeks students will continue to be involved in a range of learning experiences in the kitchen. If any of our parents would like to help out with cooking please see your child’s home group teacher.

Our enrichment topic ‘We All Laugh in the Same Language’ also requires the help and involvement of our parent group. This topic is a celebration of self, family and community and will include a range of multi-cultural activities across the neighbourhood. We welcome all our parents and families to be involved by sharing their own cultural backgrounds and traditions with our students in some way; this could be in the form of storytelling, songs, dance and/or food. If you are interested in being involved please see any of the LN1 teachers.

LN1 - Jodie, Marija, Rob, Rosie, Karen and Beth

LN2 NEWSLETTER

This week in LN2 the learning didn’t just happen within BVPS, but in the local community. The students walked to the Shopping Centre and counted how many people purchased food from outlets in the food court. The students also utilised their interviewing skills at the Leisure Centre to discover what facilities the patrons were going to be using. Whilst waiting for their interviews, the students also counted the colour of the cars travelling along Pearcedale Parade. The third activity was counting the types of vehicles travelling along Johnstone Street. The students collected their data in the form of tallies. The students used the tallies to create graphs to represent the data and interpreted the graphs. All the students should be proud of their efforts and behaviour when they were participating in these community activities, as they represented themselves and BVPS with pride.

Predicting has been the focus in English sessions. The students have used a variety of strategies to assist them with their development of prediction skills when reading a text. The students use the picture clues, title, prior knowledge and making connections with own experiences or other texts. When students are reading their home reader, encourage your child to make predictions before reading the text, during reading and after they have finished the book. Ask questions such as who do you think will be in the text? Why do you think the illustrator drew the character with that facial expression? What do you think will happen next in the text? Your child can also explain what strategies they have used to answer the questions. Students should be reading for a minimum of 20 minutes per night at least 4 times a week.

CAMP – there are still students who have not returned their permission and medical notes. Please return these notes on Monday as they are required for the students to attend camp. The camp payments should also be finalised. Please see Nicole if you have any enquiries about the camp.

Thank you to our PSTs - Erin, Amy,
Jessica, Teneale and Andriana - for their work in LN2 over the year, but especially the last 2 weeks. We wish you all the very best for your futures.

Have a great weekend.

LN2 Team - Paula, Krystina, Nicole, Julian, Mori and Marty

LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3
News Around The Clock!

Literacy this week focused on character traits and emotions in a text. As well, students are researching author biographies on Roald Dahl, J.K Rowling and Paul Jennings. Your child will be required to write their own autobiography, we encourage our families to assist their child with childhood memories that they may want to include in their writing.

In numeracy, students have been challenging their mathematical thinking and strategies around adding and multiplying number facts.

The world of sport this week, the B.V.P.S Athletics Squad was represented at the Regional Finals on Wednesday by eight students in LN3. The standard of performance was at a high level. We would like to congratulate the eight students for a great effort; however did not succeed to enter the State Finals.

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.

Thank you to our university students from Victoria University. This was their final week at B.V.P.S. for 2013. They all have worked extremely hard towards setting up success for our students across the curriculum.

Once again all our students worked very hard on continuing their commitment to achieve the best they possibly can.

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

ENROLMENTS 2014

If you have a child who is turning 5 by April 30 2014, they will be ready for school. Call into the office for an enrolment form. If you have friends or family with eligible children, let them know about our great school.

To all BVPS Parents
Could all notes with money please be returned to your child’s home group teacher so this can be entered into their classroom cash books.

Calendar

Tuesday October 22
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Cricket

Wednesday October 23
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Softball

Thursday
Bully Stoppers
Celebration Day
11.30am- ‘Performances and Art Displays’
1.15pm - BVPS Long Lunch

Birthdays

Noah E
Liam Mc
Maria K
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We at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School invite families to our

**Bully Stoppers**

**Celebration Day**

This day is to showcase our ‘No Bullying’ practices. Our students will demonstrate feelings of kindness towards each other and their willingness to help each other.

**Thursday 24 October**

11.30am - ‘Performances and Art Displays’

*Where:* Blue Studio, LN1, Multi-Purpose Room and Multi-Media Centre. Students and families will rotate between all presentations.

1.15pm - **BVPS Long Lunch**

‘Our Super Special Banquet of Kindness’

*Where:* Set in the centre of the school (weather permitting)

The whole school, parents, students and teachers will bring their own lunch to the table, sit together and also share some healthy treats.

**Please join us for this special day**