Hello Broadmeadows Valley Primary School

May I formally welcome everyone back to school to what will undoubtedly be a busy but successful term for the entire school community. Camps, festivals, celebrations and ‘learning for all’ will be highlights of this important term.

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.

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 modeling 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 has begun. We still have a number of places available for any parents wishing to increase their skills. The computer skills program runs on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 until 11:30. Roula an ICT educator from Kangar TAFE and Banksia Gardens runs the sessions in a relaxed environment and supportive environment. The computer sessions are able to cater for entry level all the way up to advanced computer skills. Come to one or to both weekly sessions. Please contact the school office 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 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 educational, social and psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations. Once learners have begun to absorb themselves from pre-school or school, and the initial cause of this remains undetected or unexplored, it is likely that the pattern of absence will continue and escalate through the subsequent school career.

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

Enrolments for 2013 remain open. Please see the office for assistance in this area.

Until next time,

Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

We are currently off and running in LN1, last week we introduced a new grouping strategy for our Enrichment learning about energy and movement, called ‘Push Me, Pull Me’. On Monday, Thursday and Fridays the students work in P-2 groups learning and exploring how different toys require different energy sources to move, light up or make sound. We are calling these our colour groups. We would like any old toys that the children are no longer playing with to take apart and find out how they work.

If you have any old push, pull, toys that make sound, light up or have moveable parts at home that you are willing to donate to the school we would greatly appreciate this. As we will be taking the toys apart to see how the pieces work together, any toys that are donated will not be returned.

This is week will be our last Bonus Music session with Mr Tovey as he begins to work with the Grade 6s on their graduation. We would like to thank Mr Tovey for all his work and hope he has enjoyed it as much as we have. The student opinion about bonus music is sensational.

Amin: Songs help us learn.
Manisha: Songs help us to read.
Veronica: Singing helps us to get better with our speaking.
Jye: It helps us to learn more words.
Edona: Singing helps us to use our voice.
Katelyn: Music makes Mr Tovey happy.

Reminders:
1. SCIENCE WORKS excursion is on Friday 2nd November, it is $13 per student and all notes and money is due by WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER.
2. Grade 2 CAMP starts Friday 16th November at 6pm to Saturday 17th at 9am. Students in grade 2 have taken home an expression of interest form so we can plan the cost and staffing, please return this form as soon as possible.

Next Tuesday's specialist: The students in grade 5 are working on the surface area and volume of 3D shapes.

Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood Two

This week in Enrichment our students started their preparation for their ‘Light Fantastic’ Challenge by working through their first ‘hands on’ experiment. Within their groups, students made a peek-box that contained a mystery object. Without any light entering the box students were unable to see the object so they needed to use a source of light and direct it onto the object in order to allow the object to be seen through the peek-box. From the activity students were able to gain the understanding of how light helps us see an object and that it is not just a case of having good eye sight. Groups of students have started visiting the diary room to reflect on the activity and discuss their new found knowledge. After every single activity, students will record a video journal that will be collated and form part of their assessment at the end of the term.

In literacy this week our students have been reading various types of poetry and starting to produce their own poems. Alliteration is a type of poetry that involves the repetition of a sound or letter within two or more consecutive words. For example: Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers. As well as this some groups of students have been working with rhyming couples. Rhyming couples are a set of lines, back to back that rhyme. For example:

Humpty dumpty sat on a wall
Humpty dumpty had a great fall

In mathematics this week our students have continued their learning in the areas of fractions and place value. As well as this, students have been working their way through a test of their mathematical knowledge which is our OnDemand testing. This test provides our teachers and our students with some additional knowledge of any areas of learning they need more work on in Term 4 and will allow students to set new goals in the area of mathematics.

On Thursday we had members of the Essendon Football Club come out and visit our Learning Neighbourhood 2 students again. This time they ran a small clinic that looked at some of the basic skills of football. The Essendon Football Club have already visited our school several times this year and we are extremely fortunate to have forged a strong relationship with the club that will continue in to 2013.

Have a great weekend!

LN2 Team

Calendar:
Monday 22
Active After School Program
Soccer
3.30pm—4.30pm

Tuesday 23
Children's Week
Learning Through Fun
Whole School
BVP’s Oval
9.30am—11.00am

Wednesday 24
Active After School Program
AFL Football
3.30pm—4.30pm

Thursday 25
3.30pm—4.30pm
Milo Cricket on BVP’s Oval
3.30pm—4.30pm

Happy Birthday to the following students:
Liam M
Achintha T
Bree D
Sean I

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

HATS! HATS! HATS!

As Term 4 has commenced, children are required to wear their hats when they are outside.

Below is an excerpt from our Sun Smart Policy which has been passed by School Council.

- Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved hats during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing hats when outside.
- Children without hats will be required to stay in designated shaded areas.

Hats are available from the uniform shop at $6.50 each.

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

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