What another great week it has been at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School! Everywhere you looked there was an energetic buzz with students and staff engaged in a wide range of learning experiences.

On Tuesday, Children’s Week was celebrated in grand style in “The Valley” with staff and students from Broadmeadows Valley playing host to the children from the Dimboola Early Learning Centre and the Valley Kids Playgroup. All children participated in a variety of fun activities including a bean bag toss, an obstacle course, pasta jewellery making, construction of a gyrocopter and “high five” painting. With a brisk wind those gyrocopters really took to the air and some may well be found in Tasmania!

A highlight would have to be the whole team dance off at the end of the morning with some dance experts from Learning Neighbourhood Two leading the school community in their dance moves.

All participants had a wonderful time and it was fabulous to see our Learning Neighbourhood Three students acting as Fun Ambassadors on the day and taking such good care of our young visitors. These students are to be commended for their efforts on the day and in helping to prepare the activities. Many thanks also go to the staff organizers Wendy Cecchini, Michelle Reid and Brigitte Walker with the assistance of Clint Youlden for making the morning such a success.

As term four progresses all our students are engaged in exciting learning opportunities designed to both consolidate learning and to keep their minds challenged in new ways. Learning Neighbourhood One students are off to visit ScienWorks next Friday November 2nd, to explore the physics of how toys move and the year 2 students are very excited about their upcoming “Camping” experience at the Year 2 school sleepover on November 16th.

Students in Learning Neighbourhood Three are also getting ready to pack their bags in preparation for their five day camp to Coonawarra Farm Resort in Gippsland. If you have not returned your child’s permission note for these events please see your child’s Neighbourhood Leader or their Homegroup teacher for more information as we would like every child to have the opportunity to participate in these valuable learning experiences.

Planning for 2013 is well underway at Broadmeadows Valley and with increasing enrolments we ask that anyone wishing to enrol a child at BVPS for 2013 do so immediately.

If you know of any families intending to enrol their children in 2013 please ask them to contact the school office for assistance. This is particularly important for those children who will be beginning Prep next year. Our excellent Prep Transition Program will begin on November 14th and the children and parents are invited to participate in a series of four, fun and informative sessions. Participating in the Transition Program gives children a confident and positive beginning to their education at BVPS.

This week we said farewell to our 15 pre-service teachers from Victoria University. The pre-service teachers have worked with their mentor teachers and the BVPS students each Tuesday and Wednesday throughout 2012. The onsite training placement has provided the pre service teachers valuable teaching experience and has also provided our students with much appreciated additional support with their learning.

**Term 4 is a Sun Smart term at BVPS.**

**Please be aware that the policy of “NO HAT, NO PLAY” applies.**

**Please ensure that your child always has their hat for play sessions and outdoor activities.**

The conclusion to the school year will of course be celebrated in style at the Dimboola Road Festival. Make sure that you mark Friday December 7th on your calendar as this year’s festival promises to be filled with students’ performances, fun and fireworks!!

Have a great weekend,

Marnie Rodriguez
Learning Neighbourhood 1

We have had a very calm week this week in LN1. Everyone is happily going about their business of teaching and learning in a positive and helpful way. The sun is high in the sky and so are our hearts and minds.

Tuesday's FUN DAY was a smashing success. Laughter and smiles everywhere! We wrote some diamond poems about the events.

Bean bags
Talking, songs
People, throwing, running
Bean Bags, grass
Fun!
By Delmon

High-Five
Clapping, talking
Water, painting, people
Paint, plates
Joyful!
By Salote

High-Five
Gangnam Style, bean bags
Fitness, gyrocopter, pasta
Patterns, excited
Happy!
By T'Ziah

Next Tuesday's specialist: The students in grade Prep have PE. The students in the Laughing Lions group have ART and the students in Amazing Ants have MUSIC.

Laugh, Read, Count.
Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

This week in Enrichment our students showed that they were able to identify that light travels in straight lines and were able to then use mirrors to reflect light in different directions. In the actual experiment, students were asked to redirect light around a large pile of books. Each group was able to use a torch as the source of light and a mirror to then light up their object on the other side of the pile of books. It was great to see groups of students discussing their observations of how light travels and then making the necessary changes in order to successfully achieve their goal of directing the light around the books.

On Wednesday our Pre-Service teachers who have been working with our students throughout the year came to Learning Neighbourhood 2 for the last time. The experience has been extremely valuable for the teaching staff, for the pre-service teachers themselves and most importantly, for our students. Over the year our students built up positive relationships with all of the pre-service teachers and to see our students continually supported and working with up to 10 adults on the floor at one time in some cases was a great thing.

We are starting to build up quite the collection of student uniforms in our Learning Neighbourhood with the majority of the items being student Jumpers. Now with our SunSmart Policy in place, all students are now required to wear their hat whenever they are out in the yard and it would be a great idea for all hats to clearly have the students name marked on the inside of the hat.

Wellbeing Report

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The hard work and organisation from Mrs Wendy Cecchini and the Year 5 and 6 students the day went smoothly. Each station was planned with hand-on tasks which allowed our grade 5 6 students to lead the activities. Many parents and teachers were very impressed in the way the grade 5 6s took on the leadership role and made sure all students and visiting parents were attended too. This is another example why Broadmeadows Valley is a caring and safe place to be.

In numeracy this week, students have been mastering their skills using decimal numbers. Next week order of operation and assessment in number will be the focus.

There will be many important dates to keep in mind.

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Learning Neighbourhood 3

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