Hello Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Learning Community

It is once again an absolute pleasure to be sharing time and space with you and your families.

Our school is a high performing institution. It has become such over the years due to hard work of parents, students and teachers who have been dedicated to ensuring that local kids are provided with the very best in education.

Last week’s whole school anti-bullying celebration was a tremendous success and as I mentioned in last week’s edition of the Valley View, the key to ensuring a bully free school is good, open communication. Students have the right to feel and be safe everywhere at school: in the Learning Neighbourhoods, the Multi-Purpose Hall, the toilets, on the way to school, and in the playground. Everyone at BVPS can work together to create an environment where bullying is not acceptable. The best outcomes for your child will be achieved by you and the school working together.

The sooner that we receive information about a potential bullying issue the quicker we can respond. Our caring and helpful teachers and support personnel understand that it can be distressing to report that your child is being bullied. We will try to support you and your child as much as possible and we will certainly include you in any discussions about strategies that could be used.

Bullying is a little like weeds; if you get on top of them early enough you can virtually eradicate the unwanted menace for good.

Below we have provided some parenting strategies for dealing with the issue. Encourage your child to:

- try to act unimpressed or unaffected
- use other strategies to diffuse the situation (e.g. agreeing in an offhand way with the bullying when they say offensive or negative things - this is known as fogging)
- say 'No!' firmly
- talk to the teacher or another staff member, e.g. school guidance officer
- act confidently even when they don't feel it.

Practise some strategies at home with your child to help them to:

- stand and walk in a way that appears more confident
- give a quick reply to surprise or disarm the other child
- use a routine response (e.g. okay, whatever) that implies that the child is not bothered.

Talk about what we know doesn't work with bullying:

- fighting back
- bullying the bully
- ignoring it
- playing with a different group of friends
- remaining silent about the problem.

Due to the high level teacher supervision and adult numbers in the school, strong parental involvement and terrific policy and communication we don’t regularly have big issues with bullying at BVPS, but occasionally incidents do arise. Please support us to address the issues in a considered and calculated manner.

Kindest regards,
Andrew Jones
LN1 News

COOKING, COOKING, COOKING!

LN1 has begun weekly cooking classes. The students are so engaged and excited. Over the coming weeks, on Thursdays, students will be making Gingerbread Men, Cheesy Star Biscuits, Potato Wedges, Icy Cubes and Honey Muesli Balls. The learning surrounding real life authentic experiences, such as cooking, is known to be the most powerful. This experience is rich in language as the students explore the recipes, the ingredients, the smells and work collaboratively to create edible delights! The maths learning is equally rich, with the use of fractions, measuring tools such as scales, cups, tablespoons and teaspoons and of course development of concepts around weight, mass, capacity and volume.

Don’t forget Gr 2 Sleepover is coming up! Permission notes have gone home today and need to be returned by Monday 18th November. This is an exciting and important part of the curriculum program at BVPS. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to chat to your child’s teacher.

Prep Transition starts next Friday and all our new preps of 2014 will begin their BVPS journey with four weeks of activities in the Prep Suite of LN1. Parents of these students are invited to join in the learning by coming to a range of organised sessions at the same time as their child’s session that will give updated information. We look forward to seeing you.

LN1 – Jodie, Beth, Rosie, Marija, Karen, Rob, Laura & Marty

LN2 NEWS

Fractions! Fractions! Fractions! In Maths, the students have been focusing on fractions. Fractions are equal parts of a whole. The students have used fruit as models of halves, quarters and eighths, and used the fruit to print these fractions. Another learning experience was using circles to make a Fraction Penguin, and demonstrating their understandings of writing the fractions for half, quarter and eighths.

Students have begun researching information about a space topic to write and publish an Information text. Topics include the Sun, the Black Hole, individual planets, asteroids and comets, stars and constellations, the Big Bang and International Space Station. Students designed questions for their research and are using their knowledge of summarising to take notes and record their research from books and the internet.

Next week will be an exciting week for the students in LN2!

The Camp to CYC – The Island is next Wednesday 6 November. Please ensure all students have their clothes and other items labelled packed in a suitable bag or suitcase and be at school before 8.45am. We are looking forward to an action packed 3 days, including the giant swing and seeing the penguins returning to their homes. The campers will return by 3.30pm on Friday.

For the students not attending camp, it will also be an action packed 3 days at school. One of the many activities includes cooking!

Enjoy the weekend!
Nicole, Paula, Krystina, Mori, Julian and Marty.

LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD

3 News Around The Clock!

Throughout the week teachers in LN3 have had thoughtful discussions on respect and empathy. Students are required to be mindful of other student’s feelings and to remember the ‘hands-off’ policy. We encourage parents to have extended conversations at home with their child in making correct choices.

Literacy this week, students completed their personal character traits and autobiographies. This particular task allowed our students to write a historical account about their life, series and events which have been recorded on a timeline then written.

Numeracy focused on using a variety of mental and written strategies to solve extended multiplication problems. Thursday and Friday gave our students time to work in small groups constructing and analysing 3D shapes. Ask your child what 3D shape they are investigating?

A reminder the swimming program will be commencing on the 18th of November. Payment can be made next week for those families who haven’t yet.

Please be familiar with this term’s activities by referring to the Term 4 Newsletter, which is digitally downloaded on your child’s iPad and school website. A paper copy can still be picked up at the front office as...
well.

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

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 be having a raffle. If any of our families have anything they would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

BROADMEADOWS VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Invite you to attend
Lasting Gifts Workshop
For parents who have an interest in developing their children’s aspirations for the future
Presented by Alison Templar D.E.E.C.D.
Date: Wednesday 6th November 2013
Time: 9.15pm
For more information contact
Brigitte Walker
Social Worker Community Engagement Officer

BOOK FAIR COMING SOON LN 3 RESOURCE ROOM WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER TO MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER OPEN DAILY 8.30AM. – 9.00AM. 3.30PM. – 4.15PM. Come along and purchase from a great range of books and knick knacks.

Calendar

Tuesday November 5
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
There will be no School on this day

Wednesday November 6
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm Softball

Thursday
Milo Cricket  Start Date for Term 4 to be announced

DIMBOOLA ROAD FESTIVAL
6th December
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SOON AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SWIMMING PROGRAM
November 18th—21st November 28th—31st

Birthdays
Remi N
Delmon E
Tahsin M
Sinamoni F

Happy Birthday
2.30-9.00PM

1ST SHOW @
4.30pm

2ND SHOW @

COME AND SEE OUR TALENTED STUDENTS PERFORM FOR YOU

FOOD & DRINKS
CAKE STALLS

TICKETS ON SALE @ SCHOOL OFFICE COMING SOON

DIMBOOLA RD FESTIVAL

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FRIDAY 6TH

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MOBILE WILDLIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMS