Hello Broadmeadows Valley Primary School
The internet provides students with unprecedented opportunities to obtain information, engage in discussion, and liaise with individuals, organisation and groups world-wide so as to increase their skills, knowledge and abilities. At Broadmeadows Valley Primary School we integrate technology within the curriculum at relevant times to enhance the learning experience of the student and develop our knowledge as educators.

I-pads, desktop computers, cameras and related publishing technology is used widely within classroom learning programs. When at school, students and staff at BVPS have filtered internet and email access. This safety measure prevents the access to inappropriate material, programs and social interaction.

We know through research and experience that young people can be at risk of unsafe, abusive, or aggressive behaviour online and through mobile phones. In fact, a recent study has revealed that approximately 10 per cent of Australian students in upper primary and secondary schools experience cyber bullying every few weeks.

This week I have included some advice to assist parents and carers in helping their child to stay safe.

1. Embrace their world – develop your own ICT skills so as to understand and appreciate these important communication tools.
2. Teach them to respect their devices and have ‘screen free’ time.
3. Use parental controls on computers & devices.
4. Help manage their digital footprints and reputation.
5. Talk about ‘The Golden Rule’…if you wouldn’t say something to someone’s face then don’t text it, Skype it, Facebook it, IM it or post it.
6. Agree on downloads…which music, games, sites?
7. Establish guidelines for managing time online and where they will use their devices.
8. Reassure them that if anything happens that makes them feel scared, mean or suspicious and they tell you, you will not ‘pull the plug’.

I would like to remind community members that Broadmeadows Valley Primary School provides free adult computer training here at school during the day. If you are interested in developing your ICT skills further, please make your enquiries at the school office.

In other news, the Dimboola Road Festival is taking shape. This year’s event will be bigger and better than ever before with more free activities for children and their families, more performances and more schools involved. Stay tuned for further information on the evening.

We are still taking enrolments for Prep and all other year levels for the 2014 school year. If you, or anyone else you know is planning on having a child begin with us here next year, please contact the school office ASAP.

Regards,
Andrew Jones
LN1 NEWS!

It was a very exciting morning in Prep on Monday as they hosted a visit from a pair of fire-fighters from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB). The MFB has developed a program specifically for Preps and this includes fun interactive activities used by fire-fighters to teach simple fire safety messages. An additional aim of the program is to teach children that fire-fighters are friends and community members there to help us. The fire-fighters will be back next week, this time with their fire truck, students will be able to get up close and have a good look at the amazing equipment carried by these iconic trucks.

During literacy this week students have been working to complete their ‘All About Me’ information reports. They have begun this writing piece a couple of weeks ago by planning and drafting. After conferences with their teachers they have now begun to produce a poster that tells the reader all about them, their friends, their families and their hobbies. They worked to create a collage of themselves to place on their poster. Next week they will be beginning new information reports about their family’s cultural background. You may wish to assist your child with this by helping them find information about their family’s country of origin; for example what are some of the traditional dishes, the customs, the climate, the population size and/or popular music? Students will be working with other students from similar cultural backgrounds. We hope to have a big celebration of the work when it is finished, including a shared multicultural lunch.

In linking in with our enrichment topic ‘We All Laugh in the Same Language’ we are inviting parents and other family members to come and teach LN1 students a traditional song or dance from your cultural background. You may even have a traditional dish you would like to share with your child’s grade. A note will be coming home shortly for you to consider how you can support the learning in LN1.

Students are currently involved in a range of revision tasks on place value in maths. They are working to consolidate and extend their knowledge of how our base ten number system works. Students are also engaged in problem solving and applying their maths knowledge to real life situations.

Prep transition started today and we welcomed a great new bunch of future BVPS students into the LN1 neighbourhood. This is a very exciting and nerve wracking time in their young lives and we endeavour to do make the transition into school as smooth as possible!

Grade 2s need to return their ‘Sleepover Permission Notes’ to their home group teacher by Monday 18th November. All students are encouraged to attend and we look forward to have a great night out at school!

Hurray it’s camp week! This week some of our students were camping down in Phillip Island. They were participating in a number of exciting activities such as swinging high on the giant swing, zipping through the trees on the flying fox and cooling down in the outdoor pool. We look forward to hearing how they got on in next week’s Valley View.

Meanwhile back at school, students’ not attending camp had their own action packed program, including an excursion to the city to visit Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium and the fantastic world famous laneway street art. The students showed great independence travelling on the train and street sense walking around the city. We saw a variety of marine life and were particularly excited about seeing the penguins, the seahorse nursery and one of Australia’s largest saltwater crocodiles, Pinjarra.

This week, the students also took part in sport sessions, creating a class aquarium painting, cooking sessions and our very own Learning Neighbourhood 2’s Got Talent. The students had many opportunities to be creative through these activities and had lots of fun!

Krystina Simpson, Paula Gaughan, Nicole Cromie, Julian Tovey, Mori Milholland and Marty Claybourne.
**LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3**  
**News Around The Clock!**  
A reminder this term is a sun smart term. Not only are the teachers encouraging students to wear the school hat; teachers are concerned with students wearing thick clothing during the days that are warm. Hot weather can be dangerous for young students. They can quickly lose body fluids through perspiration, which leads to dehydration. Students need to drink regularly, wear light clothing and be kept cool.

Numeracy this week was heavily focused on the mental strategies around division. Each student was encouraged to share and practice a new strategy to divide numbers. Ask your child what strategy they use to divide.

In addition to rising numbers in LN3 this term, we are having 39 grade 6 students graduating this year which will determine the amount of tickets available per family. This year there will be 4 tickets for each family of LN3. There will be no standing room available. The Grade 6s will have their own seat and do not require a ticket.

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

**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.

In Flanders fields
‘They shall not grow old,  
As we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning, we shall remember them.’

With the wind blowing on the red poppies  
Like the blood of our poor soldiers  
The strength of their fists fighting for us  
And now the peace we have  
We shall celebrate and respect them  
For their braveness and hope  
The most passionate people ever seen  
They are in our hearts and minds.

Lest We Forget

Hayat

In the sunset glow  
Across the rolling fields  
Our soldiers fight for our country  
In the trenches  
it was hard  
But they were brave  
Our soldiers stay together forever  
We hold them in our hearts and minds.

Lest We Forget

By Hawrak

Remembrance Day is when we remember the soldiers who fought with our foes for our own freedom. These soldiers were not afraid, they were brave and they stood proud and tall. They had the courage to fight for our country.

Lest We Forget

Justin

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**Calendar**

**Tuesday November 12**
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Cricket

**Wednesday November 13**
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Softball

**Thursday**
Milo Cricket  Start Date for Term 4 to be announced

**DIMBOOLA ROAD FESTIVAL**  
6th December  
TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT SCHOOL OFFICE

**SWIMMING PROGRAM**
November 18th—21st
November 28th—31st  
MONEY IS NOW DUE

**Birthdays**

Anthony C  
Emily M  
Sumayo S  
Arati A
Jamie's Ministry of Food is a basic 10-week cooking course in a Centre and 5-week cooking course on the Mobile Kitchen. Classes are the same time each week and run for 90 minutes. Classes are completely hands on, participants get to see, smell, feel and taste everything you cook. $5 per class.

Contact Emma at Reception for more information or visit the website: www.jamieoliver.com/jamies-ministry-of-food-australia

PARENT TRAINING
There are still spaces in these Training Sessions – please contact Emma at reception to enrol or for more information

Computer Classes - Thursday and Fridays 9.30am-11.30am
English Classes - Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am
*All classes are free