Good afternoon Broadmeadows Valley.

Welcome to another edition of the Valley View. I would like to start today by reminding everyone that the Dimboola Road Festival is only 3 weeks away!

We expect that this year’s event is going to be double the value and double the fun. On Friday afternoon the festivities will commence at 2:30pm. Each Home Group will take to the main stage for their performance beginning at about 6:00pm. Sausages, drinks and popcorn will be available for families and visitors at very reasonable prices. So remember to bring a picnic blanket and enjoy a summer evening on the school oval with the entire family. Grandparents, cousins and other relatives are warmly invited to attend. Don’t forget that the $30 unlimited rides tickets are now available from the offices at both Broadmeadows Valley Primary School and Dimboola Road Campus of Hume Central Secondary College.

Although we’re still very much focussed on the learning for 2013, the school leadership and administration teams are now busily preparing for the 2014 school year. Things such as appointing new staff, deciding on the programs and working out the Learning Neighbourhood teachers for 2014 are all on the table at the moment. For families that are planning and budgeting for their child’s learning next year there is some important information about the Education Maintenance Allowance or EMA that they may need to know about.

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child’s schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child’s education up to the age of 16. Please contact Barb or Lindy in the office to enquire as to whether or not you are eligible. In 2014, the EMA payments to eligible parents will be:

- $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
- $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
- $300 for parents of eligible Year 7 students
- $250 for parents of all other eligible secondary school students up to the age of 16

The EMA is paid directly into bank accounts in two instalments annually 70% in March and 30% in August. The money is there to assist in the payment of school fees and costs associated with schooling such as uniforms and excursions.

It was tremendous today to be able to speak with the families of the 2014 Prep students at the Prep transition session number 2. I would like to thank all the families that were there today and look forward to partnering with you in ensuring that your child receives the very best education possible in 2014 and beyond. Next week, the session will be delivered by Michelle Reid and Brigitte Walker from the Student Support Team. The focus will be on preparing your child for school and will outline information on the services and supports that are available at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School to assist your child and you in student wellbeing.

As we draw closer to the pointy end of the school year, there are a whole host of special events for families and students. These include; the year 6 Graduation, year 2 sleepover, end of year reports, year 6 transition to secondary college, home group parties and more. I look forward to sharing this very special time of the year with you.

Regards,
Andrew
LN1 News!

One week to the Grade 2 Sleepover! We are very excited to be hosting a night out at school. Students will be cooking, eating, creating, watching, listening and then hopefully sleeping! So far we only have 13 of our grade 2 students with their forms returned to school. We would like to see more students take up this exciting experience, which we know can make a big difference to a child’s independence and confidence.

Writing in LN1 is taking a new form for the rest of this year. Students have been placed in small groups, across the neighbourhood, to work in producing an information report about their family’s country of origin. They will be engaging in a range of information collecting tasks over the next few weeks, including speaking with their own families about their cultural backgrounds. We are asking for parents to become involved in this learning experience by attending the school and talking to their child’s group. A letter from your child will be coming home in the next week asking for your assistance with this.

Swimming starts on Monday. We have sixty five students from LN1 participating. What an amazing number of kids learning all about water safety. Because of swimming students will be working in new maths groups and the focus will be on problem solving and place value knowledge.

LN1 continues to have a problem with head lice. There have been so many reported cases this year and things don’t seem to be improving. Here are some tips to help you if you find lice in your child’s hair:

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to a louse detection comb (you can buy these at a chemist). Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke and check the comb for lice.
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through.
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- Repeat the procedure on days five, nine and 13 so that you clear young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity.

Jodie, Rosie, Marija, Karen, Rob, Beth, Marty & Laura.

LN2 NEWS!

This week we have been participating in hands on activities in Maths to explore fractions of a collection. There was 10 Pin Bowling, unifix towers, finding the fraction of our names and basketball. In Literacy we have continued summarising to assist with note-taking and continuing our information texts on a chosen Space topic. The students had another opportunity to participate in the Asian Cup soccer training session with the Year 5 students, ahead of next week’s tournament.

LN2 Teachers: Krystina, Paula, Nicole, Julian, Mori, Marty and Jacqui.

Here are some of our adventures and memories from camp!
LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3
News Around The Clock!

I would like to refer your attention to an item in the Term Newsletter. All mini iPads are to be collected on December the 7th. This will give ample time for the technicians to fully service the machines ready to go for 2014. There are exceptions; if your child has paid the full lease fee of $205.00 they are not required to hand in their iPad.

Next week, the swimming program will commence for the next ten days. The program will include 8 lessons for our students to have water familiarisation and to be comfortable in an aquatic environment.

Last week, students were writing poems reflecting on Remembrance Day. A few students presented their poems at last week’s assembly and were brilliant. Please ask your child to share their poem to you on the memories and the importance of Remembrance Day, and most importantly to celebrate your child’s writing.

Graduation Updates:

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.

The student-teacher dinner will cost each student $20.00. An information notice with the full menu and ticket allocations will be sent to homes on Monday.

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

Dear Parents and Students,

On Friday the 22nd LN3 will be playing a friendly match of soccer from 10:05am to 11:00am for Remembrance Day on the oval. For the students throughout the school that would like to watch the LN3 students play will have to donate a gold coin donation towards the Remembrance Day Foundation.

The tournament will be played with the respect and honour for our men and women who fought the wars and to help shape the country that we know as Australia today.

Ali Almajidy
(School Captain)

Dimboola Road Festival

We are holding the Dimboola Road Festival again this year on the 6th of December. At the festival we will have a raffle. If any of our families have anything they would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

Calendar

Tuesday November 19
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Cricket

Wednesday November 20
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
$30 EACH FOR UNLIMITED RIDES
OR SINGLE TICKETS ON THE NIGHT

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

Birthdays
Jacobe D
Olivia M
Quinton F
Erakye H
Maram F
RJ
Rhiannon P
Jake M
Rawan C
Robert D
BOOK FAIR
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.

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE
THE COST WILL BE $30 A TICKET FOR UNLIMITED RIDES OR SINGLE TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

DIMBOOLA ROAD FESTIVAL 2013
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER FROM 2.30 - 9.00PM

COME AND SEE OUR TALENTED STUDENTS PERFORM FOR YOU
FOOD DRINKS & CAKE STALLS

1ST SHOW @ 4.30pm
2ND SHOW @ 5.30pm

TICKETS ON SALE @ SCHOOL OFFICE COMING SOON

ANIMALS OF OZ