Good afternoon BVPS

It’s great to be with you here once again at the end of another very successful week. The third week of the 2014 Prep transition program, the Kinja performances, graduation practice, cooking activities, swimming instruction and continued preparation for the 2014 school year, have all been key features of the week that was.

As many of you have seen, the school is developing very rapidly at the moment. In fact, the school has grown by 70 students in just the past 12 months and with more students expected in the very near future, we are currently in the process of recruiting high quality teachers to join the BVPS team. As you know, we have very high expectations of our students and parents and the teaching faculty is no exception. Only the very best will do.

A total of 5 new positions have become available and although we are still deep in the throes of the interview process for a number of those positions, I can now officially announce that next year 2 experienced and highly talented teachers will be joining us as Learning Neighborhood Leaders. Mr. Nathan Gage and Mr. Luke Cripps both come to us with very good reputations and we are excited by the opportunities that having these guys working with us presents. I look forward to introducing them to the school in a more formal capacity later in the year.

At this time I would however like to announce that BVPS’s one and only, Mrs. Barbara Kelly has tendered her resignation as school business manager from end of the 2013 school year. Barbara has been an integral part of our schools development and I have no hesitation in saying that, if it wasn’t for Barb and her terrific work, we wouldn’t be the high quality learning institution that we are today. There will be more ceremonial occasion for us to celebrate and acknowledge Barbara’s outstanding contribution over the past 35 years in Broadmeadows schools and it important to note that we are still wanting and expecting to see Barbara as part of the BVPS team in some capacity in 2014 and beyond. The process for Barbara’s replacement is now well underway and we expect to be in a position to announce the new business manager within the next 2 weeks.

Students at BVPS learn traditional subjects such as English, mathematics, science, humanities, languages and the arts, as well as physical and social learning subjects such as health and physical education and civics and citizenship. They also learn subjects like communication and information and communications technology (ICT), which are applied across the other subject areas. In 2013, the Australian Government in consultation with the various state education jurisdictions has developed and is implementing the new AusVELS curriculum. AusVELS is the Foundation to Year 10 curriculum that provides a single, coherent and comprehensive set of prescribed content and common achievement standards, which we use to plan student-learning programs, assess student progress and report to parents. There will be reference to this documentation in the upcoming ‘end-of-year reports’ that are due home to parents in early to mid December. If you would like further information on the AusVELS please see your child teacher or visit the webpage at http://ausvels.vcaa.vic.edu.au.

Don’t forget that ride tickets for the Dimboola Road Festival are on sale at the school reception and we are still taking enrolments for the 2014 school year.

Be well,

Andrew Jones
**LN1 News!**

Prep Transition has one more week to go and we have been thrilled with the number of students and parents that have attended the weekly sessions. We are getting to know our 2014 preps and can see already what a wonderful group of new students will be starting school with us next year.

The first week of swimming has been a big success with sixty-five of LN1 students taking up the opportunity to learn this life skill. The students involved have shown great behaviour and responsibility during the first week and we are very proud to say they are from BVPS. They are no doubt tired by the end of the day but it is well worth it! We have one more week to go.

Parents can expect a letter home today from their child asking them for help with their ‘Country Information Report’ by giving them information and by talking with their group at school. We would welcome every little bit of support you can offer. As part of the research process, for these reports, students will also be walking to the local library next week. Parents are also very welcome to join in this short excursion. Please speak with your child’s teacher.

New maths groups have been formed for this week and next during the swimming program. We have our students working on a range of open and rich maths problems during this time, for example ‘Five vehicles are in a car park. How many wheels might there be?’ And ‘A farmer planted 24 vegetables in even rows. What might the garden look like?’ Students are having success and many are able to come up with multiple answers.

Grade 2 Sleepover is tonight! We look forward to a wonderful experience with the students. A reminder that pick up is **tomorrow at 9am sharp!**

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

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**THE NEWS from LN2!**

Today we had a fantastic time participating in the Asian Cup soccer tournament. Each student was part of a team, who represented one of six Asian countries. The LN2 students were coached by the Year 5 students. Before this week, there were soccer training sessions and even a health and nutrition lesson to find out what athletes eat before a game, to prepare for the tournament. A huge thanks to the LN3 staff and students for allowing us to work with them on the Asian Cup project.

In Literacy this week, we have been preparing our student comments for the end of year reports. It was great to see and hear the students reflecting on the learning, fun and experiences we have had this year in LN2, and how honestly they were able to respond to some statements about their learning. The students were able to think about their strengths as learners, their proudest moments and set goals for their future learning. These comments will be included with their end of year reports that will be sent home on Friday 13th December.

Our Maths learning continues to focus on fractions. We have been making models, locating fractions on number lines and discovering equivalent fractions. Our next unit of study in Maths will be focusing on shapes. To prepare for this unit, **we would like students to bring boxes, containers, lids from milk or juice bottles and cartons from home** to use for a junkbot project. Thanks for your assistance.

There has been lots of music playing in the Neighbourhood as the home groups prepare for their items at the Dimboola Road Festival. The students are eager to share their performances with their families and the wider community on Friday 6 December.

**LN2 Team: Nicole Cromie, Krystina Simpson, Paula Gaughan, Julian Tovey, Mori Milholland and Marty Claybourne.**
All mini iPads are to be collected on December the 7th in working order, no crack screens and chargers returned. I would like to refer to the iPad Lease Agreement #4: I understand that the iPad Mini is brand new and was tested before I took possession of it and was in full operational order with respect to both hardware and software. #6: I will agree to pay a $100.00 claim towards the replacement or repair of any damage done to my iPad Mini.

Students who have signed for the Lease Agreement are legally committed to fulfil the agreement. If your child’s iPad is in bad condition, we encourage families to pay the iPad outright and outsource repairs to avoid additional $100.00 Insurance claim payment.

There are exceptions; if your child has paid the full lease fee of $205.00 they are not required to hand in their iPad.

Graduation Updates:
Tickets will be issued in the next week. I thank the families who have returned their ticket allocation request form. Where possible I have fulfilled a few requests already for families who require additional seats. I strongly encourage the remaining families to return their forms as soon as possible. Importantly, this year there will be 4 tickets for each family. 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.

TIFFERES ARE ON SALE AT SCHOOL OFFICE $30 EACH FOR UNLIMITED RIDES OR $35 ON THE NIGHT YOU CAN ALSO BUY $2 TOK OR SINGLE TICKETS ON THE NIGHT

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.

Calendar

Tuesday November 26
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm Cricket
Wednesday November 27
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

Stabro I
Tzialh M
Jye G
Hurr Z
Deniz S
Aylisa S
Vongai S
Dimboola Festival

2013

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

2.30-9.00PM

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Come and see our talented students perform for you

Food & Drinks
Cake Stalls

TICKETS ON SALE @ SCHOOL OFFICE
$30 Pre Festival  $35 at Festival

FIRE WORKS AT 8.45pm

Friday 6th December