Hello BVPS.

I hope this week’s edition of the Valley View finds you well.

At BVPS we recognise that parents have the first and most significant influence on a child’s learning. For that reason, we have made a commitment to ensuring that we are able to assist families and parents in connecting with employment and learning journeys. Many of our parents have already experienced the opportunity of working with one of our Community Learning Hub team members. Brigitte and Emma both have significant experience and knowledge in this field. If you would like to access some assistance and advice into further training and employment opportunities, please contact Emma or Brigitte through the school reception.

It is well known that children with interested and involved parents do better at school.

While you may be involved in your child’s learning at home, you can also contribute at BVPS by nominating for the school council or helping with less formal school activities such as a classroom helper. If you are concerned about how your child is fitting in socially and how secure and content they feel at school, or about their academic progress and how it compares to other students of the same age, make a time to meet the Learning Neighbourhood Leader, as they will be in the best position to help.

Families are the first and most enduring influence on a child’s development and play an important role in a child’s learning. Developing strong skills in reading, writing and maths is critical to ensure your child’s success in early learning and beyond.

You can make a difference by supporting what your child learns at school and helping them to learn at home.

Reading is an important way to make the link from spoken words to written words.

Reading to your child is a valuable thing to do.

Here are some tips:

1. Encourage your child to select the books, magazines, catalogues, multimedia stories or DVDs.

2. Discuss the pictures in a book and encourage your child to talk about the pictures.

3. Share wordless picture books to develop imagination, ideas and vocabulary by naming things in the pictures.

4. Re-read your child’s favourite books and stories.

5. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books.

6. Support your child to make their own books with pictures and then ‘read’ the story to you.

Please note the following important dates and alterations to the school calendar. On the afternoon of Friday the 6th of December (next Friday), students will be dismissed at 2:30pm as the Dimboola Road Festival will begin from 2:30 families are encouraged to down from then. Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their child.

The final day of the school year for Broadmeadows Valley Primary School students is Thursday December 19. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Staff will have a curriculum day on Friday of that week be working in teams to prepare for another successful year of learning.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Jones
LN1 News

The twenty grade twos that slept over night at school last Friday had a wonderful experience and managed to get through the night without any bouts of home sickness! They enjoyed eating their home cooked pizzas and were able to find just the right balance of having a great time with friends whilst also following all the expectations placed on them by the teachers. Our parents were very prompt in collecting the kids the next morning, so a big THANKYOU from the staff that stayed overnight.

This week LN1 have visited the Hume Global Learning Centre to continue researching information for their country projects. We hope more parents will take up the opportunity to come and talk with their child’s group at school this coming week. Nothing beats hearing first hand stories about the countries people have come to Australia from. Once all the research has been completed, students will work with their groups to create an information book about their country. What a wonderful addition these will make to our classroom libraries!

In maths students have worked in mixed groups to solve a range of open ended or rich problems. A challenging problem for many was the following task “In my wardrobe I have a green, yellow and red t-shirt, and white and black pants. How many different outfits can I wear?” Most managed to get an answer by the end of the lesson!

LN1 students are spending a lot of time preparing for next week’s Dimboola Festival. The students will all be performing on the day and are always very eager to get up on the festival stage. They have been practising their songs during both music and home group times. We hope all the parents are able to get down to watch!

Our swimming program wrapped up yesterday. The sixty-five students that were involved from LN1 really benefitted from the experience and showed great excitement as they headed off each day. Thank you to Mr Youlden for his organisation of this valuable program and the many staff who assisted in getting the students to and from the pool, especially Mrs Mahoney, Mr Pain and Mrs Mustard.

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

THE NEWS from LN2!

Congratulations to one of our students who proudly represented Victoria at the 2013 School Sport Tournament in Brisbane. Miti Tufuga represented Victoria in the Under 10s Shot Put competition. He threw 10.52m in the final and came 7th overall. What a fantastic achievement. Miti’s efforts and dedications are appreciated by all at BVPS.

In Math this week, the unit on Fractions has continued. The Fraction Busters group coached the other students how to use fraction walls and find equivalent fractions. The students listened really well to their coaches and were actively engaged in the activities. An important part of learning is to be able to articulate the strategies and processes used to complete tasks. The next step is to be able to teach the strategies and learning to someone else.

Our next unit of study in Maths will be focusing on Shapes and Measurement. The Measurement unit will include activities using all types of measurement, for example, length, mass, capacity and area. The activities will include cooking and measuring a foot in various ways. To prepare for the Shapes 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.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Dimboola Road Festival on Friday 6 December. It will be heaps of fun and the students are looking forward to performing their items at the concert for you.
and the whole community.
LN2 Team: Nicole Cromie, Krystina Simpson, Paula Gaughan, Julian Tovey, Mori Milholland and Marty Claybourne.

LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3
News Around The Clock!
Please refer to last week’s newsletter regarding the iPad Mini. On December the 7th iPad Minis will be collected and must be in working order, no crack screens and chargers returned. If your child wishes to keep their iPad, and will not be at B.V.P.S next year, they will need to pay the remaining lease fee by December the 13th. All Grade 5s this year will be using their current iPads for 2014.

This week, the students have been busily rehearsing their Dimboola Festival item. All the students have assisted with the design of the items and are thrilled to be on stage again for 2013. The teachers have put in a lot of time and thought into the items and are encouraging all students to be at the main stage on time. Please refer to the poster for times.

Year 7 Transition Day is held on the 10th of December. All students who are attending a local government school are to attend the day.
Graduation Updates:

I thank the families who have returned their ticket allocation request form so far. 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.
To clear any confusion, the students are to be dropped off at the Broadmeadows Hume Global Learning Centre at 6:00pm. After the student-teacher dinner, all staff and students will be walking back to school to commence the main ceremony, which is at 7:30pm.

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.

Tickets are on sale at school office
$30 each for unlimited rides pre sale or $35 on the night
$2 tokens or single tickets on the night

Voucher for Cars Pre 1992

Calendar

Tuesday November 3
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Cricket

Wednesday November 4
AASC 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Softball

DIMBOOLA ROAD FESTIVAL
6th December

Tickets are on sale at school office
$30 each for unlimited rides pre sale or $35 on the night

Birthdays

Hannah M
Nadia B
Jeremy J
Lachlan T

Happy Birthday

Operation Bounce Back
ENGINE IMMOBILISER VOUCHER
An initiative of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council and Hume City Council.

This voucher is valid for a fully installed, Australian standards approved engine immobiliser (valued up to $200) from one of the CAR-SAFE installers listed below. Offer expires 31 December 2013.
COME AND SEE OUR TALENTED STUDENTS PERFORM FOR YOU ON STAGE

FOOD & DRINKS
CAKE STALLS

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

FIRE WORKS AT 8.45pm

1ST SHOW @ 4.30pm
For Animals Of OZ
2ND SHOW @ 5.30pm

FRIDAY 6TH December

2.30-9.00PM