Hello and welcome to the final Valley View of 2013.

Let me begin by thanking everyone for their wonderful contribution to the learning of the young people at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. Everything we do at BVPS is aimed at providing our students with the very best opportunities around.

As we look back on 2013, we can be very pleased with all that we have achieved. The school has continued to grow in every sense and the invaluable contribution of parents, staff and teachers in particular need to be acknowledged.

2014 promises to be the best year yet. We have 5 incredibly talented teachers joining our ranks and a number of very special programs beginning and continuing. We will publish details of home groupings and Learning Neighbourhood staff next week.

In particular, the BVPS Digital Studio will begin. This $50,000 state of the art TV and Movie making studio will be established over the course of term 1 and then integrated in the learning programs shortly thereafter.

This learning resource aims to do the following:

- Compliments and extends the curriculum and teaching methodology with strong links to literacy, science and other curriculum
- Provides opportunities to combine teaching strands in an authentic learning environment
- Engages students through rich, relevant and real world tasks- with a strong focus on digital literacy and competence
- Supports school multi literacy and communication strategies

Another wonderful learning experience for our students will be the expansion the BVPS classroom kitchen to include the ‘Cultivating Communities’ program. Neighbourhood 2 students will be directly involved in the program, with broader school wide enhancements impacting all learners at BVPS. The kitchen and garden will remain accessible to all students and staff. There is no better way to educate our children about the food that sustains them, than to get the children growing the food themselves in a school food garden. Cultivating Community aims to teach children the skills required to grow and maintain a food garden, to help children understand why growing our own food is important, and to help children understand how we fit into the ecology of the planet.

A School Food Garden Educator, together with the teachers will facilitate specific learning opportunities that will further extend the acquisition and application of oral language, reading and writing, health and mathematics. Strong links will be made to the Interpersonal Development and Personal Learning domains within the AusVELS curriculum. Ben Wilhelms (Food Garden Educator) will work every Friday with Learning Neighbourhood 2 students and will be supported by Jon Crocker and community volunteers. The Cultivating Community program will empower our students to make positive contributions to our natural environment, continue the learning on sustainability and acquire the practical skills necessary to ensure the prosperous future of our planet.

Please be advised that in the final day for students is Thursday December 19. Students will be dismissed at 2:30. The first day of school for students in 2014 is Wednesday January 29.

I would personally like to thank you for your ongoing support in making Broadmeadows Valley P.S the school of choice in the northern suburbs. And look forward to seeing you all again safe and well next year.

Peace,

Andrew Jones
LN1 News

Even with only a week to go LN1 are still working very hard. We are determined to have our Country Information Reports ready to share before our Multi-Cultural lunch on Tuesday, 17th Dec. A big REMINDER to all our LN1 parents that they are invited to share food from their countries and to come and be part of this big ‘Celebration of Learning’.

This week we have been very, very lucky to have some special visitors come to LN1 and share dances, music and information from their countries. A big thank you to Mobina’s mum Ameneh for her Iranian dance and Elaine’s mum Paula for her Greek dance. We have also had Nazlihan surprise us by coming to school dressed in a traditional Papua New Guinean outfit. Her mum, Dorothy, shared lots of information about life in Papua New Guinea. Some other parents have been in to help their child and their group with their writing. A big THANKYOU to everyone who have been part of this amazing learning experience.

Three students from BVPS, Sina, Darius & Lani Tarui, also danced for us. They did a wonderful Cook Island dance and it was so much fun to watch! We loved it so much that they have promised to do it again for us at our lunch on Tuesday!

All LN1 parents are welcome to be part of our ‘Celebration of Learning’ and ‘Multi-Cultural Lunch’. We will be sharing our Country Information Books and watching some cultural performances. Parents are invited to cook a traditional dish from their country to share at the lunch.

LN1 Teachers: Jodie, Rob, Marija, Rosie, Beth, Karen, Laura & Marty

THE NEWS FROM LN2!

Congratulations to all the students who attended and performed at the Dimboola Road Festival. The students were very enthusiastic and shone on the stage. Thanks to all the families for your support of the students and the Festival.

Yesterday we said an early farewell to Krystina as she travels back home to Scotland for a holiday and some family time. We look forward to seeing her back in 2014.

LN2 Team: Nicole Cromie, Krystina Simpson, Paula Gaughan, Julian Tovey, Mori Milholland and Marty Claybourne.
LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3
News Around The Clock!

Do you believe it? We now are approaching the last week of school for 2013. Where has the time gone?

After the great attendance to the Dimboola Road Festival last week, we are now setting our minds around this year’s graduation and preparations for 2014 program.

Next Tuesday, the neighbourhood will be watching a PG movie. If you wish your child not to view a PG movie please inform the teachers in LN3 before Tuesday morning. As well, each student will be asked to bring along party food to share while the movie is screened.

Kris Kingle will taking place as well next Tuesday, many students have made the commitment to purchase a small gift of no more than $10.00. It is fantastic that our students have voiced their views and surveyed one another to doing a K.K for 2013. Well done students!

Graduation Updates:
Graduation Night is on the 18th of December commencing at 6pm for the student-teacher dinner at the Hume Global Learning Centre (Broadmeadows), followed by a 7:30pm start to the ceremony at the General Purpose Hall.

All Term 4 the students in Grade 5/6H have been raising money to support World Vision. Each time a student donated money they received house points and the team with the most points (who raised the most money) would decide what life changing gifts would be purchased with all the money. By the end of November the students had raised $45.00, which was doubled by Miss Halton who challenged the class to raise $30. With the $90.00 raised, Johnston House decided to by chickens, full childhood immunisation for one child and access to clean drinking water by buying a well. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone in 5/6H for their donations and amazing support to a great charity.

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

LAST DAY BREAKFAST CLUB
FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Please note that Breakfast Club will not operate in the last week of Term 4. Information regarding this program for 2014 will be made available next year. Many thanks to caring Breakfast Club coordinator Mrs Linda Mostyn and her team of dedicated helpers for providing students the opportunity to eat a nourishing breakfast every day before beginning their learning at BVPS.

2014 2014 2014 2014 2014 Any families not returning to BVPS next year, please inform the office ASAP. Thank you

Wishing all of our BVPS families a very happy and safe holiday

Calendar

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN TERM 4 WILL BE THURSDAY THE 19TH OF DECEMBER STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 2.30PM

Dimboola Road Festival
A Big Thank You to our families for their very kind donations towards the raffle and Jacqueline Kenworthy for her help.

Birthdays
Samira J
Jasmine K
Afa T
Mariah H
Marcos C
Selena A
Marwa A
Soroor S
Zainab Z
Robert C
CONGRATULATIONS TO LN 3 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THE PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Ali Almajidy
Aylisa Soares
Bassel Kasem
Broiana Stanley
Harris Spahic
Lani Taruiia
Mahdey El Mahmoud
Taylah Hocking
Tony Lang
Umed Ahmadi
Andrew Ye
Lomi Tupuola
Sam Bniamen
Selena Aiolupotea
Tassnim Abbouchi
Violett Tyrell
Ario George
Elisha Simeone
Gaya Liyanage
Hannah Mamo
Hawrak El Mahmoud
Kaea MacDonald
Sandi Koliana
Solomona Tyrell
Taj Bricknell
Zane Petrolo
Zainab Zaidi
Victor Paulo
Salote Mulitalo
Remi Nicol
Mohammad Kasem
Jemiah Niki
Jason Blair
Hussein Hussein
Hannah Kenworthy
Hamzah Rafiq
Cheyanne Johnson
Carlos Yohanna
Brylee Gaynor
Amber Rose
Zoeanne Stevens
Zainab Yehia
Tyler MacKay
Sinamon Fenuutili
Sami Ahmadi
Salih Ilanbey
Renee Jackson
Matthew Jibou
Madison Cremona
Israa El Mahmoud
Isabella Everingham
Hurr Zaidi
Chris Rose
Ayla Akyaz
Adam Al Askari

CONGRATULATIONS TO LN 2 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THE PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Veronika Leuluai
Thomas Tupuola
Teale Faoagali
Sorena Bniamen
Reem Haider
Mity Junior Tufuga
Brysyn MacKay
Aysha Aram
Angelica Stevens
Arati Acharya
Angelina Aiolopotea
Abdi Sharif
Lachlan Toh
Elaine Mavromatakis
Zahra Albouswaylim
Elias Aram
Zainab Ali Radi
Vihagi Jayasinghe
Te Rangiui MacDonald
Serene George
Sam Jcbdak
Richard Reed
Raheel Aram
Noah O’Neil-Cates
Junior Tupuola
Zamab Zaidi
Zainab Al Tamimi
Sumay Sharif
Rosalin Hurmiz
Pasitale Faoagali
Nataly Koliana
Mystical Hair
Joanne Assaad
Husain Ali Radi
Edona Tahiri
Cohen Tuakana
Aaliyah Younes
Anthony Chung Kwan
Sierra Sanders
Aluat Kuot Parek
Seralina Fenuuniti
Noah Waters
Manderia Maota
Kawther Al Badri
Issiah Nikki
Brendan Jackson
Aman Younes