Hello Broadmeadows Valley!

For those families and friends that attended yesterday’s ‘Open Day of Learning’, I would like to personally thank you for supporting our work with your children. Many people chose the morning literacy and numeracy sessions as their time to visit. During these periods, parents would have seen whole group introductions followed by small group explicit instruction. The ‘learning groups’ as they are known, are regularly reviewed and reconstituted based on the observations and evidence that the teachers gather and share.

We recognise that as educators need to constantly monitor and analyse the progress of each individual student so that the next lesson the child receives is a lesson that is purpose built to make the difference. It was particularly heart warming to see so many families involved in the cultural performances which took place before lunch on the day. Dances, stories and song filled the neighbourhoods as parents and children united to celebrate the many cultures and backgrounds of the BVPS community. And of course who could forget the games and house sport activities that rounded off a wonderful day of cultural recognition. As students of all ages played together in the sunshine, on the lush green oval, I couldn’t help but feel proud of what I believe is a terrific learning community. Well done BVPS. I think you’re fantastic!

I would like to thank everyone that nominated for the 2012 Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Council. It is with the great optimism that and excitement that I can now announce the team.

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All council’s from government schools in Victoria are made of members from three distinct groups, those being, i) school staff (DEECD), ii) parents and iii) community members.

Two community member vacancies will be filled at the next school council meeting on Tuesday March 27. The meeting will take place at 2:30pm in the conference room which is located next door to the school office. The councillors will be contacted with further details of this meeting.

And finally, parents please note that the students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on the last day of term being Friday March 30.

Kind regards,
Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

WOW! What a great week this has been. Thursday was the whole school Cultural Awareness Day and in our neighbour-
hood, we celebrated with storytelling, dance, food tasting, and sports. We all
enjoyed Anastasia and her Grandmother
who showed us a dance from El Salvador,
Veronika, Salote who performed a Samoan
dance, and Leroy and Seralina who
also performed a Samoan dance. Our
session finished Zainab Yehia and her
mother who
made great food
for us to taste.
In the afternoon
we had great fun
playing different
sports in our House teams.

We have been working with the students
to understand the school’s Rights and
Responsibilities. We have the right to be
safe and comfortable and we have the
right to work and learn.

Part of developing these understandings
is undertaking the responsibility to be on
time for learning. The children are very
good at returning to the learning space
after recess and lunch; however there are
children who are late to school at the
beginning of the day. When children
arrive at school after 9:00 am they are
missing important information about the
school day and interrupting the learning
of others. We encourage you to have
your children at school by 8:45 am, so
they can settle in and get ready for learn-
ing. This also allows you an opportunity
to speak with your child’s teacher before
the school day begins if there is informa-
tion to pass on or obtain.

On Monday’s and Friday morning’s the
building is not open for students before
school as the teachers are attending
meetings and Professional Learning. If
you need to speak with your child’s teacher
it is best to make an appointment. Please see Lisia Halton if you wish to
make an appointment.

A great website for children to access is
www.starfall.com. This website has hun-
dreds on interactive activities and games
to build your child’s literacy and Numer-
cy skills.

Reminders: Book Bag order form and
payment, art smocks, tissues, head lice
hair check.

Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

This week in Learning Neighbourhood 2
students have been flat preparing two
writing pieces. Students finished both of
their narrative story and autobiography
and then had the opportunity to publish
their pieces into bound books. It was
great to see how proud all of the students
were when they were handed their com-
pleted book. Now in writing, students are
being introduced to persuasive texts and
starting to identify issues and form their
own opinions on these issues.

In Numeracy this week, students across
the neighbourhood have continued to
develop their focus on addition and sub-
traction. As well as this, students have
started investigating 2-dimensional
shapes 3-dimensional solids. To start
with, students have been looking at iden-
tifying the different shapes and solids as
well as starting to look at their properties.

All of our students should have now re-
ceived a Premier’s Reading Challenge
note. We would like all
students in Learning Neighbourhood 2 to
participate in this chal-
lenge in 2012 and ask
that all students return these to school as
soon as possible. Once the challenge has
started students will be able to log on to
the website and enter the books as they
read them.

On behalf of all the staff and students I’d
like to thank all of the parents and family
members who made it along to our Open
Day at Broadmeadows Valley Primary
School. It was fantastic to see so many of
our parents and family coming in and
observing their child as they learn in

Learning Neighbourhood 2.

During the Open Day our Writer’s Festival
was a great success. There were over one
hundred texts written by our students on
display for other students, teachers
and parents and family members to read
and the students got great satisfaction
out of reading all of the comments left by
people about their texts. All of our stu-
dents texts will be on display in our library
and available to students to borrow.

Learning Neighbourhood 2 Team

Learning Neighbourhood 3

Second last week of Term 2 has come and
gone! It is hard to believe Term One is
coming to an end already! The students
and teachers of Learning Neighbourhood
Three have done a wonderful job in
settling in for 2012. With the induction of
netbooks, inter-
school sports,
master classes,
year 9 student-
mentors, and
establishing
our Young Lead-
ers Team, there has been a lot of exciting
things that have happened over the
course of the term.

In literacy this week, students have been
busily developing their writing skills in
persuasive writing. They have had oppor-
tunities to work in pairs to develop their
writing conventions which have enhanced
their writing. Reading groups are well
established as each group has their own
learning intent. Across the neighbour-
hood, students are reading arrange of
reading text, such as poetry, informative
reports and persuasive pieces. The teach-
ers are committed to encourage our stu-
dents to read more and to make the reading
experience enjoyable. However, reading
doesn’t start and end at school; we
encourage our students to continue their
enjoyment to read at home each night.
We trust our families of LN3 are sup-
porting this essential part of their stu-
dents learning as often as possible.
For enrichment, students are developing
a presentation either on PowerPoint or
on poster paper to demonstrate their
understandings on Identity, family and school values, stereotypes and peer group pressure. With all the classroom conversations and work throughout the term, students are to reflect on the 'Identity' topic as creatively as they wish. There are focused questions which the students need to demonstrate throughout the presentation.

Finally, it was great to see families at yesterday's Cultural and Open Day. It only benefits the students to see their families visiting our school. I would like to encourage more parents to support us in the neighbourhood next term. A notice will be going home in the coming days asking parents to offer their support in the neighbourhoods. Any help would be a bonus.

As part of the 'Identity' unit, the students created a 'Who am I?' poster. In this week’s newsletter there are two new sample pieces of writing from our students. We ask the students to try and solve the “Who am I?” and enter in our LN3 Mystery Person Box Challenge.

LN3 Mystery Person Box Challenge

Who am I?
My most important value is Honesty. This is because I must say the truth and not lie. Did you know that I have three brothers? I really enjoy doing cooking and going shopping with my mum. I really enjoy playing basketball as I find it a challenge to play. My favourite hobbies are basketball, Volleyball and cricket. I am ............

Who am I?
I have a big brother. I love to play MW3. Did you know I came 30th in the district cross country last year. I am currently 10 years old. Did you know I enjoy watching funny videos on Youtube. I am ............

Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team

Family Maths

You can help your children at home by involving them in mathematical activities and talking to them about mathematics and its everyday uses. Be positive! Praise your child’s success. Encourage your child to go at measuring, calculating, counting, estimating and solving problems. Invite children to investigate and make discoveries for themselves. Encourage them to find their own answers. Don’t be too quick to tell them the answers.

This week why not try....

Keep the Calendar Up-to-date

Mark any special events on the calendar, e.g. family and friends birthdays, outings, holidays, excursions etc. Look for patterns in the number squares. Encourage children to make their own calendars or to keep a diary.

When: Wednesday, March 28th
What: Dress up as your favourite superhero or cartoon character
How: Gold coin donation
Why: To raise money for the Good Friday Appeal.

BVPS will be raising money to help support the Royal Children’s Hospital by making a donation to the Good Friday Appeal. We ask that all students and teachers dress up as their favourite superhero or cartoon character and bring a gold coin donation to help us raise money for this great cause.

Easter Raffle

BVPS are holding their Easter Raffle this term. Raffle books and Family tickets have been sent home to all students. We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs, 2 TVs, Easter Eggs, Teddies and more. This will be drawn on the 30th of March at assembly.

Calendar:

Monday 26
Bhutanese/Nepalese Playgroup
9.30-am—11.00am

Tuesday 27
Valley Kids Playgroup
9.30am—11.30am

Wednesday 28
Valley Kids Playgroup
9.30am—11.30am

Active After School Program
Rugby
3.40pm—4.30pm

Thursday 29
Milo Cricket Clinic
3.30pm—4.30pm

Friday 30
Last day of Term 1
Assembly 2.00pm
School Finish Time 2.30pm

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Justin K
Elisha S
Hawrak E
Monica Y
Amber R
Chris R
Ahmed S
Carolyn E
Sorena B
Notice Board

ACHIEVEMENT DIVERSITY SUCCESS

Open Day – Thursday 26th April 2012 – 6pm to 7pm

Applications for 2013 Year 7 enrolments are now open

Open Evening including an information session on our Academic Challenge and Excellence program and Academic Scholarships sessions for selected students.

Thursday April 26th 2012 at 6 pm

Year 7-9  Blair Street  Year 7 Building  Ph: 9302 6000
Year 7-9  Dimboola Road  Multi Purpose Hall  Ph: 9099 1000
Year 10-12  Town Park  By Appointment  Ph: 9066 3600

Visit www.youtube.com/user/HumeCentral for an extended invitation from our students

Contact the College or email humecentral.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au to register your attendance include your address to receive further details or visit our website www.humecentralsc.edu.vic.au

Glenn Proctor
College Principal