Welcome back to Broadmeadows Valley as term 2 begins.
It’s great to see everyone return safe and well from the term break this week. Students appear enthusiastic to be back with friends, classmates and teachers and I know that the teachers and support staff have been very busy preparing the learning for the students this term.

As discussed in the previous edition of the Valley View, we have 2 new teaching staff joining the BVPS team this term. Jodie Coughlan is working in Learning Neighbourhood 2 and Lucia Maguire is working with the entire student population in the visual and performing arts program. Please join with me in welcoming these impressive educators to Dimboola Road.

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School has a strong commitment to the use of computers and ICT in all our learning programs. A fine example of this can be seen in Learning Neighbourhood 3 where our year 5 and 6 students are in charge of their very own mobile netbook computer which they use at relevant and useful times in their learning at both home and school. We all recognise that computers can be a very valuable tool for learning but they also require an important obligation from parents, teachers and students to ensure the safe and appropriate use of the technology.

Our school has a comprehensive policy for appropriate and acceptable computer and internet use which can be provided to interested members of our community upon request at the school office. We also provide training to our students and insist that students sign a use agreement. While at school, students do not have access to prohibited websites.

As many of you know, Facebook and other such social networking sites have become increasingly popular over recent years. It is likely that many of the students at our school have had experience with social networking and internet communication in one way or another. While at school, our students do not have access to Facebook as the Department of Education recommends preventing access from public school networks.

Many people do not realise this but to have a Facebook account you must be at least 13 years of age. As parents it is our responsibility to ensure that our children are safe and free from the exposure to inappropriate material. To find out more about cyber safety, please visit this government webpage http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/ or ask your child’s Learning Neighbourhood Leader for direction.

And finally, I would like to remind members of our community that the consumption and use of alcohol, tobacco products and illicit substances is prohibited in all Victorian Government School at all times. The new signage at the school gates has been designed and installed to remind the local community of their rights and responsibilities whilst in our school. We are striving to create the safest and most secure school we possibly can. Please ensure that you do your best to make this happen. If you witness dangerous, suspicious or threatening behaviour at our school at any time, day or night, please report it directly to the school office so that we can follow it up with the proper authorities.

Be safe and well,
Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1
It has been a very smooth and settled start to Term 2; the students have shared with us their holiday adventures and are eager and excited about a new school term. Darius, Abdi, Cohen, Saiha, Tyler and Pasitale have all be on fire this week, working extremely hard to share and show their knowledge and skills with their peers.

The enrichment topic for this term is about exploring our natural environment and the small creatures we share the planet with. The students will be investigating using their 5 senses to make conclusions and develop their understandings. We encourage you to talk with your child about mini beasts and to go on a ‘mini safari’ in the backyard to find small bugs and beast.

On Monday we will have ANZAC pins for $1.00, Wristbands for $3.00 and bag tags for $4.00 available to buy from Ms Rosie during I FIT. We have a limited number of these items so please bring your money in on Monday and Tuesday so as not to miss out.

There are many Students who have not yet returned their Premier’s Reading Challenge and Food Tasting and Cooking consent forms. Please return these ASAP to your child’s home group teacher.

Next Tuesday’s specialist: The students in grade Prep have Music. The students in the Laughing Lions group have Physical Education and the students in Amazing Ants have Art.

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

Learning Neighbourhood One Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 2
We all hope you had a relaxing holiday and are ready and raring to go for lots of learning this term. We also welcome Ms Jodie Coughlan and our new student Angela to the Neighbourhood. All the students and staff look forward to working with you.

In Literacy this week, we have been exploring persuasive texts and even writing our own! The students have been focussing on the structure of persuasive texts and how to create texts that have strong arguments to convince the reader to agree with them.

The students have been examining 2D and 3D shapes in Numeracy sessions. The students have made, sorted and searched for shapes in the school environment. On Wednesdays, the Year 4 students will be working with the Pre-service Teachers in small groups to extend their knowledge of place value. The Year 3 students will be increasing and utilising their bank of strategies for tackling and solving mathematical problems.

Our Science Unit, Plants in Action, has begun with the students exploring our school gardens to discover the types of plants and trees we have and thinking about why these types of plants were planted in the different locations. The Neighbourhood is beginning to look like a garden with displays of plant vocabulary and wonderings in each area. Next week we will be looking at how plants grow and begin to grow our own plants.

Congratulations to Mr Troy Taylor and his wife Jackie, on the birth of their daughter, Charlize. We hope they are all settling in as a family and getting lots of sleep!

Congratulations to all students and staff on a terrific start to Term 2.

Learning Neighbourhood 2 Team.

Learning Neighbourhood 3
A great week! Once again the students in L3 have returned to school ready and willing to learn. It was great to see the smiles and laughs from our students’ faces after a two week break.

A reminder interschool sports will commence in week 3. The first round will be an away game against Campbellfield Heights Primary. Next week Mr Youlden will be taking a small group of students to the Cross Country Gala Day. Stay tuned for more information regarding who made it in the squad. In addition to sport, there are still a number of students who have not returned sports uniform from last term. The sports uniform is a property of B.V.P.S and is not for personal use.

For enrichment this term, the students are embarking on a new topic called Marvellous Micro-Organisms. Students will be investigating the conditions of micro-organisms in food. Learn about yeast and the bread-making process, and research the development of penicillin. In particular this week, Food Spoilage has been the main focus. Students have completed a digital poster on the importance of keeping food stored in appropriate places around the classroom and home.

Transition Section:
The Grade 6s recently took home their Transition forms for secondary college in 2013. It is very important the families read through the handout and fill in the Application for Enrolment form no later than the 18th of May. It is essential all application forms are filled in correctly returned to school by no later than the 18th of May. I encourage for families to visit and attend the open information nights at the secondary colleges to have a clear understanding of what each college offers.
*Hume Central Secondary Open Evening on Thursday 26th of May @ 6:00pm
*Roxburgh College Secondary: Grade 6 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 1st May (week 3 Term 2) @ 6:30pm in the Roxburgh College Auditorium.
*Gladstone Park Secondary has school tours on Thursday mornings at 8:50am. Parent Information Night will be held on 2nd of May at 7:30pm in the Performing Arts Centre. For more information please come and see Mr. Montalto.
**Learning Neighbourhood 3 Team**

ANZAC DAY BADGES
See Ms Rosie for pins, wrist bands and bag tags for you to purchase.

LEAVE THE BLING AT HOME
The wearing of jewellery to school is not recommended. Some jewellery worn by students poses a safety risk when playing outside in the yard and in the learning in neighbourhood environment. The wearing of small sleepers and studs in the ears is acceptable.

LOST PROPERTY
We have many items of school uniform in the lost property bin. Please take the time to come and see if any missing items belonging to your child are there.

WE WANT YOU WE WANT YOU WE WANT YOU WE WANT YOU
Would you like to be a Parent Helper in your child’s learning neighbourhood? Are you already a helper and would like to know some of the tricks to the trade? Please let Ms Bianco know of your interest to help!!

HEAD LICE
We are aware that there are cases of Head Lice throughout the school. We have contacted the Hume City Council and have requested a Head Lice check for our school. In the meantime it is very important that everyone carry out regular inspections and head lice treatments if necessary.

Calendar:
April 24
School Council 2.15pm
April 25
Anzac Day
NO SCHOOL THIS DAY

Happy Birthday to the following students:
Rahf A
Issiah N
Manisha R
Lily Mc
Rikhugh M
Jaye M
Jay M
Davey K
Pedrin T
Chris D

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Who will be the new Dollarmite?

As part of the Commonwealth Bank’s centenary celebrations we want to find Australia’s best School Banking Saver! As such between 16 April and 30 June 2012, we are running a fun and exciting School Banking competition with the winning child being transformed into their very own Dollarmite character.

Being part of the competition is easy. A student simply needs to make 5 deposits at school during the competition period and then provide us with their best savings tip.

So lets not forget that every Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.
If you don’t already have an account all you need to do is visit a Commonwealth Bank Branch and open a Youthsaver account. It is that simple.
You need to be in it to win it!

The winning school/class will receive 25 iPads and a $1500 excursion! For the winning student, as well as being ‘Dollarmized’, they will receive an annual movie pass for their family.

There also 50 runners up prize packs that include iPads, excursions, movie tickets and thousands of Dollarmites consolations prizes for the students.

A flyer with all competition details will be issued soon.