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# Valley View

## Welcome to the beginning of the 2014 school year.

It is with great optimism and enthusiasm that I **welcome** all 292 BVPS students and the families to what will be an excellent year of learning and development. Broadmeadows Valley Primary is committed to ensuring that every single one of our students is able to reach their very best potential. The teaching and support staff that we have assembled to make this a reality is the very best we have ever had.

To those students and their families, many of them in Prep, may I extend a very warm welcome and wish you all the very best in your studies and in your time with us. At any point, if you have a query or concern; please feel compelled to approach one of our caring and considerate staff members for assistance. In addition to the new students that have joined us this year, we also have 7 new staff. Six of those are teachers that will be working with our children in supporting their learning journeys.

The new staff are; Jamie-Lee Black (1/2), Nathan Gage (3/4), Nicole O'Meara (3/4), Marty Claybourne (5/6), Luke Cripps (5/6), Amy Prisco (1/2) and Jennifer Petrone (Business Manager). Please make yourselves know to these wonderful additions to our learning community.

For support and assistance on all school related matters, please see either your child's home group teacher or their Learning Neighbourhood Leaders.

The Learning Neighbourhood Leaders for 2014 are:

Learning Neighbourhood 1 (Prep, Year 1 and Year 2)	Ms. Jodie Coughlan
Learning Neighbourhood 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)	Mr. Nathan Gage
Learning Neighbourhood 3 (Year 5 and Year 6)	Mr. Luke Cripps

In addition to the new personnel, 2014 will see the introduction of several new or enhanced learning programs.

One such program is the **Cultivating Communities** project. A garden educator will be joining the BVPS to manage the school food garden. Ben will be working alongside Learning Neighbourhood 2 teachers, volunteers and school maintenance staff to lead a weekly garden class from our food and garden curriculum. The structured, hands-on activities include planting, watering, mulching, harvesting, cooking, saving seeds and composting.

The aims of the program include:

- Teaching children the skills required to grow and maintain a food garden
- Helping children understand why growing our own food is important
- Helping children understand how we fit into the ecology of the planet

Another exciting opportunity for our students this year will be the establishment of the **BVPS Digital Studio**. The Media Suite or Digital Studio will include hardware/software solutions with web output. Student will be able to create digital content with a high production value. The main elements of the Digital Studio are an audio and video editor, a video compiler (for graphics and animations), a sound recorder and a multimedia encoder.

The common features of these two innovative programs are that they:

- Compliment and extend the curriculum and teaching methodology
- Provide opportunities to combine teaching strands in authentic learning environments
- Engage students through rich, relevant and real world tasks- with a strong focus on digital literacy and horticulture
- Support school multi-literacy, science, technology and communication strategies

I look forward to sharing a tremendously successful year with you all.

Kind regards,

Andrew Jones



## LN1 News

'Ready, Set, Go!' That is the title of the LN1 first Enrichment Unit for 2014 and it is very reflective of the first few days of school in LN1. We could not have had a better start to the year with all our grade 1/2 students already displaying a range of excellent learning behaviours such as listening, co-operating, engaging with the learning and being resilient. This has been the same for our grade 1/2 teachers, who are all new to the LN1 neighbourhood! We welcome Amy Prisco who has just returned to Australia after a 2 year stint of teaching in Saudi Arabia and is new to the BVPS community. Another new addition to BVPS is Jamielee Black, who is beginning her teaching career with us, what a privilege to have a graduate amongst us, fresh with new ideas, a big welcome to her too! Wendy Cecchini and Paula Gaughan are also new to LN1 having moved across from LN3 & LN2. We are blessed to have such a mix of experience working with our younger students and are also lucky to have Sarah Fry, a Deakin University fourth year pre-service teacher, working with Wendy for the first 3 weeks.

The arrival of all our prep students for their very first day of school yesterday, under the care and guidance of our two amazing prep teachers Marija and Daniel, completes our neighbourhood. We send out a special big WELCOME to them and thank the parents for getting them to school on time and for making the morning run so smoothly. It was great to see so many of the students ready to get right into the learning and the discovery of their new environment.

The focus of the first few weeks of school is very much about being ready for learning and we really need parent help with this. The students will be learning all about the essential elements to being successful at school and what they and their families can do to assist them. The number one thing is to ensure that students have the right food for learning. Nothing beats fruit, vegetables, yoghurts, nuts, protein and water to get the brain ready and switched on. Likewise we know exercise makes all the difference to waking up our brains in the morning so iFit will be beginning Monday and we do expect all students to participate. Finally, to really have the best start to learning, we know that students in LN1 require 10 -11 hours sleep each night and hope that all our students are getting a good night's sleep so they are coming to school fresh and ready to learn. With all these things in place and with the wonderful learning environment set up at BVPS we know your child is going to have a great year in LN1.

Jodie Coughlan (LN1 Neighbourhood Leader), Daniel Montalto, Marija Avramoska, Paula Gaughan, Wendy Cecchini, Amy, Prisco, Jamielee Black and Laura Bishop

## Learning Neighbourhood 2

What a fantastic start to the year! It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces returning to school, with everyone super excited to start a tremendous year of learning. We trust that you all enjoyed a fantastic break.

Everybody has settled well into school, with both new students

and staff feeling welcomed into the BVPS community. Students are doing a fantastic job of setting up effective routines that are going to promote some valuable learning.

This term we will all be exploring the brain. In particular, how the brain functions and how we can support it to function at its peak. We encourage all families to have discussions at home about this super interesting topic. We will continue to set up our learning processes through week two and begin to delve into some powerful learning in Literacy and Numeracy. This is going to be an awesome year! We thank everyone for their contribution to such a smooth start to 2014.

Nathan Gage, Nicole Cromie, Krystina Simpson, Rob Pain, Nicole O'Meara.

## LEARNING NEIGHBOURHOOD 3

Well, all I can say is what a fun and exciting start to the year. All the students have come back to LN3 refreshed and have jumped back in to class, motivated and determined to do their best.

The neighbourhood discussed their thoughts about what a LN3 classroom should look like and have set goals for themselves as students in their working environment. They also completed a brainstorm setting expectations for the LN3 teachers, which we, the teaching team, have promised to align ourselves by.

Through team-building games and

activities, we have created a united front with a promise to stand by and help each other whether it be in the classroom or outside in the yard.

Formal Literacy and Numeracy lessons begin next week which will allow us to focus our planning and set goals for all students.

It is a very exciting time for the Grade 5/6's as Interschool Sport teams are being finalised, upcoming elections for school leadership will take place and the first BVPS "Sumdog" Maths Champion will be announced.

A date for an information night regarding leasing opportunities for iPads will also be announced very soon.

We all have set high expectations in LN3 and we will deliver everything we have promised. I am honoured to be surrounded by a team that is enthusiastic, passionate and motivated and cannot wait to see our students grow academically, socially and emotionally.

Neighbourhood 3 openly invite any parents to contact the team and we will endeavour to be available to discuss any concerns or queries. We hope to hear to from you soon!

From Learning Neighbourhood 3

Luke Cripps, Jan Vella, Rosie Stra-teas, Marty Claybourne and Clinton Youlden

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club begins next **Tuesday 4th February** in the Kitchen Space.

Times: **8.15am - 8.45am**



Children are encouraged to be at breakfast by 8.30am so they can be finished and ready to attend IFit at 8.50am.

A permission form will be sent home with students next Monday. Those parents who want their children to attend Breakfast Club need to fill in/sign the form and return it to school on the day their child/children first come to breakfast.



## Calendar

**Tuesday 4th February**

Breakfast Club Times:  
**8.15am - 8.45am**

### A NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

Could you please make sure that the school has your current phone number and any other change of details



## Birthdays

Nataly K  
Jeremiah W  
Eli T  
Tahnika F  
Zane P  
Gurshift G  
Dontay H  
Hasti R  
Rheanne Z  
Xyan A  
Serena G  
Richard T



# Notice Board

## **BOOK CLUB**

Welcome to the first Term 1 Book Club. Order forms will be given to students early next week. If you would like to order any books or items please fill out the order form with your child's name and class written clearly. All orders should be placed, with correct money, in an envelope or snap lock bag and given to the class teacher.

**ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED  
TO SCHOOL BY  
FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2014**

Thankyou  
Jan Vella

