

Valley View

Dear BVPS.

Welcome to the end of week 9, term1, 2014.

Lots going on at the moment as I'm sure most would relate to. There seems to be lots of tireless, committed but very tired looking students and teachers at school at the moment. It has certainly been a terrific but tiring term - that's for sure!

I would at this point like to acknowledge the recent success in the **School Council elections**. It has been great to get so much interest from the community in this important school group. The Councillors will be meeting next Tuesday for the first official meeting of the 2014/2015 council cycle.

It is my pleasure to announce the following members.

Karen Bologna
Belinda Gee
Carmela Bianco
Jacqueline Kenworthy
Ricki-Lee Mumbler
Michelle Reid
Sam Nikki
Helena Marciniak
Jodie Coughlan
Almina Mujezin
Jennifer Petrone
Andrew Jones

On Tuesday evening we will be nominating and inviting 2 additional community members to join council and we will be also at this time electing a new school council president as the previous president's youngest child left the school in 2013.

One of the key functions of councils is to contribute to the establishment of the broad vision and direction for the school. Strategic planning is the process of reflecting on past performance, establishing future directions and deciding what will constitute success. In other words, it involves the school community considering these questions:

- where have we been?
- where do we want to go?
- how will we get there?
- how will we know if we have been successful?

Over the course of the past 9 months our school has been involved in a school review and evaluation process known as the School Self-Evaluation. This provided an opportunity for the whole school community, including students, parents and all staff, to reflect on student outcomes in light of their goals, tar-

gets and key improvement strategies from the previous planning cycle. Last week we had our school review day where we invited department delegates, other school principals and members of the school leadership to review the schools progress and begin making official plans for the next 4 years.

We look forward to a very bright future at BVPS and we also look forward to the next phase in the planning for this future. Together - parents, teachers, council and the wider community will be working to ensure the very best opportunities for our children.

Best wishes,

Andrew Jones



LN1 News

This week LN1 has been practising their songs that link with our 'I Am Australian' enrichment topic. Our grade 1/2s are masters of Australian slang and sayings as they have explored terms like 'swagman, tucker bag, billabong, stockman and trooper' through songs and lyrics.

Our zoo excursion from last week has provided a wonderful stimulus for writing, students were asked to plan, draft and publish a piece about their day out at the zoo. This was an independent writing piece so that they could show just what they are capable of as 'thoughtful writers'.

Our preps have been practising 'eagle eye' during reading sessions. This is a strategy that we want all our LN1 students to practise and this is something you can do with your child at home.

Reading Strategy Tip
Eagle Eye



When we use our Eagle Eye we look at the pictures to help us figure out the word.

Try saying: "Do the words and the pictures match?"

Wednesday of next week is our Open Day. The grade 1/2s will be sharing their Writer's Notebooks and performing for you between 9am and 11am. And our preps welcome you to come and view their usual morning of learning. Our play based specialist Cat also runs her program that day and parents are welcome to view and be part of this highly valued program. We hope to see you then!

LN1 Teachers: Jodie, Daniel, Amy, Marija, Wendy, Jamielee, Paula and Laura

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Outstanding week!

Congratulations to all those students who have made the most out of their learning time this week. So many students have been thinking outside the box and making positive choices with their learning.



Well done to the successful applicants who became our LN2 environmental leaders, Sierra and Hamza. These students will join our environmental group, working with Mrs Larkin and Mr Pain to continue our work on sustainability at BVPS. Let's reduce our footprint today!!



During our enrichment topic this week, 'I am Australian'; students have been exploring the idea of 'What is Australian?' There have been some truly fascinating conversations and learning throughout this topic, with the richness of Australia's diversity being celebrated and shared.

In reading this week, we have been exploring the strategy of summarising and have been practising locating the main idea. In writing, our unit on narrative is coming to a close. The narratives that we are composing are really taking shape and we look forward to our stories joining the others in our neighbourhood library.

During mathematics, we have been working with money. Adding and subtracting, solving problems and creating the ultimate lunch order. Our learning this week in mathematics and working with money is easily transferable to outside of school. When at the shops, pose problems around the calculation of items and working out change.

We are looking forward to continuing our effort right through until the end of term.

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

Learning Neighbourhood 3

Only one week to go? Time flies when you're having fun! The LN3 teachers are impressed by how dedicated and motivated students have been throughout the term. On Wednesday the 2nd of April, BVPS is having an Enrichment Open Day. We are inviting parents to come in and see some of the learning that has taken place during our identity unit this term. We are asking parents to try and make time between 9am and 11am to see their child showcase an information report, artwork and performances they have

created throughout the term.

Summer Interschool Sport finals are being played at BVPS next Friday morning. Mr Youlden has trained the kids up well and we are lucky to be representing the school in the finals in Basketball and Volleyball. Please come down and show your support!

In reading this week, we are entering the world of inference. The neighbourhood has broken this concept into 11 parts. We are using the students understanding of themselves, their real world experiences and knowledge from other texts they have previously read to help with learning in this vital strategy. The neighbourhood has an inference wall which shows each student's progress. Make sure your child shows you how it works next Wednesday during the Enrichment Open Day.

Once again we encourage parents to attend Literacy sessions which are held between 9:00am – 11:00am Mon-Thurs. Parent involvement in a child's learning is regarded as one of the most important factors to student academic success. We encourage you to be a part of your child's learning. For more information please see anyone in LN3.

In writing, students are continuing to develop their persuasive skills. Students have been debating each other as individuals and in groups, justifying their opinions in meaningful and topical discussions. Students are writing a piece, trying to persuade the reader to agree with them, on a topic that they are passionate about. Please speak to your child about their topic and their understanding of persuasive writing.

In math's, a continuum has been created and is displayed on the wall in LN3, to show student's current understanding in multiplication and in division and more importantly where they need to go next. The neighbourhood is an exciting place especially during math's, where you can see students taking control of their learning, using the internet, being involved in explicit teaching groups and assisting their peers to help each other gain a stronger understanding in the area. Ask your child where the continuum display is and what it means to

them when you visit next Wednesday.

Have a fantastic weekend! We can't wait to see you back for our big final week of the term.

Luke Cripps, Jan Vella, Rosie Strateas, Marty Claybourne and Clinton Youlden

Wednesday 2 Open Day of Learning

9am-11am

All parents are invited to come along to the LNs at BVPS to see their children engaged in some fantastic learning

Auskick Footy Day Friday 4th April.

Students will be able to purchase a sausage and drink for \$2.00 They can also come to school in their favourite football colours for a donation of \$1.00

We will have several SEDA students and several other coaches on the day assisting.

We hope all of our students at BVPS will be able to join in on what will be a fantastic day.

Last day of Term 1

Friday 4th April.

Assembly will be at 1.50 in the MPH

Dismissal time will be 2.30

BVPS CAR PARK

We would like to remind parents not to park in the **BVPS CAR PARK** to drop off or pick up their children from school. This car park is for the staff of BVPS, HCSC and the SDS. It has very limited parking for the three schools. Also please do not use the 4 bay parking strip in front of the SDS. This area is for SDS family parking only.

Calendar

Monday 31

Active After School Program
Basketball
3.30pm—4.30pm Preps-3

Wednesday 2 Open Day of Learning 9am-11am

All Families are invited

Active After School Program
Basketball
3.30pm—4.30pm 4-6

Breakfast Club

Wednesday the 2nd April will be our last morning for Breakfast Club for Term 1. Breakfast Club will resume in Term 2.

Birthdays

Chris R
Amber R
Ahmed S
Sorena G
Sami A
Cheyanne J
Rahf A
Issiah N
Manisha R
Lilly M
Moryantes N
Younes Y
Rukaya A
Sarah F
Callistus W
Jay M
Maylinda M
Ellias A
Maram H
Turkali C



Notice Board



Easter Raffle

Tickets are still available for our Huge Easter Raffle.
We have a wonderful assortment of prizes.
The winners will be drawn at assembly on the 4th April.

**THIS TIME WE WANT YOU ALL TO PARTICIPATE!!!
NUDE FOOD DAY**

Tuesday^{1st} April

**We are having a nude food day at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School
Bring all your food in plastic containers or lunch boxes that you
can take home with you at the end of the day.
Remember NO Packaging on your food for this day!!
This includes glad wrap and aluminium foil wrap.
The class with all people bringing their lunch without wrapping
or packaging will receive a special prize.**

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School are partnering with **Metro Music School** to offer instrumental music lessons. Lessons will be held during school hours (30 minutes/once per week) at suitable times. Instruments offered are keyboards/piano, guitar and drums.

So far we have received a very positive response from students and families regarding this program, and are seeking final expressions of interest from those who may still wish to enrol.

Teachers from **Metro Music School** will be making a special presentation at our final assembly at 2pm on Friday 4th April. They will provide demonstrations, answer questions and take enrolments. Don't miss this great opportunity to find out more!

