Hola BVPS. Buenas tardes.

Welcome to this week’s edition of the Valley View. I urge you to find the time to read through this week’s edition to stay abreast of the events at your child’s school.

In case you can’t understand Spanish and you’re a little confused by the opening line of this week’s newsletter, allow me to translate. In English it reads Hello BVPS. Good afternoon. All students at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School participate in a languages program, where they develop new perspectives on the world by learning a new language.

Languages give learners the world by opening their minds to other cultures and opening doors to new possibilities. Languages take learners on a journey that improves the way they communicate, interact with others and engage with learning – and with life – at home and beyond.

The acquisition of an additional language and associated intercultural skills is key to how children and young people at preschool and at school develop, both intellectually and emotionally, but it also gives them greater confidence and choice when it comes to future study and work. The Languages program is designed to prepare students at BVPS to be responsible and engaged members of our multicultural community, and to look outward as active and informed citizens of the world.

At BVPS we strategically weave the custom built Spanish program within other core areas of the curriculum as well as providing explicit instruction in a more formal way. Programs such as cultivating communities, play-based learning, kitchen-garden, studio arts; and science and humanities are supported with the inclusion of Spanish instruction.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Any parents who might be interested in joining a parents and friends association are asked to please contact the school reception. The parents and friends association do some tremendous work in leading the organisation of the 4 annual school fundraising events - Easter raffle, mother day stall, father’s day stall and the Dimboola Road Festival.

With the winter weather well and truly here, please ensure that you send your child to school with the appropriate clothing items. Additional items can be purchased from the school reception. As many of the jumper items – wind-cheaters, jackets and raincoats - are coming off and on in the course of the day, please ensure that your child’s name is clearly marked. We recommend that you do this on the inside of the jumper collar itself as we have had situations where tags have been dishonestly removed in an attempt to claim property.

The Attitudes to School Survey was conducted this with all students in Year 5 and 6. The survey assists schools to gain an understanding of students’ perceptions and their experience of school. It provides us with valuable data on students’ views of their wellbeing, teaching, learning and school in general. This is the tenth year that the survey has been offered. All responses to the survey are anonymous and the survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. Please speak with your child’s teacher if you would like further information.

Lest we forget
Andrew Jones
LN1 Newsletter

Week 2 has been a busy one in LN1!

We are all very excited that the chickens have arrived at BVPS. They have already laid about 10 eggs! Each Thursday, one LN1 literacy group will get the chance to spend some time with Ben, helping in the garden.

This week Miss Black’s literacy group went out into the garden and rotated through three jobs – the chicken coop, digging in the garden beds to turn over the soil, and planting seeds to grow carrots and peas. Two students were brave enough to pick up and hold the chickens!

To tie in with our enrichment topic about the weather, in maths we have been learning about the seasons, and the types of clothing we wear in Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. This week we sorted clothing into groups based on which clothing you would wear in each season, and are now designing our own outfits made out of newspaper.

We would like to strongly encourage parents, grandparents and caregivers to continue reading at home with their child every night. Throughout the week students will bring home 4 different ‘Just Right’ books, for them to read to you, and one library book, which you can read together. Reading together is a good way to spend time together, as well as supporting the work the teachers do with your children at school.

Amy, Cyndi, Jamielee, Jodie, Marija & Wendy.

LN2 Newsletter

A terrific week two in LN2!

We have had a massive week. So much going on, here is another week where it is difficult to work out where to start.

We are all Scientists here in LN2! Our new Enrichment topic has kicked off with a bang. We are exploring all areas of science this term and thinking about what skills I need to investigate scientific phenomena. This week we explored Earth and Space Science and investigated things like; tectonic plates and how the sun makes night and day. Next week we will be looking at Physics... In maths, we have been looking at arrays and working out how they are linked with multiplication and division. Ask your child to make some at home with everyday items.

In reading we have been leaning the QAR strategies; Question and Answer Relationships. We have been learning about right there, think and search, author and me questions and now learning the On my own strategy. You can also hear the sound of fluent readers during reading as we practice and use our fluency strategies to improve our reading. So much creativity and expression in the air of LN2 during literacy.

Following our trip to the Hume Library this week, we were able to borrow a number of books in other languages. We have some in Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Hindi and Italian. We have a couple of guest readers expected to come in and read in some other languages. If you would like to join us, get on board the ‘Reading for Enjoyment’ train and see Miss O to book in a place.

LN3 Newsletter

What a week! LN3 have been doing a lot of exciting activities this week. The grade 6’s had an excursion to the Gal lipoli Tennis excursion where they got to learn about the ANZAC war and also got to play and learn tennis. A big thank you to Mr Youlden for organising the fun day for us. This week teachers from New Zealand have been watching us and asking us questions about how fun LN3 and Broadmeadows Valley Primary School is. Tangata Pacifika finally started this week it was great to learn about our culture and share it with other students in LN3.

Reading:

In reading we have been leaning the QAR strategies; Question and Answer Relationships. We have been learning about right there, think and search, author and me questions and now learning the On my own strategy. An author and me question are fun to answer as we need to think about the
authors purpose and then connect it to our own lives to come up with an answer. It feels like we are detectives. This week we have been starting Reciprocal reading, reciprocal reading is fun and helps us to learn to read by our self in our groups. The best part is when we ask each other questions about the book as we can debate about the answers. It has been really fun in LN3 and we all hope it can stay that way!

Writing:
In writing we have started another persuasive piece which we got to choose from our Writers Notebooks. We have finished our planner and started writing our introduction and using evidence to support our reasons. We have been adding persuasive devices such as statistics, emotive language and rhetorical questions to persuade the reader. We have also been writing narratives which has been great as we are learning to make our narratives more descriptive making it exciting for the reader.

Enrichment:
The day had finally arrived. We got to share our products and present to all the students in LN2 our inventions to help people be ready for learning. The students from LN2 had a great time listening to our presentations and we thank them for coming in! Everyone really enjoyed Enrichment this term and we cant wait to see what our next topic is!!!

Thanks
Terita and Thalia

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**FUNDRAISING**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We have a wonderful group of mums that volunteer their time with our fundraising events but we would love to see more of our parents on our Fundraising Committee.

We are also looking for a Fundraising Coordinator this could be shared by 2 parents.

We would like to invite you to our next **fundraising meeting**. This will be held next **Wednesday the 29th at 9.10am** in the Staffroom. Come in and have a cup of tea or coffee with us.

We are asking for volunteers to assist in our up and coming events which are Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Dimboola Road Festival.

Save the Date!

Mother's Day Brunch
Friday 8th May
11 - 12pm
Valley Kitchen

Look out for your invitation!

Broadmeadows Valley
Mother’s Day Stall

Friday the 8th of May
Multi-Purpose Hall
Starting at 9.30am
All gifts will be priced from 50c--$6.00

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**Calendar**

**Term 2**

Fundraising Meeting.
Wednesday the 29th at 9.10am
Mother's Day Brunch
Friday 8th May
Mother’s Day Stall
Friday the 8th of May

**ANZAC Badges and Wrist Bands are still available at the office**

Badges—$1.00
Wrist Bands—$3.00

**Birthdays**

April

Joanne A
**SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS NEEDED!**

*Do you enjoy being outdoors? Enjoy working with children and giving back to the community while you get paid? Then please read on...*

- Various Locations
- Fantastic Hours
- Casual / On Call work
- Positions to commence immediately

Casual on call positions are currently available in various locations for School Crossing Supervisors.

**You must have the following:**
- Be available Monday – Friday from 8-9am and 3-4pm
- Have/be willing to obtain a Working with Children’s Check.
- Have a Victorian Drivers License and own reliable car.

If this sounds like the position for you then contact Jessica at HOBAN on 9325 3200 or fax resume to 9325 3299 NOW!

**BOOK CLUB**

Welcome to the first Term 2 Book club.

If you would like to order any books or items please fill out the order form, which has been distributed to students, 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 1st May 2015