Good day BVPS!

I would like to thank the vast numbers of parents and friends for being part of the annual BVPS Mother’s Day morning tea today. It was so pleasing to see so many community members here to help celebrate this special day with us. This amazing event would not have been possible without the tremendous support of many dedicated community members.

The BVPS Parent Ambassadors have been an absolute revelation here at BVPS. Their capacity to communicate the needs of parents, families and the community has enabled the school to identify and provide the services and programs that our families really want and need. There has also been an enormous level of relational trust established providing very strong foundations on which to build successful learning upon. BVPS belongs to the community. It belongs to the families of Broadmeadows. If you would like to join the parent ambassadors group or find out how you can be involved further, please contact our friendly team at reception.

I would also like to thank the BVPS teaching and support staff for their ongoing involvement in family engagement activity here at BVPS. As educators, we understand the value of effective parent involvement in learning and as a consequence we are always looking for opportunity to connect our students learning experience and environment with the most important people in their lives – you.

Parents are a major influence on a child’s success in life. While the quality of schools and the nature of your child’s social group matter significantly, it is from the home that young people derive lasting effects on their character, mindset and attainment.

From what we know through research, parent engagement works largely through the setting of high aspirations and the shaping of a young learner’s self-concept. In his review of the factors contributing to student achievement, my PhD supervisor and world renowned educator, Professor John Hattie concludes that “parents can have a major effect in terms of the encouragement and expectations that they transmit to their children”. Many other studies confirm the central but indirect role that parents play by shaping their children’s concept of themselves as learners. This takes many forms, for example, the setting of goals, the displaying of enthusiasm, the encouragement of good study habits, the valuing of enquiry, of experimentation and of learning new things, and of course the enjoyment of reading.

Of all potential parent activities, parent expectation produces the largest effect size with regard to children’s achievement. Generally, not surprisingly, it seems clear that the greatest effects are achieved the earlier they occur in a child’s life. So for your child’s sake, connect with us. Connect with your child’s learning at school in meaningful and enjoyable ways because BVPS is the place to be.

With trust,

Andrew Jones

P.S. To all the Mothers, Aunties and Grandmothers of BVPS - Happy Mother’s Day for Sunday!
LN1 Newsletter

It has been a very busy week in LN1!

We have been working hard in maths this week. We had fun outside running in races, and then getting in order of who came first, second, third, fourth, fifth... all the way up to twentieth!

We also looked at the weather page in the newspaper and talked about temperatures. If you have a newspaper at home, ask your child to share their learning with you!

In literacy we have become experts on finding the Beginning, Middle and End of our books. Your child brings home a home reading book every night, and we encourage you to read this with them, to add to the work we are doing with them at school. When you are reading with them, ask them to tell you what happened at the beginning, middle and end of their book!

We have been busy in LN1 getting ready to spoil our mums and other special people on Mothers Day! We hope you enjoy the surprises we have ‘mixed up’ for you!

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

LN2 Newsletter

A fabulous week four in LN2!

This week has been a whirl of excitement. A secret agent parachuted into our school on Tuesday morning this week, all the way from NZ, to share with us some very special knowledge. Ok, he wasn’t really a secret spy. It was Pete Millet, acclaimed children’s author and author of ‘Johnny Danger, DIY Spy’. He made us laugh and shared with us some insights into writing and being an author. Some of the biggest highlights were the insightful questions all of our BVPS students prepared for him. Pete was extremely impressed with the things that we were interested in finding out. Following his appearance with LN2 and LN3, some very awesome reporters were able to put Pete under the spotlight and interview him on camera. Look out for the upcoming video on the website, starring Joanne, Rosalin, Brendan, Maram and of course, Pete Millet.

Also this week, we have been exploring the surface of the fascinating realm of Chemical Science. We have been able to play around with evaporation and condensation. As well as test a range of materials we find could use in a range of ways. Our aim is to start to consider ways we might dig deeper into all areas of science using our science inquiry skills. As our knowledge widens, the only option is for us to drill deeper. And that is exactly what we are going to do following our excursion coming up in week 6.

That leads to our next reminder. Get your notices for the excursion and incursion in as soon as possible! These experiences are going to be vital for us to prepare for our independent science inquiries.

It’s hard to believe that with so much going on that we would have enough time to even do literacy and numeracy. But we have... This week we have been Summarising in reading, creating climax’s in writing and using arrays to solve division in mathematics. Don’t forget to come in and visit during ‘Reading for Enjoyment’ on Friday mornings from 9.15am. We love to have lots of parents coming in to read to a group of students, read to their own child or even just sit and read to themselves. The more the merrier, we look forward to seeing you soon!
LN3 Newsletter

It’s been a busy but great week here in Neighbourhood 3. This week we had the very famous Peter Milllett at our own school and taught us some super-secret cool techniques about writing and some information about spies while talking about his book Jonny Danger. Thanks to all the mothers who participated in the Mothers’ Day Brunch. We all love our mothers and hope you all enjoy your much deserved day. WE LOVE YOU! The grade 5s are ready and set to go to take their biggest test this year, which is NAPLAN. The national test will take place during specific times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

This week in Maths, we have been learning about measurement techniques. We have learnt how to measure objects in formal (Use of rulers, measuring tape, etc.) and informal (Use of feet, hands, etc.) ways. The teachers thought to make things a bit fun so they gave us exact measurements to draw a castle. We all found it extremely fun. We have been using Sumdog more than ever, we use Sumdog to help us to improve in our fluency. We all find it very useful. In math we have been learning to use the split and jump strategies to help us add numbers in our heads.

The last 2 weeks, we have been going over to LN1 to do Buddy Reading. It has been a really great experience as we had the opportunity to support LN1 kids in their Reading. We have also been using some comprehension strategies such as summarising, prior knowledge and visualising. We have been doing this working in groups while learning about Space.

In Enrichment we have been learning about Space. Mr Cripps gave us a competition at the start of the week to see which home class could create the best designed space. All the students worked together to make their space the best. We are all really proud of what we produced. This week we did our first Science experiment on what would happen if a Meteor hit the earth. It was really fun and can’t wait to do more experiments over the next few weeks.

Have a great week!
Carlos and Sihaam

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS THAT RAN OUR MOTHER’S DAY STALL TODAY IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

LOST PROPERTY

There are several items of lost clothing in the neighbourhoods and sick bay. Are you missing any school uniform?

Calendar

Term 2

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.

Birthdays

Mennathalia A
Hey Broadmeadows!
How Do You Use Water?

Seeking participants

Hello, my name is Paul, I am conducting research seeking to better understand the way different communities in Australian cities use water and experience water sustainability.

The research is part of my PhD, It will go towards developing more effective and fairer water management programs that value the needs of the communities they service.

If you are over the age of 18 and live in the suburb of Broadmeadows (or surrounds) then I would love to hear from you. Your participation will provide an opportunity to have your views and opinions heard, and influence water management programs in your community.

Contribute to better and fairer water management practices for your community.

What’s required: A 60-90 minute interview in which you will be asked about the ways you use water in your house, backyard/outdoors and in your community. As thanks, participants will receive a $20 Fuel/Shopping voucher.

When/Where: At a time and location suitable to you (between May and June). I can shout you a coffee (at a cafe) or meet you somewhere you’d feel most comfortable for a chat.

To register or for further info: Contact Paul Satur (Monash University)
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