

# Valley View

Good afternoon BVPS!

This week the students, their families and staff at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School have been celebrating **National Reconciliation Week (NRW)**. Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. It has been a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

On Thursday we were very fortunate to be joined in our celebrations by **Michael Long**. Michael Long is one of the most recognisable Aboriginal figures in AFL football. He played for the Essendon Football Club between 1989 and 2001, was a member of two premiership sides and the winner of the 1993 Norm Smith Medal.

Michael championed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cause within the AFL. In 1995, Michael made a stand against racial abuse, following an on-

field incident with another player, asserting that racism had no place in sport.

Ultimately, this led to Michael being one of the pioneering forces behind the racial abuse code that was adopted by the AFL in the 1990s.

Another feather can now be added to Michael's cap after he led the BVPS community in our very own **Long Walk around the school**. Michael spoke to our community at a very special assembly. He discussed the importance of education and learning in developing tolerance and respect amongst members of our community. Michael also discussed the importance of school in the lives of all young people. He encouraged the students to stay in school and doing their very best. Some local Indigenous elders were also in attendance. They joined our friends from The City of Hume in a special lunch event in Neighborhood 2.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) works very closely with Aboriginal communities on a range of programs and initiatives aimed at improving our indigenous students access to positive learning experiences. At BVPS we aim to support all children – indigenous and non-

indigenous - to reach their full learning potential by developing the necessary skills and understandings in them to allow them to communicate in key learning areas such as literacy and numeracy.

In other news, parents are reminded that **whole school photo day** will be on Wednesday June 3. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform for the photo. Enquiries for sibling photo's and ordering photo packs can be made at the office. **Parent/teacher interviews** will be taking place on Thursday June 18. Semester 1 reports will be handed out at the same time. As we are introducing a new report format this semester, we are well aware that a thorough explanation of the report will be required.

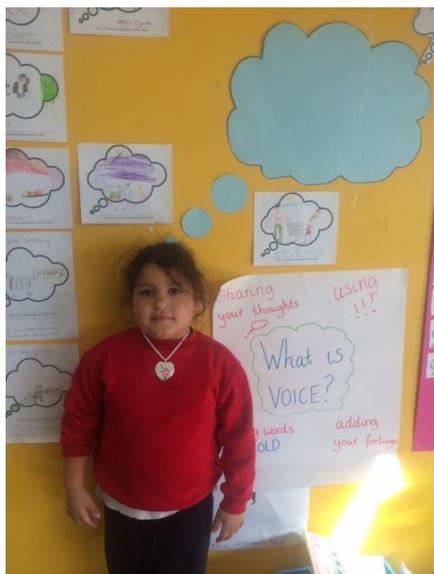
**Have a great week,  
Andrew Jones**



## LN1 Newsletter

This week has been a busy one in LN1.

During reading time we have been learning to make connections with the books we read. This is important because it makes children think about the text. While you are reading with your child get them to practise this strategy!



We have continued our investigation of 'Wild Weather' in enrichment, and split into Inquiry Groups. Each child had the choice of learning more about Thunderstorms, Cyclones, Tornadoes or Bushfires. Each group has been looking at different ways to answer the questions they have about their topics, and have been doing some interesting and fun experiments!

Some of the LN1 students have been working on poems about weather. Here is one that P1/2S wrote together.

### Stormy Weather

Storms make loud noises  
up in the sky.  
It starts thundering

BOOM! BOOM!  
The clouds are dark  
and lightning flashes.  
Bright white lights.  
As rain comes down  
the ground gets wet.  
Hurry up and GET INSIDE!

Have a great weekend!

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

## LN2 Newsletter

A sensational week seven in LN2!

Though it did take us some time to wind down after such an epic week six, we managed to make it back and fall into the swing of things very quickly. Both the incursion and excursion were extremely successful events last week. We would like to send out a massive thank you to all of the volunteers who joined us and we are looking forward to having more parents join us on future adventures.

However, this week definitely has not disappointed us.

We recognised and reflected on the significance of Reconciliation Week with the Long Walk on Thursday. The man himself, Michael Long joined us to share such an important occasion. We walked together as one around our school before contributing a token of our respect with ribbons on the fence in the design of the Aboriginal Flag.

Back in the neighbourhood, things have not stopped.

We are working on writing and revising narrative. We have many to share and will have lots to select for publishing as the end of term draws closer. Our reading continues to get better as our learning time is focussed and we know that everyone has their 'Just Right Books'.



In numeracy, money money money has still been the popular focus for this week. We had such an amazing head start into this unit thanks the families joining us last Thursday for Education week. We are gaining a great understanding of all things of value and uses for Australian money.

Enrichment is going to be super visible, with each homegroup taking on the challenge of preparing eye catching and informative displays to depict their chosen science. We have an abundance of living things in our Biology Corner. Fabulous Forces displayed in our Physics Corner. Amazing Universe in our Earth and Space Sciences Room. And Crazy (but safe) Chemicals in our Chemistry Corner. Be prepared to be amazed, come and visit soon... J

## LN3 Newsletter

It has been amazing for all of us this week in LN3, On Wednesday, Mrs Vella's home group went on an excursion to Hume Central Secondary College. They enjoyed the three science experiments and learnt a lot from the experience. We all hope we can get to do it again sometime in the future. Interschool sport has been cancelled AGAIN due to Coolaroo South having a curriculum day. We are hop-

ing that we will get to make up the game at some stage. On Thursday, Michael Long from the Essendon Football Club came to our school for Reconciliation Day. He was a very interesting to listen to. Reconciliation Day is about Indigenous and Non-Indigenous respecting, learning and coming together as one.

In reading this week, we have been learning how to "make connections" and "make predictions". This is important because it helps us comprehend what we are reading better. Our previous experiences, knowledge and emotions help us make strong connections with what are reading. With being able to relate to what we are reading, we can make more accurate predictions. Halimo is currently reading the book "EJ12 jump start". This book is about an evil agency named "Shadow" that is up to something sinister in the rain forest. Special agent EJ12 needed to leap into action to crack the evil agency shadows codes to save the rain-forest from being destroyed. Hamzah's book is called "Deathstroke sneak peek". It has nearly every Batman character in it! It's about a man called Deathstroke that is being hunted by all the super heroes. It is a just right book for me as it is just right to read, the story is interesting and I can make connections and predictions well.

In Writing, we are writing information reports about a topic of our own choice. We are using a Data sheet graphic organiser to plan our information reports and get information from different sources. After writing down our information down, our questions and the things that we know already we then use it to write paragraphs. Our topic for sustained writing this week was Space. Everyone enjoyed writing a narrative as we could include all the new things we have learnt about the topic in a fun and exciting way.

In Maths, we have been practicing our addition skills during our fluency sessions. It has been great fun as we are learning maths through fun games. In my maths group we have been learning how to add fractions and decimals in

our small groups. Some of the teachers have been doing maths conferences with the students in LN3. The kids are doing Maths homework to help build their understanding in different areas that have been identified by both teachers and students.

In Enrichment, we are learning about space. This week we have been learning about meteors. We watched a video on Monday about how much damage a meteor would do if it impacted the Earth. We did an experiment on Wednesday which related to the video. It was about how different sized meteors and the different speeds of meteors could effect the Earth if it was hit. We used sand and rocks to replicate the video. Everyone is loving Enrichment. The experiments are so much fun!

Well that's the happening in LN3! Have a great week!

Halimo and Hamza R

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School photos will be taken on **Wednesday the 3rd of June**. Photo envelopes have been sent home with the students. **Family envelopes** will also be available at the **office** from this time. Photos will start at **9am** on the dot so please make sure your children are **on time** and in **full school uniform**. Thank you.



Guess which teacher this is in her grade 3 school photo.



## Calendar Term 2

**5 June**  
**AFL Football Gala Day** at BVPS  
9am-2pm

**June 8 Queen's Birthday public holiday.**

The last day of term for students will be **Thursday June 25**. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

**Friday June 26** will be a student free day.

### 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

**Joseph G**  
**Carlos Y**  
**Thomas T**  
**Kaylen Z**  
**Baris S**  
**Mussa A**  
**Molly S**



Michael Long joined the BVPS Community in a Long Walk around our school to help celebrate Reconciliation Week. Our Young Leaders welcomed Michael at an assembly, and organised for everyone who participated to tie a ribbon on our front fence to form a giant Aboriginal flag. It was an amazing event.

