

# Valley View

## Hello BVPS and welcome to this week's edition of the Valley View.

This publication is but one means to access information regarding your school. The BVPS webpage located at [www.bvps.vic.edu.au](http://www.bvps.vic.edu.au) is another great place to find out more about your child's learning community. I encourage you to find some time each week to read through the newsletter with your child and stay abreast of all developments.

**Homework or 'Home Learning'**, as we like to refer to it, can be a valuable way to gain insights into your child's progress. It can also - if done right - reinforce what they are learning at school and encourage them to maintain lifelong study habits.

Interestingly, we know from research that traditional models of primary school homework have virtually no impact on student learning performance. This is important for us as educators to consider when and if we assign Home Learning tasks. Copious amounts of maths activity sheets, for example, actually have a negative impact on student learning - they do more harm than good. Research also tells us that what is appropriate for secondary students is different for primary school students. Homework will become more challenging in secondary

school, in particular during the final years.

If your child does have a home learning task as a parents and care giver you can assist students with by:

- encouraging a regular daily session to examine and complete home learning
- discussing key questions or suggesting resources to help with home learning
- helping to balance the time spent between home learning and recreational activities
- asking how home learning and class work is progressing, and acknowledging success
- attending the school events, productions or displays their child is involved in
- talking to teachers about any home learning problems
- checking if home learning has been set
- ensuring upper primary and secondary students keep a home learning diary or iPad calendar
- discussing their child's responses to set texts and asking to see their completed work

- discussing home learning with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home, and linking it to previous experiences; and
- linking home learning and other learning activities to the families' culture, history and language.

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child's learning please contact their Learning Neighbourhood Leader or Homegroup Teacher. We will only be too pleased to assist with any enquiry.

Formal **parent/teacher conferences** are another great opportunity to get deeper insights into your child's learning. The mid-year report will be handed out at the same time. The conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday June 17**. Please ensure that you have a time scheduled.

The **last day** of term for students will be **Thursday June 25**. They will be dismissed at **3:30pm**.

Kind regards,  
Andrew Jones



## LN1 Newsletter

The Enrichment Inquiry Topics are well underway in LN1 with curious students discovering lots of interesting facts and asking many relevant questions about their topic on *Wild Weather*. Some of the activities include looking at how smoke rises using hot water, hair spray and ice! The tornadoes group had the opportunity to skype an expert all the way from Huntsville, Alabama! She is a trained tornado spotter and told us many interesting things about living in *Tornado Alley*. Our students certainly had lots of questions for her!



Winter is here and we are certainly feeling the chill, especially in the mornings. We are learning to talk about and predict what the temperature may be and students are enjoying role-playing weather presenters. Of course, you can check out our LN1 Weather Reports on our website.

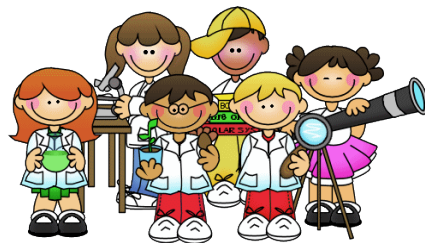
**Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Jumpers, jackets and long pants are the order of the day!**

Writing Goals – Our students have been having conferences with their Literacy teacher to see how their writing has improved this semester. We have been focusing on using interesting ideas, punctuation and great vocabulary (*WOW* words!) to make writing more interesting and entertaining for our audience. Students have been given a writing goal to work towards, so take the time to ask your child what their goal is.

Until next week...  
Jodie, Jamielee, Marija, Amy,  
Cyndi and Wendy

## LN2 Newsletter

An excellent week eight in LN2! Our science displays are taking shape in the neighbourhood. Each home group has worked to get their science displays up. In the process we have got to know a little bit more about the main areas of science and we will be better informed to select our own line of inquiry. Which area of science is your child going to investigate?



Our money skills have been fine-tuned over the last couple of weeks as we have been exploring money and value. We are hoping that everyone has had a little practise out in the 'real world' and have made some strong links with learning from school and what happens outside of school.



In literacy, we have been composing narratives left, right and centre. We have so many quality stories that we are going to have a tough time next week choosing which one we will publish. Over the last couple of weeks we will get to select one piece to publish into one of four alternative ways. Stay tuned as you are not going to see simply books coming out of LN2...

The last few weeks of term in LN2 are going to be intense with lots of great learning still to come. Ask lots of questions at home and do not hesitate to come and visit us in LN2!

## LN3 Newsletter

WOW! What a week it has been in LN3.

On Wednesday, everybody came to school looking beautiful and shiny for school photos.

Believe it or not, even the teachers came to school with make up on, I know crazy!



Anyway, in LN3 Rock and Water has started for the boys and the girls have started M-Power. Everyone loved it last year and we have no doubt we will again.

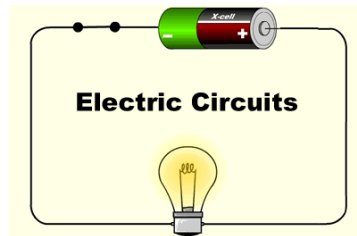
The Football Gala Team have been training their butts off over the last 5 weeks and played so well today. We are proud of how we played today and tried our best to represent our school

Reading this week has been crazy but fun. We have been learning how to visualize and how it helps with our reading. Visualizing is using the description of the character and setting to create a picture in our mind, we all agree that this helps us get a clear picture of what the character/setting looks like and another thing is we all have a different visualizations and different imaginations so you can never make a wrong visualizations. In reading, we read (Obviously) but we don't just read any books, we read books that are 'just right', so the books in our neighborhood will never be too hard or too easy.

Maths has been absolutely challenging and was the highlight of our week because nobody wants to do something they already know how to do. This week has been all about subtraction. We have been using different strategies like the

split and jump. It helps us subtract big numbers without using the algorithm. Nobody has the time to pull out a book and do the working out in a shop so we use the jump back or the split strategy to help us make quick and accurate calculations. We have also been doing Maths conferences with our teachers. Our teachers have been giving us homework to do so our mathematics will be fantastic.

In Enrichment, we have been learning about electricity. This week we learnt about electricity circuits. We had to try and make a



circuit using two wires a battery and a globe. It was really difficult but now makes sense and gives an understanding on how all electricity works. We also did some experimenting on static electricity. Enrichment has been fantastic!

That is the latest news in all things LN3! Have a great weekend.

Arati and Victor P

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

To be eligible you must have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. Applications to the CSEF are now open and application forms are available at the office. Applications close on the 26th June. Please direct all enquiries to the BVPS reception.

## Calendar Term 2

### 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

Mohamad A  
Bilal M  
Naba I  
Mason G  
Cosmo N



**An Important Reminder:**

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 9.00am**

As the weather has become colder we have noticed a big increase in students coming late to school. Children coming late for school regularly miss out on important learning opportunities. They also miss out on important social interaction with friends and other students.

**So, please make sure your child is at school and is ready for their learning by 9.00am.**

**Also remember:**

- ***We have our IFit program Monday - Wednesday starting at 8.50am***
- ***We have our Breakfast Club operating from 8.20am for those students who come early to school and those who have skipped breakfast at home.***

See you on time next week  
Michelle Reid

**Casual Day**

The Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Young Leaders have organised a casual day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June to raise money for the people of Nepal who were struck by a devastating earthquake. Please support this worthwhile cause by wearing casual clothes and bringing a gold coin donation.

**When:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Why:** To raise money for the victims of the Nepal Earthquake

**How:** Wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation

Tens of thousands of people's homes have been damaged or destroyed and need our help to access emergency shelter and lifesaving essentials.

Tens of thousands of people are already displaced - their homes flattened or damaged to such an extent that it is not safe for them to return.

Oxfam teams are in Nepal responding with lifesaving essentials – clean water, sanitation and emergency shelter.



**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

If you have not yet made a booking please get in contact with Krystina Simpson or the school office as soon as possible.

**Normal school program will operate on this day.**