Hello BVPS community,

I hope you’re reading this newsletter in a very warm and comfortable place! It’s freezing outside today and we can assure you that heaters are on in all of the Learning Neighbourhoods and the children are safe and secure and ready for learning.

Yesterday I witnessed terrific support from our LN 2 parent community in the ‘LN 2 open afternoon of learning’. Parents were engaged with their children, having fun experimenting with all the different science experiments. We encourage you all to participate in your child’s learning whenever you are able. We extend special invitations throughout the year but you are always welcome to come and assist. Teachers welcome the extra adults in the learning spaces and it sends a very strong message to our students that the learning is valued by all of our community.

You may have read the article in the Leader Newspaper showcasing our LN 1 students participating in a Skype session with a representative from the US space and Rocket Centre in Alabama. Our students were very excited to speak with Rebecca and had a whole range of different questions prepared to ask her. The activity was organized by our resident ‘Skype specialist’ Cyndi Stewart. This is the second time that our students have been given the opportunity to speak and learn with someone in another country using our ever present 21st century technology.

Another way we support children being safe in the 21st Century world is by placing a great importance on teaching the skills that enable them to participate safely and respectfully within and with all relationships in the digital space. For some parents the terms ‘cyber safety’, ‘online behaviour’, ‘digital footprint’ and many others can be a little confusing. It is very easy as a parent to feel left behind when we view how naturally our children build and apply their ever increasing knowledge and skills of the digital world.

At Broadmeadows Valley Primary School we are extremely committed to adopting the best educational practices from around the globe. We proactively approach and discuss digital relationships with our students and explicitly teach them how to be safe online, a term we refer to as “eSmart”. As a school we are building a culture which promotes safe and respectful use of digital and online resources.

NEW END OF DAY TIME

We had a magnificent response to our first day of the new finishing time yesterday. Only two students remained safely with us in the office after dismissal time. They had forgotten to remind their parents of the new time.

Well done to all the parents for this show of support for the 3.15pm dismissal time. We witnessed older siblings from the secondary college picking up our students in a timely manner and not having to wait around for them. The shorter lunchtime proved to be successful with all children having a positive play experience and very few playground issues to be dealt with by teachers.

END OF TERM 2

End of term 2 is WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE. The students will have an extended 2 day break as the teachers will be off to Lancefield to spend the last 2 days of term learning about ASSESSMENT and how to improve what we currently do within this area. We will continue to work with, Professor Michael Francis from Melbourne University, who has guided and supported our learning this term.

BEGINNING OF TERM 3  Monday 11th July

Have a great holiday everyone, be safe and enjoy the time you have as a family.

Look forward to seeing you all next term.

Carmela
Week 10 in LN1

What an amazing week if learning in LN1. Our Term 2 Enrichment topic on Science came to an end with a bang! We had an amazing opportunity to talk to a real Scientist. Rebecca Hitt works at the US Space and Rocket Centre for NASA in the USA. She talked to us all the way from Huntsville, Alabama via Skype. It was wonderful to learn the details of her job and see some of the things that Astronaut’s take in to space like dried food, and told us what happens in space like how they get rid of their waste.

I liked when Rebecca showed us the Astronaut food. She showed us the types of food they eat and how they eat it. It looked different to the type of food we eat. They have to mix water with a powder in a packet to make juice.” – Vincent.

“In space they drink their wee! After they go to the toilet they have to do something to it to make it make into water, and then they drink it again!” – Alla.

“I learnt that it only takes 4 days to get to the moon and 4 days to get back. That’s not very long!” – Rawan

Our Science Fair was a huge success. It was great to see the parents of LN1 come along and see all of the great learning our students now know about science. The Physical science group made toys that pushed, pulled or twisted. The chemical science group discussed their knowledge of how chemical changes occur and shared a science experiment. The Biological science team had different groups present their learning about insects, birds and mammals.

Just a gentle reminder that our Parent/Teacher conferences are on Tuesday the 21st of June and also that Term 2 finishes in week 11 on Wednesday at 3:15 pm. Our students will be dismissed from their home group learning area.

We look forward to seeing you all the Parent/Teacher conferences on Tuesday,
Amy, Wendy, Jamielee, Cyndi & Rob.

In Writing, students are working on their Writing Goals. They are having the opportunity to work on their individual writing goals during Writer’s Notebook where they have the opportunity to write about what they would like. It has been fantastic to see student’s think about how their writing needs to improve and working with the teacher to find ways to better at the skill or process.

In Maths, protractors are everywhere. Students now can measure angles and explain whether they are acute, obtuse or a reflex angle. Students have really enjoyed this unit and are looking forward to starting their next unit based on statistics and probability. This will coincide with our next Enrichment topic ‘The Olympics’.

In Enrichment, students are finishing off their final touches on their Science Inquiry Presentation. The students will be presenting their work next week.

Today our lunchtime Maths club students partnered up with a student from Hume Central Secondary College, in a battle to win the ‘Amazing Race’. This was a celebration for all the students that had been working at Hume Central throughout Term 2 in Maths during their lunchtime. It was a fantastic way for the group to celebrate their efforts this term and has been a great way for students gain a stronger understanding of life when they enter Secondary College.

That’s the latest from LN3! See you next week!
IMPORTANT DATES

22nd June: School of Rock Excursion
22nd June: Cooking Demonstration 11am-12.30pm
22nd June: Last Day of Term
23rd June: Curriculum Day
24th June: Curriculum Day
11th July: Term 3 Starts

Curriculum Day

Thursday 23rd June and Friday 24th June

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care COMING TO BROADMEADOWS!
Commencing in July, delivered at:
Gowrie Victoria Broadmeadows Valley
30-54 Johnstone Street
Broadmeadows VIC 3047

To enrol or for further information: T (03) 9347 6388
E training@gowrievictoria.org.au

Calendar
Term 2

Every Friday
Conversational English Classes
Fridays 9.15 - 11.15am in
"The Hub" (LN1)
FREE!
Child minding available

BREAKFAST CLUB
Reminder to all Families

Breakfast Club is held on
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday morning.
Opening at 8.15am and closing
at 8.45. All students welcome.

Birthdays

Seth G
Kumayl A
UjjwoI B
Zena F
RJ A
Hailey F
Muatang R
ATTENTION PARENTS AND FAMILIES!

BVPS Parent Ambassadors in partnership with Hume City Council and Broadmeadows Leisure Centre present

Fitness for all Levels!
A FREE 8 week program for parents and families.

Start: Friday 21st July (Term 3)
Time: 12 - 2pm

Spaces are strictly limited to 20 participants.

Please register your place at the Valley Cafe or in the office.

See Nicole, Brigitte for more information.

Rock Band News!

The BVPS rock band are very excited to be participating once again in the annual North West Victorian Region ‘School of Rock’ event next week. They will have the opportunity to perform in front of hundreds of other students and teachers from both primary and secondary schools from across the region. As part of LN3’s open day of learning on Monday, the Rock Band will be presenting a preview performance for parents at 3pm sharp in the blue studio in LN3.

We hope to see you there!

FOR PARENTS!

British chef Rob Rees will deliver a cooking demonstration in the BVPS kitchen on Wednesday 22nd June at 11am.

Register your interest at The Valley Cafe or the office.