Welcome back everyone!

What a great beginning to the year. Everyone has settled in well and there are lots of smiles and friendship renewals. The tone of the school is great and laughter and smiles abound. Our new preps already look like they belong and are quickly settling into the routines of school. I am always amazed at how quickly the preps get into the swing of school life! Our grade 2 students are acting as their buddies and have been tremendous in looking after the new preps and making sure they are supported in their first year at school.

Starting primary school is a major milestone for your child. The Department has some very good resources for parents to investigate. Here you’ll find information on how to make the move to primary school as smooth as possible. The first years are an exciting and engaging time for your child. Building positive relationships and experiences in the early years is important to long-term development, learning and wellbeing.

A special mention also to our Year 6 students who are completing their last year of primary school. It is hard to believe that they started as preps back in 2011. Have a wonderful year and don’t forget to be AWESOME!

We have had quite a number of new students enrol this year which is always pleasing. We welcome you to our learning community and CONGRATULATE you on making an excellent choice. We will work with you to ensure that your child is happy at school and that their every learning need catered for.

I would like to welcome Ash MacArthur to our school who will replace Mr Youliden for the next 12 months. We look forward to making him feel valued and respected as a member of such a great school community.

Ms Jodie Coughlan has returned to the fold and has slipped right back into the BVPS way! Mr Rob Pain was married during the holidays and a good time was had by all. Congratulations Rob and Mel.

A very sincere note of appreciation for the time and effort that our staff have put in to ensure everything was ready for the new school year. It was such a smooth transition and we are fortunate to have such a wonderful team.

Would you like our team?

Pretty soon we will be having elections for members of our School Council. If you think you are interested, you can pick up a nomination form over the next couple of weeks and come and join us on School Council. Feel free to come and speak to me about it if you have any questions.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of our vibrant and caring learning community. I look forward to working with you again in 2017.

Have a great weekend.
Carmela
LN1 News

We have had a fantastic start to 2017, with our preps joining our grade ones and twos in Learning Neighbourhood 1. Everyone has settled in well and is excited for learning. This year we have three home groups made up of a mix of preps, grade ones and grade twos. The past two years we really saw the positive impact of multi-age groups in LN1 across all areas and are continuing with this model in 2017. This year the LN1 team will be Rob Pain, Wendy Cecchini and Jamielee Black. Amy Prisco will continue in the role on Learning Neighbourhood Leader.

This term we are looking at ‘How do I learn best’ and will think about our learning in the context of the BVPS values of collaboration, creativity, individuality, community, achievement and leadership. Students will have opportunities to learn with peers and to share their feelings and thoughts about learning with others.

There will be no school on Wednesdays for prep students in February, as prep testing will take place on these days. Parents of prep students should have received a letter in late 2016 with a date and time to bring their child in for one hour on a Wednesday morning during February. If you don’t know when your time is please see your child’s HG teacher. Amy, Wendy, Jamielee & Rob.

LN2 News

What an exciting week! New neighbourhood! New students! New teachers! New Books! NEW EVERYTHING! It has been such a fantastic start to the year with everybody settling into the new ways of LN2. Everyone has been working hard preparing themselves for an exciting year of learning ahead. We want as many parents as we can in our neighbourhood this year, if you would like to be involved, please let us know!

One of the big events this week was the ‘Wormy Spaghetti’ challenge. 9 lucky/unlucky students had the opportunity of a lifetime eating real worms just like the characters out of the book ‘The Twits’. Some of the faces were absolutely priceless from students gagging to others asking for more. It
LN3 in week one!

Welcome back to our wonderful school special learning neighbourhood!

Our neighbourhood could not have started any better with the positive energy being felt as soon as you enter the space. We greet each other each day with a ‘good morning’ and build that positive energy so that our brains are ready for learning.

All members of our community have shown their potential for leadership and enthusiasm to achieve great things in 2017. We work to be present, centred and grounded so that we can be in our power and make good decisions.

The first few days of school are all about setting the bar high. Expectations and protocols have been the hot topic in the learning spaces with everyone contributing the operation of our learning space.

We are looking forward to sharing the great things that we will be doing in LN3, so please take some time to come and visit!

Literacy and Numeracy groups will begin in Week 2. Take home books and the nightly Reading Journal will also begin at the start of Week 2. We ask that all families listen to their child read for 15 minutes every night. It not only makes an impact on your child’s learning, but shows your child how much you value their education.

Our neighbourhood is an open door! Anytime you would like to watch your child learn or have a question or query, please do not hesitate to come in and say ‘Hello’.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Term 1

BREAKFAST CLUB

The first day of Breakfast Club will be held on Monday 6th February 8.15—8.45.

Term 1 Sun Smart

All student will need to wear a hat at all times while they are in the yard throughout terms 1 and 4. Hats are available from the office. $10.00

CANTENE

A new canteen list for 2017 will be in this weeks newsletter.

Reminder to all Families

School Levy is now being taken at the office and must paid in full by the 28th of February. Financial assistance may be available to parents if they meet the criteria. Contact the office for more information 9309 4066

Birthdays

Serena G
Richard T
Zage T
Xavier D
Grace J
Khalid A
Mika T
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

$125 for primary school students
$225 for secondary school students

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or contact the school’s general office on 9309 4066 for more information.