

Valley View

Good afternoon BVPS.

Welcome to the 2015 school year.

This year more than any other, I am excited in the knowledge that all members of our bright and proud school community will have the opportunity to experience learning success, build positive relationships and be better tomorrow than they were today.

In 2015, we also welcome **4 new teaching staff members** to the BVPS family. **Marina Garcia** will be teaching Spanish, **Janelle DePetro** will be working with Learning Neighbourhood 3, **Cyndi Stewart** joins Learning Neighbourhood 1 and in Learning Neighbourhood 2; **Sarah Pinder** becomes the newest educator of the group. I am very proud of our schools ability to attract and recruit the best available teaching talent. The children of the school are the biggest winners in that regard.

The Valley View is published every week on a Friday afternoon and goes home with the eldest member of each family. A copy of the current and previous editions is available for download on the school webpage. The Valley View is designed to keep

families up to date on all important events at BVPS. Each Learning Neighbourhood will contribute a weekly report with information on upcoming events. I look forward to sharing the year with you in the Valley View.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all **new families to BVPS**. On behalf of the entire school, I wish you all the very best in your time with us. At any point, if you have a query or concern; please feel compelled to approach one of our caring and professional staff members for assistance. If the support that you require is of an educational nature, please contact your child's Learning Neighbourhood Leader or alternatively, their home group teacher. However, if your needs are specific to enrolment or are of an administrative purpose, please contact our helpful office team,

Ms Jennifer Petrone or **Ms Lindy Rider**.

This year's Learning Neighbourhood Leaders are:

Learning Neighbourhood 1 (Prep, Year 1 and Year 2)
Ms. Jodie Coughlan

Learning Neighbourhood 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)

Mr. Nathan Gage

Learning Neighbourhood 3 (Year 5 and Year 6)

Mr. Luke Cripps

Today at 9am, we had our annual **Welcome Morning Tea**. Parents and families were invited to come along a share a cup of tea or coffee and some light refreshments with the Parent Ambassador Group and Student Wellbeing Team. Brigitte, Michelle and the rest of the team will schedule many more opportunities to connect throughout the year.

Please remember that term 1 is a **'No Hat, No Play'** term. All students need to be wearing a **SunSmart** approved hat at recess, lunch and during outdoor sport sessions. Hats are available at the school reception for \$7.

Be well.

Andrew Jones



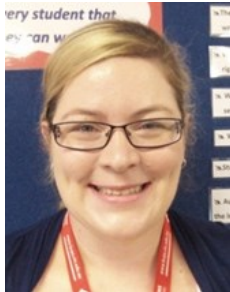
LN1 News!

What an amazing start to the year in LN1. We have had a wonderful first two



days with our new preps settling quickly into the neighbourhood routines. Our grade ones and twos have really stepped up as leaders and are showing their caring sides as they help with the smooth transition.

We welcome Cyndi Stewart to the LN1 team this year. This is Cyndi's first teaching appointment and we are so fortunate to have a new graduate in our team bringing a long whole new set of ideas. Cyndi has six



years of working with children under her belt as she was a nanny prior to moving

into teaching.

This year we have five home groups made up of preps, grade ones and twos. We saw the huge benefits of multi-age groups during our literacy sessions last year and the impact this



had on teacher planning was significant, this was the drive behind the reason to move to this new model.

LN1 2015

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

LN2 News!

Welcome back!

Everyone was refreshed and ready to breeze their way straight into Term One of 2015!

Welcome to all of our year 3's that have ventured all the way from LN1 and a very special welcome to all of those students who are new to BVPS. We always love having new families join our community and add just a little more depth into our

wonderful school.

This week is all about setting the foundations for a fantastic year. We practiced our morning process and identified how to enter our neighbourhood responsibly. We also shared our ideas around the powers of being a super learner. Spend some time talking about learning with the whole family. This would be a great discussion at home and a wonderful way to create some learning goals for the year. We can't wait to power into our learning journey of 2015 together next week.

Thanks for reading and be sure to visit us in LN2 to let us know what you would like to read about in this year's newsletter.



LN3 News!

It feels great to be back! We hope everyone had an amazing holiday and a much needed relaxing break! It definitely feels that way as it has been high energy from the moment 9:00 struck on Wednesday. We could not be happier with the students' commitment and eagerness in all classes and have no doubt this will continue throughout the year. The teachers in LN3 thrive off the students motivation and it is great to say that LN3 is pumping with enthusiasm!

Firstly, we need to welcome Ms Janelle De Petro into Learning Neighbourhood 3. She is a great addition to the LN3 and BVPS family. Ms De Petro has already added innovation and creative ideas to make LN3 an even better place. If you have not met her yet, make sure you come into the neighbourhood and introduce yourself. Also ask your children about our new key words – Download, Upload, Shift, Re boot and Pause.

The new Grade 5s have come into the neighbourhood and already look like part of the furniture. We have started our year with getting to know you and team building experiences, learning about the things students like in and out of the neighbourhood. We will be doing all we can to incorporate this into our curriculum to make our learning experiences more exciting and more relevant to your children.

We have already jumped into our Literacy & Numeracy groups preparing ourselves for the year ahead. LN3 has begun the "First twenty days of Literacy" which is evidence based practise to help students settle into the expectations and customs of our Literacy block. Make sure you ask your children about their Writer's Notebook and help your child gather "seeds" as these will be the basis for their writing prompts. Students are learning about "Just Right" books, ask some questions about the books they have chosen and why they were or were not great selections. To help your child progress we need you to be as involved as possible in their learning. If you have any questions or any ideas about how you could help LN3 please see one of the teachers in the neighbourhood!

We have an exciting new concept this year! Once a week, students will have the opportunity to learn literacy and numeracy through a medium of their choice. Students will be able to select a preference for Physical Education, Performing Arts or Media and take part in a four week cycle of learning experiences. Mr Youlden, Mr Montalto and Mr Tovey will take a selected 20 students once a week, where they will work on a project. Mr Youlden will use his knowledge and skills in Physical Education, allowing students to read literature about the chosen sport, analyse stats and write about their new learnings in creative ways. Once a week, our Music Specialist, Mr Tovey, will take a different 20 selected students where they will learn about song writing, genres of music and time signatures, allowing students to gain the knowledge and understanding to write theme songs for our four houses – Liliput, Johnstone, Erinbank and Lichfield. Mr Montalto will be sharing his deep understanding of the Green Studio with his group where they will be creating Film Clips for the new theme songs. They will analyse why and how film directors use different camera angles, lighting and editing to create moods.

If that wasn't enough, over the next few weeks we will be electing our new school leaders, interschool sport teams and organising the release of the iPads for the new Grade 5s. An information night will be held on the 12th of February to provide all the leasing information for 2015. This meeting must be attended, so please make yourself available. The iPads are an integral element to LN3's learning, please help us, help your children.

I am so excited to be surrounded by a team that is enthusiastic, passionate and motivated, and cannot wait to see our students grow academically, socially and emotionally.

Have a fantastic weekend! We are already looking forward to Week 2.

Luke Cripps, Jan Vella, Rosie Strateas and Janelle De Petro

Calendar Term 1

BREAKFAST CLUB

The first day of Breakfast Club will be held on Monday 9th February.

Our first Pop Up Morning Tea, under the big umbrella, was a huge success with over 30 parents and family members attending. Please stay tuned for the next one.

Birthdays

Mohammad A
Salar S
Ibrahim D
Hamza M
Lester M
Tuitogamau L
Reda A
Shazayeliah P
Sudais J
Daher A
Temukisa P
Zane P
Connor W
Gurshift G
Dontay H
Trisha T
Rheanne Z
Ash W
Serena G
Sarina M



Notice Board

ENROL NOW FOR MUSIC LESSONS AT BROAD-MEADOWS VALLEY PS

***** MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC *****

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during and after school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome - contact Julian Tovey who is the music director at the school

Lessons Offered: **KEYBOARD** **PIANO** **GUITAR**
DRUMS

Discount Hiring and Purchase also available. Visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au

ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from Mr Tovey

