Good afternoon
Broadmeadows Valley,

I hope you have managed to stay warm this week with very low temperatures being the norm.

In order to facilitate a positive beginning to the day, our students are encouraged to begin entering the warm neighbourhoods at 8.45am. They are greeted by teachers who are ready to greet them and help them prepare for the learning ahead. This preparation will contribute to a successful day of learning, it helps build relationships with our students and ensures that everyone is ‘ready for learning.’ It is very positive to see so many students at school on time and preparing for learning. This is a very important time of the day and we want to encourage you to send your children to school on time so that they don’t miss out on anything.

REMEMBER:
EVERY DAY COUNTS AND SO DOES EVERY MINUTE!!

Thank you to the parents who have made a concerted effort to get their children to school regularly and on time. It makes a very big difference to the students and teachers. It demonstrates that you value education and support the school.

The Parent Opinion survey is an important part of our school’s parent engagement strategy and each year we give a randomly selected group of parents the opportunity to participate in the annual survey. The information presented to us assists with future planning and improvement. The survey is confidential and anonymous. If you have been randomly selected I encourage you to complete the survey and return it school. We value your opinions and look forward to sharing the results with you later on in the year.

As you know Spanish is the language of choice for our school and it is very evident that our students are continuing to enhance their language skills with Signora Lopez. In order to provide further support to the students and the program of Spanish, our teachers too are learning the language and we are all completing a Beginners Course in Spanish on a Tuesday evening after school. Much fun and laughter was had by all in our first and second sessions.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to welcoming you all into week 5!

Regards
Carmela
¡Feliz Virenes! (that means Happy Friday!) from everyone in LN1!

This term LN1 have started a new maths unit on addition and subtraction.

Students are working on strategies such as Count All, Count On, Doubles, Near Doubles and Tens Facts.

Some students made ‘bug catchers’ to use to practise the count on strategy by hiding the largest group of counters under the ‘bug catcher’ and then counting on.

"I was counting on with my bug catcher." - Jayla

"Mr Youlden has been teaching us about fractions. I made my circles into thirds, halves and sixteenths." – April

"We made a game to practise our doubles and near doubles. You had to roll the dice and then move the counter and the space you land on, you have to answer the question. Some of the spaces have words that say ‘return to start’ or ‘go to the start’ to make it more interesting." – Rawan

We are happy to be back in the garden with Miss Carol this term, and each home group gets a turn in the garden every fortnight. This week students cared for the chickens and planted radish seeds. We are becoming experts at matching leaves from plants to the plants they come from!

Until next week!
Amy, Cyndi, Wendy, Jamielee and Rob!

LN2 News!
Home Economics
Last Friday Ms Pinder got a group of students in the kitchen to write a shopping list which said what we needed. We got to the shop and we got 2 tubs bocconcini, 3 eggplants, parmesan cheese and 4 tubs of chocolate yoghurt but you don’t need to know about that. So then we finished shopping and went back to school. We washed the eggplant then we went out to the garden to collect some parsley.

After snack Ms. Pinder told us we were making Eggplant and Pesto Medallions. We learnt about fractions by cutting and organising food into halves. We prepared all of the ingredients by grilling the eggplant, making the pesto and dicing the tomato. We layered everything on the eggplant and covered it in bocconcini then baked it in the oven for 10mins to help the cheese melt.

Soon our special guests arrived and it was our job to greet them as they walked in and show them to their chairs. We served them the food and poured them water to drink. Everyone said the food was delicious and they all hoped to be invited back.

By Zaharaa Al Tamimi

Livestock Leader Report
“This week we checked in on the chickens and they are feeling good, the girls are laying lots of eggs. We spent time cleaning the birdbath. It was really dirty and disgusting, we also found rocks and some money it. Please help us keep it clean. We are also worried about people getting hurt if they climb on the birdbath.
Be safe and love animals!”
by Linda and Patrick
**LN3 News!**

Countries all around the world! Students have been researching the many countries that compete in the Summer Olympic Games and recreating the maps of these places using an ATLAS! Students used their research skills to locate the map and were very precise when drawing the shapes of the countries. They found many features of the country and discovered many interesting facts about the landscape.

Students have been reading independently and reciprocal reading groups this week, focusing on summarising a text by telling only the most IMPORTANT facts. They have also been thinking deeply about how to answer questions about the books they are reading. More FACTS FACTS FACTS this week in the information reports. Students are experts in the Summer Olympics, so why not ask them to tell you some facts and share their information reports with you on the Student Portal.

Students have been adding work to their portfolio in the Student Portal so please take some time and sit down with your child as they can show you the fantastic work they have been producing at school. If you have forgotten your parent password for Sentral then please come and see the LN3 teachers and we will help you reset the password.

Keep Warm!

**LN3**

**Broadmeadows Valley Primary**

School are once again offering instrumental music lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons will continue in Term 3, and be held during school hours (30 minutes/once per week) at suitable times. Matthew Erickson, a qualified music teacher will be offering guitar, keyboard and ukulele lessons.

Research has shown that music tuition increases confidence and self-esteem, and helps to improve learning in other areas of the curriculum such as numeracy and literacy.

The cost of lessons is subsidised by Broadmeadows Valley Primary School, offering families discounted rates.

Group (2-4 students) $10.00 per lesson/week.

If your child would like to participate, please contact Mr Tovey for an enrolment form.

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**Calendar**

**Term 3**

**Every Friday**

**Conversational English Classes**

Fridays 9.15 - 11.15am in "The Hub" (LN1)

FREE!

Child minding available

"Fitness for All" program

11.45am. Please meet at the office. Register your interest at Valley Cafe or the office.

Do you need childcare experience for your CV? Do you have a working with children's check (if not we can help you get one!). We can provide you with experience and assist you with your CV and a reference too. Please contact the office or Nicole if you are interested.

Join Anna and Chrissie for Pasifika Playgroup

Tuesday 9am – 11am

For parents and children up to 5 years

Meet at the Valley Café

**Birthdays**

Victoria L         Jordyn F
Arsh K             Jaidyn B
Shahin T          Chelsea E
Sarujan S         Orlando-Joy
Sai I               Maryam H
Ash H              Riley C
Salote M

[Happy Birthday Image]
CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES
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"Kinder Corner" from the Early Learning Neighbourhood - 27/07/16

Within room 6 (Sessional Kindergarten room) there are several permanent play spaces one of which is the creative table. Educators provide a range of materials for children to explore and express their creative ideas. This week we introduced colourful beads & sequins, the children are using these in a variety of ways, some are pasting and creating collage style artworks, while others are using the shallow trays for to arrange the materials into patterns or sort into colour and size groupings. Children are also able to self-select other resources from the art trolley to add to their creative design or play.

This type of play strongly supports the VEYLDF Learning and Development Outcomes 4 & 5, with particular focus on children’s involvement in their own learning. Children are active learners exploring the world through their senses, mainly touch and sight.

The Early Learning Neighbourhood (Gowrie Victoria Broadmeadows Valley)