Hello everyone,

I trust this newsletter finds you all well. Can you believe it’s midway through August and the end of week 5 in Term 3?

Preparation and planning is already taking place for 2017 and I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2017 that we are taking enrolments now. We ask that as members of our school community you assist us by informing your neighbours or friends of the enrolment procedures and direct them to the office to collect an enrolment form.

Our 2017 enrolment flyers clearly state that we are ‘open for learning every day’ and that we will welcome interested parents to our school whenever they would like a tour. Either myself or a member of the leadership team will be available to present our beautiful school to prospective parents and families.

You may have read or heard in the media about the release of NAPLAN results, and therefore you may be wondering when the school and yourself will find out these results. We expect to have notification as a school around the 15th of August and then parents can expect student results to be brought home sometime after this.

NAPLAN results are one source of information about your child’s learning and as a school we provide you with a wide range of information that show the growth your child has made throughout the year.

You will have received your invitation to participate in the Student Led Conferences taking place on 7th September. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to lead the conversation centered around their learning. I encourage you to make an appointment and support your child with this experience.

All Victorian children have the right to be safe and protected, including at school. Schools are responsible for keeping children safe, and have a legal requirement for the care, safety and welfare of all students. It is important that our school community feel confident that our students are safe and well in the care of Camelot Rise Primary School. From 1st August 2016, all schools must meet child safe standards to achieve a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. As a school, we have commenced the important work of ensuring we comply with all of the standards outlined by the VRQA, including developing an action plan that sets out the tasks, responsibilities and timeframes for meeting relevant requirements.

Our 2016 parent opinion survey has just been completed and our responses were sent early this week to the company who will develop our report that will be received by the school later this year. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank those parents who accepted our invitation to provide feedback. Your time and effort was much appreciated.

Last but not least in this jam packed newsletter, REMEMBER THAT……

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.

NEW ATTENDANCE COMPETITION BEGINS NEXT WEEK!!!

Have a great weekend
Carmela
LN1 News!

In LN1 we are committed to instilling a belief in every student that they can write. We understand that literacy learning experiences need to be authentic and meaningful. We believe that writing is an expression of thoughts and ideas, and we give students the opportunity to write about what they know.

The Writer’s Notebook is a much-loved resource in LN1! The Writer’s Notebook is a place for students to transfer their knowledge of the traits and craft of writing and apply this to writing pieces of their choice. Students may choose to create a story, an informative piece, a recount, a letter, a list, a diagram, a poem and much more.

Here is just a couple of wonderful pieces straight from our Writer’s Notebooks...

**John Landy**
Did you know?
John Landy is the 2nd best runner in the world. After John Landy helped Ron Clarke in the running race, Ron Clarke became the fastest person in the world. John Landy is a great man. He is very helpful. He always tries his best. He is very, very friendly!

Jai Humphries

**Spider Webs**

Spider webs have some sticky parts and spiders know where the sticky parts are so they can stick things in them to keep.

Naari

**My New Cat**

When it was time to go to the pet shop I was over the moon! My Mum said to my whole family it was time to go to the pet shop! When we went to the pet shop...I got my NEW CAT! My Cat's name is Tiffany. She has a new home with us. My lovely new cat. It was time to go home with my family and new cat.

Dora

The Learning Monsters

One day there was a little girl named Tui. She finally went to Europe. All of a sudden a monster that had 8 hands came. He took Tui away. Tui closed her eyes and soon opened her eyes and she was back in Australia. A moment later Tui found another monster with one eye! Not a moment too soon Tui spoke and said "I will name the one with 8 hands Rafid and the one with one eye Natia. After a while Tui said that she would give them goals. Natia's goal was individual and Rafid was community. Next week Tui started to go to school. The monsters became learning monsters! A moment later they made children learn even BETER!

Sidra

Until next week,
Amy, Cyndi, Rob, Wendy, & Jamielee

**Week 5 in LN2!**

Last week saw the Olympics commence in Rio. Fortunately for us we had two BVPS students attend the Opening Ceremony and they write letters home to us. We received letters from Bilal and Tahnika who described the event:

"I can’t believe my eyes. I am actually here in Rio!! It's like a dream come true, I am actually competing in the soccer. Before I entered the stadium my heart was beating 247. I could hear the crowd cheering. The fireworks were blasting up my spine. I could smell victory, just like food and it went through my nostrils” – Bilal

"I can’t believe that I just arrived at Rio. I can already hear the music and smell the food. It smells delicious. I can hear the fireworks and smell the smoke and feel the air. It is so beautiful! It is so AMAZING!!" – Tahnika

We have been doing so much with the Olympics this week. We hope that you all get into the spirit of the games… Watch an event together on the TV! Take some time to talk about the dedication and effort out athletes have committed in order to compete in the Olympic Games. We can learn so much from the Olympians and use it in our own learning here at BVPS!!

Enjoy the weekend.
Nathan, Sarah, Rosie, Nicole

LN3 News!

In Learning Neighbourhood 3 we understand the importance of having a safe and secure learning environment to learn and work in. Recently there have been some changes in the neighbourhood spaces.
Students are able to choose from a range of spaces to work in, this includes small rooms, bean bags, individual tables and shared tables that will benefit the amount of effort they put into their work.

In literacy this week students are focusing on putting themselves in other character’s shoes and inferring how the character might be feeling. Inferring is an important skill not only in literacy but also when dealing with everyday situations.

Maths has taken a new turn this week with students beginning to design a stadium from the Rio Olympics. Students will be using their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes as well as symmetry and measurement to construct their buildings. The research phase has begun and students are enjoying looking at all the different types of buildings in Rio.

Keep Warm!

LN3

Kinder Corner Early Learning Neighbourhood:

In the Early Learning Neighbourhood this week one of the children’s carer’s who works at the local Bunnings kindly donated a Worm Farm (with worms!) to the Kindergarten Program. The Room 5 Kindergarten children have for a long period of time shown a great deal of interest in bugs and slugs, as they explore the natural environment and develop an understanding of how to care for these little creatures and their habitats. This ongoing experience is a natural extension of this learning...

The children have been fully involved in the process of setting up the worm farm;

Setting up all the pieces with the educators and adding buckets of fresh soil and worms into the farm, so they feel a sense of ownership and responsibility towards taking care of it.

Researching on the internet (using the iPad) to see the foods we can and cannot put into the worm farm, which links to a greater understanding of the human impact on natural environments and their increased empathy towards other living creatures. As well as learning the life cycles of worms.

Children have also extended and developed their emergent literacy skills through writing signs and drawing pictures of foods that are safe to put in there.

We cannot wait to see all the beautiful nutrient dense ‘worm wee’ our worms produce for the Veggie Garden in our outdoor space! Please feel free to come and visit our Room 5 Worm Farm and collect a jar of worm wee for your home vegetable garden. J

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 Chrisee for Pasifika Playgroup
Tuesday 9am – 11am
For parents and children up to 5 years
Meet at the Valley Café

Birthdays

Te Rangiuia M
Aaliyah H
Zaharaa A
Dawood Y

Happy Birthday!
Gladstone Park Cricket Club is looking for junior players aged 5 – 8 to join our Milo in2cricket program, and ages 8 – 16 to join our under 10, 12, 14 and 16’s teams.

Registration Days -

Friday August 26th 3:30 – 5pm @ Jack Ginifer Reserve
Saturday August 27th 12.30 – 3.30pm @ Jack Ginifer Reserve
(Coaching clinic available on Saturday incl. Sausage Sizzle)

Milo Cricket Starts : Friday 21st October at 5:00 – 6:00pm at Jack Ginifer Reserve, Carrick Drive

For further details please contact -

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