Hello everyone,

We all know the benefits of healthy nutrition and the effects it has on our bodies and our brains.

The Broadmeadows Health Ambassadors is a group of students promoting ‘HEALTHY LUNCHES’ in our school. Each neighbourhood has been asked to assess the food that students have in their lunchboxes and whether or not it is a healthy choice.

This promotion within the student group ensures that there is a continued focus on the importance of having a healthy diet and how it contributes to positive learning at BVPS. The Ambassadors work is based on a State Government program aimed at creating safe and healthy schools.

Another area of promotion has been to encourage families to walk to school. They have been involved in a project that outlines a safe walking path from Banksia Gardens. It involved the exploration of a proposed path that ensures a safe transition to school. The group wrote to Hume City Council recommending that a pedestrian crossing should be built on Coleraine Street, to ensure that students and parents were safe when crossing the road.

We were delighted to read in the local paper that this project has been supported through the Black Spot Programme and that a pedestrian crossing is now in operation on Coleraine Street. Our students are to be commended in contributing to this project and through this program at school have acquired the understanding and knowledge that all citizens within a community can be heard and can make a contribution if willing.

Have a great weekend. See you all on Monday.

Regards Carmela

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**Crossing gets go-ahead**

Pedestrians are the big winners from a Federal Government roads overhaul, with a new Broadmeadows crossing given the green light.

As part of the Black Spot Programme, more than $2.3 million was allocated to Hume to upgrade five sections of road.

Projects include Pearcedale Pde in Broadmeadows, near the Coleraine St intersection, which was allocated $190,000 for pedestrian-operated traffic lights.

Hume Mayor Adem Atmaca said it was a “high-profile” intersection, often used by people accessing Banksia Gardens Community Services.

Other projects funded were $1 million for safety measures and a left-turning lane on Bulla-Diggers Rest Rd, Diggers Rest; $65,000 for upgrades on Konagaferra Rd, from Craigieburn Rd to Mommens Rd, Oaklands Junction; $180,000 on works at the intersection of Donald Cameron Drive and Lincoln Cres, Roxburgh Park; and $155,000 to upgrade traffic lights at the corner of David Munroe Drive and Stainsby Cres, Roxburgh Park.

Cr Atmaca said the council would continue to advocate for the duplication of Sunbury, Craigieburn and Somerton roads.

Jaime de Loma-Osorio with Hume Mayor Adem Atmaca.
LN1 Newsletter

At BVPS we LOVE to PLAY!

We learn and discover so many things while we play. We can experiment and test out materials and ideas. We stretch our muscles and minds. We can let our imaginations and creative thinking fly. We connect to others and learn to be good friends. And of course, we have FUN!

Every Wednesday students in LN1 get to spend an hour in the Play Based Learning room with Cat, our Play Therapist, and also spend another hour during the week in there with their home group teacher. Cat organizes different activities and experiences for the children and encourages them to create and experiment with their own ideas. In the first few weeks of Term 2 she set up the room as a ‘Blackout’ room and the students were able to play and experimented with different types of light. Our students also enjoy creating and making things, particularly when they get to use the hot glue gun!

There is a wall of pictures and information in the library area in LN1 that you can come in and look at and find out about all the things your children are learning to do and experimenting with in Play Based Learning. Later in the term will be inviting parents to come in and participate in the Play Based Learning program with your children, so stay tuned!

Until next week,
Jodie, Cyndi, Marija, Jamielee, Amy & Wendy.

LN2 Newsletter

A fantastic week four in LN2!

We have been diving into poetry and loving it!
It has been so enjoyable practising our power strategies like visualising and questioning, while reading a variety of styles. We have especially enjoyed the funny limericks. Some students have recorded their opinion on the poems they have read during pod cast sessions with Mr Pain.

Writing has seen us produce some fantastic poems of our own. The adaptations of The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly have left us in stitches! We experimented with rhyme, repetition and one of our new favourites, nonsense words! Some students have been putting their poetry skills to use writing colour poems and songs with Mrs Cromie.

In numeracy, our budding Mathematicians have been investigating number using addition and subtraction. We have learnt about some famous Mathematicians including Pythagoras, Archimedes and Newton. Our investigations of how many paired numbers add up to a 13 have given us some interesting results.

We have been getting ready for our excursion to the Port Phillip Eco Centre by exploring the impact our rubbish has on our local environment. We have been thinking of way we can reuse waste and some of us have created musical instruments out of the rubbish we found at home. Just a reminder we need to dress really warm for the excursion - dress as if you're going to the snow. We have also been requested to bring nude food so please no plastic unless it's in a reusable container.
There are still a few places left for camp in 2015. The blue notice and deposit needs to be returned to secure a spot as soon as possible. Our information afternoon is on next Thursday the 13th. So come along to get some valuable information.

**LN3 Newsletter**

Hello and welcome to week 4 of term 3. We have had an amazing week. Interschool sports was fun and is one of the things that all the students look forward to. On Tuesday, the whole of LN3 played on a program called Arc assessment. You had a partner and did some collaborative problem solving using a computer. It was really fun. 56S went out for gardening on Thursday to help Ben! He is an expert and knows everything that is going on!

In reading, we summarised different pieces of text and everyone loved it as they are getting better and becoming more confident. We know the importance of highlighting key information in the text and rewriting it in our own words. We know that we summarise all the time while reading not just at the end. Mr Montalto has been pulling out some lucky students during reading to do podcasts. Next week we will be learning paraphrasing!

In writing, we have been doing lots of fun stuff lately. We had been given a task to interview our family members to learn more about them. We started doing this for an information report that will be published for the student-led conference. Teachers are encouraging students to have longer paragraphs, to have more information in them for our writing. Some students are going to be lucky enough to make a documentary using the green studio.

In maths, we are currently doing multiplication using arrays, the split strategy and the algorithm. This is an example of the split strategy:

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\begin{align*}
78 \times 5 &= \\
70 \times 5 &= 350 \\
8 \times 5 &= 40 \\
350 + 40 &= 390
\end{align*}
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It has made understanding multiplication easy! On Thursday, we learned how to read maps, follow directions and find locations using an atlas. Maths has been tricky but really fun.

In enrichment, we looked at world maps and how we can use a key to work out mountains, rivers and places in a particular state or country. On Wednesday, we studied the map of Europe and the countries inside it. On Thursday we studied man-made and natural elements. There are maps of countries up in the neighbourhood. Rumours we might be going to the snow for an excursion. I hope so!!

Good bye!

Written by Tyron and Hamzah.

**Next Week**

A reminder to our LN2 families our excursion to the Port Phillip Eco Centre is next week, Monday the 10th.

**BPay**

BPay has now been launched at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. This method of parent payment offers a fast, secure and convenient option for families. Just jump onto your online, mobile or phone bank, enter a few details, and you’re done. Please contact the office for further information on 9309 4066.

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**Calendar**

**Term 2**

**Thursday 13th August.**

**LN2 Camp information afternoon at 3:45pm**

**Reminder to Parents**

Letters went home this week to some of our families regarding birth certificates and immunisation certificates. To these families could you please send in the paperwork ASAP.

**Birthdays - August**

Chelsea E  
Te Rangiuiua M  
Orlando - Joy I  
Tinei F  
Terita F  
Riley C  
Paige B
BOOK FAIR COMING SOON
LN 3 Time Away Room

WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST TO MONDAY 31st AUGUST OPEN DAILY
8.30AM. - 9.00AM.
3.30PM. - 4.15PM.
Come along and purchase from a great range of books and knick knacks.

Combined “English & Computer” course.

For people with English as a first or second language!

Starts Wednesday 19th August 9 -11am  Art Room
This hands-on course will combine an understanding of IT terminology along with English language (IT terms and vocabulary). Participants will learn how to operate a computer and iPad making the most out of the many features available. The course will cover the Office suite of programs (Word, Excel etc) privacy, security online, internet and email. All levels of interest and skill are welcome and will be accommodated.

دورة الكمبيوتر

تعلم أساسيات العمل على الكمبيوتر في هذه الدورة التي صممت للمبتدئين إذا كنت لا تجيد العمل على الكمبيوتر. إذا ترغب في التعلم العملي و إكتساب الثقة في صف صغير و معلم ذو خبرة. المواضيع التي تشملها الدورة هي: تشغيل الكمبيوتر، التعرف على ميكروسفت و طريقة عمله بما في ذلك برامج الوورد، إكسل، البوتيونت وكذلك استخدام البريد الإلكتروني و الإنترنت.

Laptops will be provided but please bring your own if you have one.