Hello everyone and welcome back to an term full of more learning opportunities and celebrations for our entire community.

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. School camps provide children with inspiring learning experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

This term our Year 5 and 6 students will be enjoying the sunshine and an incredible range of learning experiences that the camping program being held at Coonawarra Farm Resort in Cobbanah Victoria offers. The five day camp, in which 40 students will attend, begins on 14th November. This adventure camping experience is specifically designed for senior primary students and their developing independence.

At BVPS, we have a very well-considered camping program that consists of a camping experience for each Learning Neighbourhood that has been refined over a period of many years. For our Year 2 students we offer the onsite overnight sleepover in November. In Year 3 or 4, BVPS students are given the opportunity to take part in a three day/two night camp. The goals of the BVPS camping program are to: Provide all children with the opportunity to participate in a sequential camping program:

- Provide shared class experiences and a sense of group cohesiveness
- Reinforce and extend classroom learning’s
- Provide a program that delivers skills and knowledge that may lead to a lifelong involvement in worthwhile leisure pursuits
- Provide a program that promotes self-esteem, resourcefulness, independence, leadership, judgement, cooperation and tolerance.

The feedback from staff, students and parents helps to shape the program for future campers and so I am looking forward to hearing the stories from the campers when they return from the Coonawarra experience. I’ll be visiting the campers as it’s important to get an accurate sense of the level of learning and interaction. Although the staff and students will be exhausted when they return, I know that they have such a powerful experiences that they will want to share with their families.

We look forward to growing the school camping program to include an increasing number of participants into the future. I would like to thank all the teachers for their tremendous and selfless work in organising this learning experience for our kids.

Thanks to the families that have supported the ‘No Hat – No Play’ rule for term 4 and let everyone know that Sun-Smart approved hats are available at the office for the very reasonable price of $7.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all here on
Welcome back to Term 4.

Students in LN1 have been learning about writing for an audience, and have also had a go at writing persuasive letters to Mrs Bianco. Have a read of some of their letters below – are you persuaded?

To Mrs Bianco,
We really need a new playground! There are 300 students in our school. We need more space to play because the playground is really SMALL!!! We really need a new playground! We need swings and seesaws and a bigger slide for more students to play on. We really need a new playground!
From Noor Farhan

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Dear Miss Bianco,
I strongly believe we should have more sports equipment outside because we have to stay fit. Surely you would agree we should be allowed to eat fruit from the garden because we have to stay healthy.
From Jai

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Dear Miss Bianco,
I believe that we should have a bigger park because some people want to play tiggy sometimes. Everybody knows that we should have a bigger park because everyone likes the park but the problem is that it’s too tiny and squishy for people to go on.
From Sidra

A few reminders…

Don’t forget that Term 4 is a ‘hat term’ and every student needs a hat to play outside. Hats are available at the office for $7. NO HAT, NO PLAY!

Miss Amy has stepped up into the role of Acting Assistant Principal for Term 4, so Miss Jamielee Black is the Acting Neighbourhood Leader in LN1 for Term 4.

The Grade 2 sleepover will be happening on Thursday, October 27th. Notes went home yesterday to all Grade 2 students. Please return your permission note ASAP! If you have any questions please speak to your child’s teacher.

Until next week,
Jamielee, Wendy, Rob and Cyndi.
Week 1

What a great start to the term!

Creativity can be felt everywhere across the neighbourhood.

This week we started exploring our favourite work in literacy: poetry. We loved creating word webs for rhyming words. We also loved creating similes. Here are some awesome examples;
“As joyful as jumping on the trampoline” – Sladjana.
“As cool as a GTR” – Patrick
“As cool as Yu-Gi-Oh” – Lachie
“As pretty as nature” – Temukisa
“As loud as a rock band” – Maria
“As strong as an ape” – Jordyn F

We love practicing our number facts using cards and dice. Here are some amazing mathematicians challenging each other here. Ask you child how to play some of these games at home.

We can’t wait to get stuck into the rest of our learning for the rest of term. There will be lots of opportunities to start transitioning into where our learning will be in 2017. Already we have shared some learning with LN3 during enrichment. We are now looking for more opportunities for the year 2’s to join us and for the year 4’s to head across to LN3 with the year 5’s.

Enjoy the warm weather and stay SunSmart!

Nathan, Sarah, Nicole & Rosie.
LN3 News

LN3 students have come back ready and raring to get their learning underway for the final term of the year.

In reading this week, students have been learning how to critique books by stating their opinions about a text and providing a range of evidence. Students are becoming great analysers and learning about the impact of having a strong opinion.

In writing, students have put on their author’s hat and have begun to write a narrative. Students have written Sizzling Starts to their narrative and informative descriptions of their characters. We can’t wait to see where these stories end up.

Students have continued learning about converting fractions to decimals and ordering these on a number line. They have been learning this through a range of fluency games and activities. All of the learning involves physical models and materials which helps students to visualise how the decimals look as part of a whole.

During enrichment, students got the opportunity to work with learning neighbourhood 2 in learning about energy. They located a range of objects that use power and made a pic collage to represent their learning.

We are really looking forward to having a great term of learning to finish off the year in LN3.

Notice Board

Penola Catholic College will hold its Year 7 2017 Information Evening on Tuesday 11th October from 7pm-9pm. The event will be held at our Broadmeadows Campus in the Sports Hall. Parking is available on-site.

Term 4

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.
Join Anna and Chrissie for Pasifika Playgroup

Birthdays

Haylee R
Connerson F
Amira A
Ervan H
Sefine T
Tyrrell V
Jana M
Taila K
Kyrstal F
Sam P
Paige D
Muhammad H
Sua F