Good afternoon BVPS

Welcome to the end of another busy week in the greatest school around. There have been many terrific events happening at our school over the past week and I know that next week is not going to be any different.

On Monday we will be joined by a very special guest. A guest who will be coming to our school to be theBVPS Principal For A Day. The Principal For A Day program gives a wide range of community and business leaders from all walks of life a first-hand experience of a normal day in a Victorian government school. Many business and community leaders are repeat participants, including high-profile people such as James Merlino MP, Minister for Education and Fiona Menzies, CEO, Creative Partnerships Australia. This year Broadmeadows Valley Primary School will be joined by local community services program coordinator from The Smith Family, Ms Kim Ho.

Kim has recently joined The Smith Family as a Program Coordinator with a focus on family partnerships, managing 600 scholarships provided to disadvantaged students in Hume and Broadmeadows. Kim came from a background in international development. She previously worked at Oxfam Australia doing agency level Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL). She developed MEL frameworks to measure the impacts of Oxfam’s work and achievement of strategic plan goals, and facilitated learning workshops to critically reflect on approaches and practices.

Kim also worked at Oaktree managing a partnership with the largest local education NGO in Cambodia. This project transformed three public secondary schools in rural Cambodia into models of educational excellence for other schools across the country to replicate, with a focus on transforming learning spaces, teaching methodologies, student leadership and community engagement. The aim of this project was to deliver a new standard of quality state education in a way that was accessible to the poor.

Kim loves facilitating discussions, presenting, getting back in touch with nature and singing when no one is around. Kim’s passion for social justice, gender equality, participatory and inclusive development has continued to grow since she was 12 years old on her first trip to Vietnam. Both of her parents came to Australia from Vietnam on scholarships during the Vietnam War. Thus, the power of education in transforming lives resonates very strongly with Kim.

On Monday, Kim will be having lots of conversations with the wonderful students and community members at BVPS. Make sure that you come and say ‘hello’. We are very fortunate that someone with Kim’s expertise and incredibly interesting background chose BVPS to come and spend the day. I know that we will all make her feel so very, very welcome.

Have a great weekend and we’ll see you on Monday.

Andrew Jones
LN1 Newsletter

LN1 had a magnificent excursion out to the Hoyts Cinema to see the movie ‘Inside Out’. We took the students to see this movie as we knew it would be a great way of adding to the work we have been doing on teaching students how to infer when reading.

The strategy of inferring is when a reader can read ‘between the lines’ to identify information that is suggested or implied by the text, such as a character’s feelings or motives, the unmentioned outcome of an event or a likely explanation. Students are taught to recognise the expression of ideas, thought, feelings or possibilities that are supported by clues in the passage, but are not directly stated. The movie ‘Inside Out’ was a fun way of building our students’ skills of inferring, as it focuses on character’s feelings and motives. Over the next few weeks students will work to make connections with the feelings in the movie to feelings of characters in the texts they read.

Next week is our 3 Way Conferences where our LN1 students will share all their learning with their families. You should have received a note with a time for this, please check in with your child’s classroom teacher if you have not yet made a time. This is a very special and important part of your child’s learning.

You will also have or will be receiving an invitation to spend time in our Play Based Learning room over the next few weeks. Cat Sewell, our Play Based Therapist, works with every home group for an hour on a Wednesday. The students learn through play and we really hope you take the opportunity to be a part of this very positive experience.

Jodie, Wendy, Amy, Marija, Jamielee and Cyndi

LN2 Newsletter

An excellent week 8 in LN2!!

Wow! It was so exciting to see all the students and their families involved in the AMAZING AUTHORS session on Thursday afternoon. There were authors writing shopping lists, secret messages, and songs. We even wrote words in another language. A special thanks to all the students and families for participating in this event.

This week we enjoyed a variety of poems from the bush. We looked in-depth at what the author’s purpose for writing was and gave our opinion of the poems. We also really enjoyed looking at the national anthem and analysing exactly what each line means. Our independent reading has been extremely focused and we have found it has helped us to be ready for learning for the rest of the day.

Our mathematicians have been buzzing away during numeracy this week. We have been using a range of strategies to work towards solutions to some big problems. We are also working on describing our thinking in maths.

Our Waste Warriors have been busy this week considering ways to clean up or environment. Keep an eye out for the outcomes form their inquiries!
LN3 Newsletter

It has been a big week in LN3 this week. There are only 2 weeks left to go until the school holidays. The time has flown! Yesterday, we had the girls AFL gala day where they all played so well. We also had the boys and girls Rugby gala day. We had our Literacy night on Thursday which we would also like to thank all the parents for attending. It was great to see parents working with their children together writing emails, blogs and captions. A reminder for next week that our 3-way conferences are next Wednesday, please make sure you attend, the students are looking forward to sharing their work with you.

In reading this week, we have finished up our summarising and paraphrasing lessons. Students have done so well articulating the difference between the two and showing teachers how they are doing this in their reading. We start to synthesise information next week, which is another important reading strategy that will help students gain a stronger understanding of comprehending while reading.

In writing, students are editing their Country Information reports. It has been excellent seeing students identify areas in their writing that they need to fix up. Students have been correcting spelling mistakes, grammar and punctuation. They have also identified ways to make their paragraphs stronger by adding more information to make sentences more specific and exciting for the reader.

In maths, we are finishing up our Multiplication understanding and moving into division. Students have made videos demonstrating their understanding. Students have also been investigating problems and showing their strategies on how to solve these problems. Students will show where they are on the Maths continuum and where they are to go next at the Student- Led conference.

Finally, students now have a strong understanding of geographical features, human made features, how to read maps and how the land has changed over time. Students will now be investigating a topic of their choice and will present it in whatever creative way they choose. They will be presenting, how their product has changed over time, the natural and human made elements of the product and use maps to show specific aspects of their product.

That is all the latest in LN3 this week!

See you all next Wednesday!!

LN3

STUDENT LED 3-WAY CONFERENCES
Wednesday 9th September 2015

Parents/guardians have now received appointment times for the conferences. If you have not yet made an appointment please contact Krystina Simpson as soon as possible.

Please note
Normal school program will operate on this day and all students are required to attend their appointment.

Calendar

Term 2

LN2 CAMP: THE ISLAND
7th to 9th October

New and Exciting iPad Visitor Management System

VPass is our NEW visitor sign in register. All visitors are to report to the office and sign in and out securely via this sign in/out process.

All visitor information on the iPad is secured so it will not be displayed for anyone to see.

Enjoy!

Birthdays

Renee J
Madi M
Father’s Day Breakfast
What an amazing morning! A big thank-you to all of the men who were able to join us for our annual breakfast, this morning. The courtyard area was full, and over 40 fathers enjoyed a hearty and delicious breakfast. The meal was provided and prepared by our amazing BVPS Parent Ambassadors and our dedicated staff team who work tirelessly together to strengthen and celebrate our BVPS community. Their work is so important and greatly valued.

Congratulations to the four families who won our raffle prizes. You can collect your tickets to the soccer from BVPS Reception in Term 4.

Parent's Victoria conference
Last week Nicole and six of our BVPS Parent Ambassadors attended the annual Parent’s Victoria conference. It was a fun day sharing and learning what parents in other schools are doing and confirmed the great work of our Parent Ambassadors. If you would like to join Parent Ambassadors or learn more our next meeting is 9.15 on Friday 9th October (Term 4). Feel free to talk to us at our Friday "Pop Up" cafe from 8.30am.