Hello Broadmeadows Valley Primary School

It’s great to see the nice weather returning at last. The sun is a very important source of Vitamin D. Vitamin D forms in the skin when it is exposed to UV from sunlight. It can also be obtained from some foods. We need vitamin D to maintain good health and to keep bones and muscles strong and healthy. The best source of vitamin D is UV-B radiation from the sun. UV radiation levels vary depending on location, time of year, time of day, cloud coverage and the environment. In addition to being the best source of Vitamin D, the sun’s ultraviolet (UV) radiation is also the major cause of skin cancer. In Australia, we need to balance the risk of skin cancer from too much sun exposure with maintaining adequate vitamin D levels. Spring and Autumn are ideal times of the year to get safe levels of sun exposure. At BVPS we designed the outdoor learning environment so it can be functionally used as a teaching and learning space. The kitchen garden, sporting fields, outdoor theatre’s and passive recreationally area are designed to enhance learning for our kids.

In term 4, BVPS will be deploy a SunSmart ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy that is designed to ensure that when students are outside during play and learning times that they are wearing a Cancer Council approved sun hat. Cancer Council launched the National SunSmart Schools program in 1998. Today it is offered to all primary schools nationwide, and is also offered to K-10/12, secondary and special schools in some states. In order to receive SunSmart status and recognition, primary schools must:

- have a written sun protection policy meeting minimum standards relating to curriculum, behaviour and the environment
- be working to increase shade
- reschedule/minimise outdoor activities during peak UV periods of the year
- teach, model and reinforce positive sun protection behaviour
- agree to undertake periodic policy reviews with its state or territory Cancer Council and update their policy accordingly to meet SunSmart standards.

Please be advised that students will be dismissed at 2:30pm next Friday – September 18 as it is the last day of school for term 3. There will not be a whole-school assembly.

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

Andrew Jones

This school is on its way to becoming eSmart. Safe. Responsible.
Learning Neighbourhood 1

It was fantastic to see all of the families who came and participated in our writer’s celebration workshops last Thursday afternoon. It gave a chance for the students to share the different types of real life writing experiences they are involved in on a regular basis in LN1. Here are some examples of what our authors were writing.

Recipe writing- "We made some biscuits and we had to write down the recipe.” Zaharaa

Story writing- “We were writing a story and we had to choose the characters. My story was about an evil queen and an old mother.” Rawan. H

Being a tradie writing- “We were making signs for the garden.” Ben

Comic book writing- “We had to write a comic about a superhero using WOW words.” Elaine

ICT writing- “We had to type about things that we like to do then we had to go and take pictures of another group.” PJ

Poem writing- “We had to write poems about different feelings. We had to write how they smell and how they taste.” Titch

What can you do at home?

You can give your child opportunities to be involved in real life writing at home. Get them involved in writing shopping lists, recipes, cards and emails.

Jodie, Jamielee, Amy, Marija, Cyn-di and Wendy.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Week nine has been jam packed in LN2!

Learning Neighbourhood Two has been transformed into a publishing company this week. The students have been publishing their ballad poems using digital technology or handwriting. Look out for the poems on display in the Learning Neighbourhood and in the 2015 BVPS School Magazine at the end of the year!

Reading this week had an emphasis on reading fluently. Our focus on the rhythm of text resulted in some impromptu rap battles! Independent reading has been relaxed and purposeful. Don’t forget to continue the fantastic independent reading at home every night.

We had a wonderful turnout for the 3 way conferences on Wednesday night. It was great to share all of the fantastic learning and we hope that you take the time to talk about the learning at home. Next term there are going to be a range of new opportunities for families to support LN2 students with their learning, so stay tuned.

Reminder: Camp medical forms
Learning Neighbourhood 3

Week 9 has finished!

Only one more week until our much deserved holidays. Firstly, we want to thank everyone for attending the student-led conferences. The response was very positive and the students really enjoyed sharing their learning to you. As mentioned in the conferences, if there is anytime you would like to join the learning in LN3, please come in anytime! It was the end of Interschool Sport for the term, once again Broadmeadows Valley looks like they will make the finals in many of the sports.

It’s all about synthesising in Reading. Students have been using their new knowledge about geography, Australian History and Maps and using that information to understand new texts. This is what synthesising is all about. Some students have moved up level in Bug Club and some reciprocal reading groups are now working independently. It looks fantastic seeing students leading their learning in Reading.

Students are still working on their Country Information reports. The reason this is taking longer than our last information report is due to the teachers really focusing on the editing process. Students are gaining a stronger concept of what a good sentence is. Students are learning the power of varying sentence length, the differences between simple, compound and complex sentences and the importance that editing must happen during all parts of the writing process.

In Mathematics, We are moving into Division. Students over the next two weeks are looking at how arrays are used in division, how division and multiplication are the inverse of each other and the algorithm. All students are encouraged to practice their number facts by using programs such as Sumdog and 10 minutes a day as it will help with student understanding in multiplication and division. As we move into fractions, percentages and decimals this understanding is needed for students to be able to understand these more complex concepts.

That is all the latest in LN3. We hope you have a great weekend.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will finish on Tuesday 15 Sept, and won’t operate for the rest of the week.

Parents please make sure your child has breakfast at home before coming to school.

Breakfast Club will open again on the first day of Term 4 Monday 5 October

Calendar

Term 3

CAMP
7th to 9th October
LN2 The Island Camp: final payment is now due

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Friday 20 Next Week @ 2:30pm
FINISH

Birthdays

Linda K
Jayden M
Vincent D
Tele F
Bol P
Dawood Y
Brodey B
Reem H
Notice Board

Broadmeadows Valley
Primary School
Father’s Day Breakfast Photos

FATHERS DAY STALL
We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Eva, Jackie and Jackie and Brigitte for all of their help with the running of our Fathers Day Stall

3way Conference photo