Good afternoon BVPS

I hope that your week has been enjoyable, productive and most importantly, safe. The safety of all members of our school community is so very important us.

With the hot weather finally here, I would like to once again remind members of our community that our ‘No hat, No play’ policy requires all students and staff to wear a SunSmart approved hat whenever in the yard during school time.

As principal, I am committed to ensuring that everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity. Our school expects all employees, students, parents and visitors in the school to act accordingly. We encourage parents to contact the school to discuss any matters that relate to their child’s education. This is normally done by contacting the office and arranging a meeting with school leadership personnel or your child’s Learning Neighbourhood Leader at a mutually convenient time and place.

However, if it is brought to our attention that a member of the school community or any individual for that matter behaves in an unreasonable, disrespectful and is unacceptable manner on school grounds we will act promptly to address this issue. The authorities will be immediately contacted and we will act to ensure that those individuals are dealt with to the full extent of the law. Unlawful behaviour will not be tolerated at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School.

As a father of 4 children, I found this fact particularly disturbing. Did you know that the risk of children being killed or injured in driveways returns to high levels as Victorian children return to school?

An average of seven children die from being accidentally run over in Australian driveways each year with a further 14 seriously injured. Most incidents occur in the child's own home during the hectic morning and afternoon school run periods. Sadly, the driver is usually a parent, relative or family friend and in the majority of cases, the driver simply didn't know the child was outside or close to the vehicle.

Kidsafe has launched a community awareness program which includes safety fact sheets and a video featuring former AFL player and media personality Ryan 'Fitzy' Fitzgerald. The program focuses on three simple messages: Supervise, Separate, See. I urge all families to heed the message.

Supervise: Never let young children play unsupervised, especially near parked cars or driveways. Even when waving goodbye, hold your child's hand.

Separate: Always separate play areas from driveways and ensure gates to driveways are secure.

See: All cars have blind spots. Reversing sensors and cameras can assist, but should not be relied on to keep children safe. Get into the habit of walking around the car before driving when you know young children are at home.

I would also like to inform all parents and families that there will be 2 pupil free days on the 27th and 28th of February. At this time, BVPS teaching staff will be participating in a 2 day conference on Mind, Brain and Education Science and as a result there will be no school for students on these days.

Have a great week,

Andrew Jones
LN1 News!

This week the teachers in LN1 have been so proud of the way our students have quickly settled in to the Learning Neighbourhood, showing how they are ready for learning!

The students have been 'checking in’ by putting their photo on the Check In Tree as they come in to the learning space. This encourages them to get themselves ready for learning.

Our students have begun to bring home take-home reading books in a clear, plastic folder with a diary to record all the wonderful books they read. Please encourage your child to become responsible in remembering to return the folder to school every day and, of course, take the time to sit and read with them!

Talk about what you read together. Ask fewer “thin” questions, those that feel like a quiz (“Where did the dog bury his bone?”), and more “thick” questions that require understanding of the story but also foster deeper thinking, that require your child to think, predict, and imagine (“What would you have done if you were the character in that story?).

Finally, we would like to remind you that all children require a hat to play outside in Term 1. Next week we are in for a spell of hot weather and if you wish to purchase a hat, they are available at the school office.

LN1 2015
Jodie, Marija, Amy, Jamielee, Wendy, Cyndi & Laura

LN2 News!

A ripping week two in LN2!

We are thinking about our thinking in LN2! Across all of our learning areas we have been noticing a trend...

Our brains are already buzzing with our learning in literacy. We have discussed and explored how our thinking helps us in all areas of reading including; selecting just right books, enjoying our reading and buzzing with each other. In writing, we have looked at how our ideas can grow from the tiniest seed in our Writer’s Notebook and evolve into something special, like one of the characters from a Shaun Tan story.

In maths, we are thinking about how the learning we do in the neighbourhood is closely linked and woven into how we see and use maths in the world around us. We looked at shapes in our world. How many different shapes can you find and name at home?

In Enrichment, we are Learning to Learn. Executive Function was our focus this week. We had to Focus whilst making origami, considered our Actions whilst playing Simon Says, explored our Memory with games like ‘Detective’ and managed our Emotions through some Smiling Mind meditation.

Think about how you can talk about thinking at home and share some ideas with the rest of us. :)
LN3 News!

Week 2 has been a blast in LN3. Everything we have been doing has been great and we have already learnt so many amazing things that will help us this year and in the future. Everyone is really excited about the projects we are involved with Mr Montalto, Mr Youlden, Mr Toovey and Mr Ben. All the grade 5s are really nice and are making it really fun to learn in LN3. We can't wait to find out which Interschool Sport teams we will be in and can't wait to get our iPads back into the classroom.

In reading this week we have chosen 2 books and are working out if they are just right books. We have also made expectations of what our reading session looks like and discussed what we should be thinking about while reading. We have loved independent reading as it allows to get really involved in our books and we now have a reading sheet that lets us keep track of the books we are reading. We are excited about Reading Groups starting next week.

In Writing, we have been creating heart maps, mind maps and using quotes to help us harness ideas for our writing. We have also been sketching little characters to give us inspiration. All of our Writer’s Notebooks look great and we can’t wait to show you all! We have been asked to add artefacts like tickets and photos to give us even more ideas for topics to write about.

Maths has been great in LN3. This week we have been counting by 2,3,4,5 and 10s from different numbers using number lines, counting circles and fluency games. We have also been looking at regular and irregular 2D shapes and got to play bingo. We also used shapes in our counting which was difficult but easy once we got the hang of it.

In Enrichment, we have been focusing on learning behaviours and the importance on following instruction. We have made charts on what a positive learning environment looks like and how to control our brain if we feel like we are not making good learning choices. We have learnt about the main functions of the brain and how they affect our learning. We have all realised the importance of organisation and what that actually means.

Mr Cripps has said that the iPad information night has been pushed back to the 19th of February due to the amount of parents saying they could not come on the 12th. The night must be attended by all Grade 5 parents, so they can learn the rules and expectations of the iPads at school and at home. Have a great week!

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Reminder to all Families

School Levy is now being taken at the office and must be paid in full by the 27th of February. Financial assistance may be available to parent’s if they meet the criteria. Contact the office for more information

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Calendar

Term 1

BREAKFAST CLUB
The first day of Breakfast Club will be held on Monday 9th February.

Valley Kids starts next week. Tuesday Wednesday from 9 am – 11am. At Dimboola ELCC

Attention all parents,
English classes and computer classes start Wednesday 9.30 am. See Nicole for more information.

Cyber safety tip of the week. Sharing images and video
To protect your own safety, it’s not a good idea to send a photo or video of yourself to someone you don’t know in real life.

Birthdays

Richard T          Deeya A
Zage T               Tanaya h
Grace J              Khalid A
Nathaniel S
Madi C
Jayla M
Sa L
Alla L
Alesana L
Notice Board

ENROL NOW FOR MUSIC LESSONS AT
BROADMEADOWS VALLEY PS

** MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC **

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during and after school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome - contact Julian Tovey who is the music director at the school

Lessons Offered: KEYBOARD PIANO GUITAR DRUMS

Discount Hiring and Purchase also available.
Visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au

ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from Mr Tovey

SPORTS COACHES WANTED!

Broadmeadows Valley is looking for interested parents who would like to be a coach or a coach’s assistant on Friday mornings for the following Summer sports: Basketball, Cricket, Volleyball, Softball.
If you are interested in this please contact the office or Mr Clint Youlden as soon as possible.