Welcome to this week’s edition of the Valley View.

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 week our Year 3 and 4 students have been enjoying the sunshine and an incredible range of learning experiences that Phillip Island offers. The three day camp, in which 44 students attended, concludes today.

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 and in Year 5 or 6, students head off on a five day adventure camp that is specifically designed for senior primary students and their developing independence.

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 later on in the day.

I spent the first night with the Year 3/4 campers on Wednesday night at CYC ‘The Island’ and I can report that all students had settled in so very - very well. Ms Bianco replaced me for the second evening because it’s great for us as leaders 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 in the coming days. We look forward to growing the school camping program to include an increasing number of participants into the future. I would like to thank Mr Nathan Gage and the Learning Neighbourhood 2 Teaching Team for their tremendous and selfless work in organising this learning experience for our kids.

I would like to thank the families that have supported the ‘No Hat – No Play’ rule that the school has implemented 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 Monday.

Kind regards,
Andrew Jones
**Learning Neighbourhood 1**

**LN1 News**
A big welcome back to our final term for the year! We are always so proud of our students when they return to school after the holidays, they quickly settle straight back into the routine and are constantly eager to learn. This week has been no exception, and what a week of learning it has been! It started with something disgusting! Students were given a range of ingredients and had to create a disgusting sandwich which included at least one taste test. Sandwich creations included pickles with anchovy paste and sprinkles, mayonnaise with sauce and vegemite and the very disgusting mixture of honey, sultanas, sauce and mustard….mmmmmmmm YUCK!

Broadmeadows Valley Primary has its first ever winner of the Spanish Language Writing Competition in schools around Victoria. There were 14 schools participating with a total number of 243 participants. Younes Younes from P1/2 S won the third prize with his drawing based on the Spanish artist Joan Miró. **Congratulations** Younes!

Jodie, Wendy, Amy, Cyndi, Jamielee and Marija

**Learning Neighbourhood 2**

Snapshots of camp day 1 more next week.

Meanwhile, back in LN2, we had even more fun! The students were creative geniuses, raced around the school in an Amazing Race, cooked and ate in a five star restau-
In reading, we have started to learn about all things Australia – from the flag, explorers, gold rush and famous landmarks. It has been great learning about our country as there are many things we have learnt already. We have been improving our comprehension by using the synthesising strategy. It was very difficult to understand at the start but we now have a strong understanding as we continue to practice the skill. In writing, we finished up our Information reports and are now moving into writing “Historical Narratives”. We will be using all the information we learn in our reading sessions to use in our writing. This week we have an occupation from the 1800s and have to use subject and technical words to make our narratives more realistic. It has been challenging but really fun.

We are finally onto fractions. The teachers want to thank parents for helping their children learn their number facts over the holidays. The difference has been massive which will make learning fractions so much easier. Please continue to remind your children to keep practicing every day so it becomes automatic.

In Enrichment, our unit on Australian History has begun. This week we have been learning about the different states and capital cities in Australia and have made a timeline on some of the most important events in Australia. Students during this unit will get the opportunity to design, create and work in groups! Have a great week!
Notice Board

Term 4 Sun Smart Hats Hats Hats

All students will need to wear a hat at all times while they are in the yard throughout terms 1 and 4.

- Children will be required to wear Anti-Cancer Council approved hats during terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing hats when outside.

Children without hats will be required to stay in designated shaded areas.

Hats are available from the uniform shop at $7.00 each.