Hello Broadmeadows Valley,

I hope this newsletter finds you all fit and healthy.

We welcomed new families and families of some of our current students to the Prep Transition program this morning. The buzz in the staffroom highlighted the ease in which our current families and new families mingled and began to build lasting relationships with each other and us as a part of our school community. Successful transitions rely on children, families and educators developing positive, supportive relationships. Children have to feel that school is a place where people care about them and where they are likely to succeed. Similarly, families need to be valued and respected as well as included in school life.

Starting school is a major life transition for children and their families. It’s a time of change that can be both challenging and exciting. We know that children start school with different early childhood experiences and a range of strengths and needs and the research acknowledges the importance of transition to school as having longer term impacts on the children’s ability to cope with change. The teachers of Learning Neighbourhood 1 have designed experiences to support children’s engagement with learning in the school setting. The parents will be participating in a program of their own, an opportunity for them to meet each other and to talk with the various school and program leaders.

Families are the most important people in children’s lives and play a central role in supporting children’s learning and development. They must be involved in the transition process – it’s not only children who experience changes on starting school. Families are keen for their children to succeed and be happy at school. Families who actively support their children during transition, and who build positive relationships with school staff, are likely to continue this positive engagement with school. They are also eager for school staff to get to know their children as individuals in real and meaningful ways. Transition-to-school programs provide an opportunity to build these supportive relationships.

We look forward to continuing to build our positive relationships with all of our parent and student community. Have a great weekend.

Carmela
Learning Neighbourhood 1

The lucky winners of the soccer tickets at our Fathers Day Breakfast had a fantastic night on Saturday 17th October! Bilal and his dad, Mohamed A and his dad, Khalid and his dad and Jaidyn and Jason and their uncle went to the game at Etihad Stadium.

"I went to the soccer with my Dad. I saw Miss Cyndi and Bilal and Mohamed and Jaidyn. It was fun. The teams were Melbourne Victory and Melbourne City. Victory won. It was 3-2. Miss Cyndi got us ice cream. It was the best.” – Khalid

“The soccer was fun. I went with uncle and my brother. I had a drink and a sausage. My favourite part was when the dark blue team got a goal!” – Jaidyn

“The soccer was fantastic. I had a great time with my dad. When Melbourne Victory scored I was happy. My dad was going for Melbourne City and they lost. I laughed. There were crazy people banging a drum and jumping up and down and singing.” – Bilal

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Cup week in LN2!

It was great to have so many students attending school on Monday and doing some very valuable learning. Monday seemed to be a day of farewells as we said goodbye to Miss Monica and another LN2 student. We were sad to see them go but wish them all the best for what is ahead for them.

We are discovering a love of history in LN2. We have been reading ‘My Place’ and considering how Australia has changed over time, we love comparing the book to the educational television series. Reading biographies has been interesting as we find out more about the unique genre, we have been thinking hard about the author's purpose.

We are loving working with Kim (our artist in residence) on Fridays. A special group of students have had the opportunity to work with Kim to work through a design process and create some characters to represent learning values. Stay tuned for the developments on this. This has also been a great opportunity to work with students from other neighbourhoods. The year 3’s get to work on their leadership skills with the year 2’s whilst the year 4’s get a taste of what LN3 is going to be like.
Learning Neighbourhood 3

Week 5 is done and dusted. We hope that you enjoyed your Melbourne Cup Day. Things have still been very busy this week in LN3. We had a visit from the people at Yoobi, who dropped off a bag of goodies. All the students were excited with their new schooling equipment and have been using it in class. The last gala day for the year was today with the Cricket team battling it out at the Jacana Oval. All the students are sad inter-school sports is coming to an end for the year but have had a great time representing our school. The grade 6s are still working very hard on their graduation dance, performance and poems that will be presented at graduation. Our understanding of inference is continuing this week. Students are now learning about inferring settings, characters motives and traits through real life situations and texts. The teachers in LN3 are proud of the development students have made and how well they are articulating their understanding of inference.

Students have been writing about things they like, things they hate and things they are scared of using many different text types to share their feelings. Students have really enjoyed choosing what they write about. This week we have focussed on developing students ideas to make their writing more interesting and exciting for the reader. All students have a writing goal which they are working towards, ask your child about it!

In Mathematics, we are still learning about fractions. It has been great seeing students who were originally scared about learning them, are now excited about their new understanding. Students have also been learning about graphs plotting information to find out some of the important things in LN3 including: Favourite Cars, Jobs they want to do when they grow up and favourite sports.

Just a reminder that all notes to the museum need to be back by the end of the week! If you need further information, please see one of the teachers from LN3.

Have a great weekend!

LN3

SAVE THIS DATE
3.12.2015
FOR OUR
VALLEY FAMILY
CELEBRATION
3.30pm-6.00pm

Adult Learning will recommence next Wednesday 14th October at 9am.

"Combined English and Computer" training for parents and families. Wednesdays 9 - 11am Art Room

Computers provided but please bring a lap top if you have one.

Calendar
Term 4
Bunjilaka Exhibition
Melbourne Museum
Friday 20th November
9:15am – 3:15pm

SWIMMING PROGRAM DATES
Monday 16th November –
Thursday 19th November
12.15pm – 1.00pm

Monday 23rd November –
Thursday 26th November
1.00pm – 1.45pm

CSEF can be used for swimming

Birthdays
Samiu F
Ben L
Zayne O
Emily M
Anthony M
Is your child starting school at Broadmeadows Valley Primary school in 2016?

Then they are invited and encouraged to attend our Prep Transition Program to prepare them for school life.

BEGINNING FRIDAY 6th November
FRIDAY MORNINGS for 4 weeks
9:15AM — 10:20 AM

Important Parent Information Sessions will also be held at this time to discuss the best way you can support your child with their education. Come meet the teachers and other important school staff members.

CALL TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD’S PARTICIPATION
Ph: 9309 4066