Good afternoon BVPS

Starting school is a big step for you and your child. For our 2016 prep families that are currently involved in our school transition program, we recognise that it can be both challenging and exciting. As families, the support you give your child as they start school is vital because you are your child’s first and most important educator.

To support your child, a Transition Learning and Development Statement has been developed to share information about your child’s learning and development between early childhood services and schools. The Statement summarises your child’s strengths as they start school, identifies their interests and indicates how your child’s learning and development can be supported on a continued basis. The Statement has two parts, one for the family and one for your child’s early childhood educator to complete. Part 1 of the Statement aims to capture both yours and your child’s views on transition to school.

It is important for you to contribute to your child’s Statement as it will help Prep teachers plan for your child’s learning and development when they start school. Guidelines to help families complete the Transition Learning and Development Statement – Part 1: the family has been developed to assist you to complete the Statement, with suggestions about what you might like to include. These Statements will be forwarded to schools in November, so to assist us; we would like you to complete Part 1: the family by the end of November.

If you would like to discuss the new approach to transition to school in Victoria or the Statements in more detail, please talk to the transition coordinator Ms Jodie Coughlan.

With the warmer weather already upon us, families and children will inevitably be spending more time in and around water. ‘Play it Safe by the Water’ is a Victorian Government initiative that aims to increase community awareness of water safety and change Victorians’ behaviour in and around water. Water Safety Week is the main feature of the campaign, running from Sunday 29 November - Sunday 6 December 2015. You can discover what you can do to make sure your children are safe around water with various community activities and events run throughout the campaign. The BVPS swimming program is also about to commence. For further enquiries about swimming lessons for your child, please contact the Broadmeadows Leisure and Aquatic Centre.

When you and your children are playing around water it’s important to make sure that both you and your child:

- Are aware and prepared for conditions
- Read safety signs to understand dangers
- Swim between the red and yellow flags wherever possible
- Never swim alone
- Children 5-14 years should always be in sight

Together we can ensure that Victoria’s coastlines and pools are a safe and fun environment for all Victorians.

***THE BROADMEADOWS VALLEY END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - DECEMBER 3***

Kind regards,
Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

Tic toc, tic toc... We’re learning the time on an analogue clock! The students in LN1 have been practicing reading the times on a clock including half past and quarter past / to. It would be great if you could encourage your child to continue practicing this at home.

We learnt that if a dog is sleeping it’s not good to wake it up because it will get angry. You have to ask the owner before we go to pat the dog. We put our hand out and the dog sniffs it.

Vincent P/1/2 B

Yay for Yoobi! Last Wednesday we had the wonderful team from Yoobi come and distribute free classroom supplies for all of the students at BVPS. In LN1 all students have been given a supply to take home including a blue pencil case, colouring & greylead pencils, sharpener, etc. We know that many of our students have been using this equipment to continue their learning at home. Stay tuned for more visits from the team at Yoobi!

As part of our Enrichment unit, during the week we sent home a blue note inviting parents to come into the neighbourhood and share something from your culture. We have parents coming in to teach dances and songs from their culture and show off their national dress. If you have something from your culture you would like to share, please talk to any of the LN1 teachers, as we would love to have you!

‘Til next week... Jodie, Cyndi, Marija, Amy, Jamielee and Wendy

Responsible Pets Program – we had a very special visitor to the Learning Neighbourhood last Thursday ... a great big Burmese Mountain dog named Panda. We learnt how to act safely around animals.

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Week 6 in LN2!

We had a jammed packed week of learning in LN2 this week. It has been wonderful to see so many students in LN2 being ready for learning and showing respect to themselves and others. We love how the learning is making its way into homes and the conversations are about the learning.

We recognised Remembrance Day during literacy by reading about Australia’s involvement in the war. We enjoyed reading Banjo Patterson’s poem ‘Were all Australian Now’, we thought about how we were like the people that represented Australia during war time. Thinking about what we have in common with characters helps us to understand the text.

This week in Enrichment we have been planning and collecting important artifacts from our past to add to our neighbourhood timeline and our time capsules. Families, we would love you to share your special stories or photos with us. Friday mornings are the perfect time to pop in and share your history with LN2.
Working with Kim (our resident artist) is continuing to be a valuable experience and we are learning so much more about the creative process. The year 2’s involved in the program are really showing us how ready they are for LN2, plus the year 4’s are definitely ready for LN3.

Transition has surely begun at BVPS, with students who are moving to a new neighbourhood starting to get a taste of what learning is going to be like in their new neighbourhood. Start to have conversations at home about moving up in year levels and jot down any questions or concerns you may have.

Learning Neighbourhood 3

Another week has flown by at BVPS. It is time to remind everybody that our iPads need to be paid by the end of the year. As the contract stated, Grade 6s need to pay the remainder of the money owed so they can keep it to use as they move in to high school and the Grade 5s are to pay the remainder of their money so they can keep it over the holidays. From week 8, we will be keeping students’ iPads after school until the money has been paid. If you would like further information, please contact the office or see one of the teachers in LN3.

We are still inferring in LN3. We are gaining a stronger understanding of inference as we use it in everyday situations. We have been inferring sounds, body language and photos of the class. Students understanding of the concept has been significant as they are transferring this learning into their reading. We are still encouraging students to use Bug Club at home! All the books are at the students’ level. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the texts.

In Writing, students have been generating ideas about things they like, hate and scared of. They have been using these prompts and have been creative in the ways that they have written about these texts. You can hear a pin drop in the neighbourhood during independent writing time. Students have been setting themselves goals during their independent writing and have been reflecting on how well they have been using their time in writing.

In Enrichment, students have been learning about the gold rush and the impact it had on Australia during the 1850s and how people from all over the world travelled to strike it rich. We are now moving into the world of Bushrangers and Ned Kelly. Students will be designing and creating a new suit for the 2015 Ned Kelly. These will be displayed in the neighbourhood in the next coming weeks, make sure you drop by and have a look!

Just a reminder that we have our excursion next Friday at the Melbourne Museum!! Don’t forget that all students need to be in school uniform.

Have a great week!

LN3

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Calendar
Term 4

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

Friday 20th November
Grade 2 SLEEPOVER

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

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

Birthdays
Arati A
Richlyn L
Quinton F
RJ R
Erakye H
Maram F
Rawan C
Kayla K
Snapchat:

Snapchat is a social media app that allows users to send pictures and videos that are no longer than 10 seconds in length. Photos and videos can have filters, text and drawings added to them within the app.

Some points to note:

- Users can post multiple pictures and/or videos to their ‘My Story’ which can be viewed by other snap chatters for over 24 hours.
- Celebrities now advertise their username so that fans can add them to their friends list and view their snapchats.
- You can also send messages through the app which disappear within a few seconds.
- Snapcash allows user to link their debit card to the App and transfer money to other users.

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