Valley View

Hello Broadmeadows Valley!

It is great to be with you at the end of another very productive week of learning. The traditional role of families in their child’s schooling is somewhat of an absurd notion really, as it is the school that should be seen to be supporting the family and not the other way around. Let’s be clear, it is the parent that is the primary educator and care giver although schools have a very important role to play. Somewhere between 75 – 85% of a child’s waking hours are spent outside school. The school and families must to be considered as partners working towards the child’s learning success.

By ‘learner success’ we mean more than just student achievement as recorded in NAPLAN and school tests – important though these are. We are also as concerned with the development of character strengths, especially those dispositions, attributes and skills associated with being an effective learner.

Below is a list of some of the learning behaviours that our teams of teachers are developing in your children through a carefully planned learning program.

Noticing things  
Using learning tools  
Problem-solving  
Adapting to change  
Independent learning  
Persisting

Questioning  
Collaborating  
Self-regulating  
Scepticism  
Empathy  
Experimenting  
Being positive  
Using humour  
Practising  
Reflecting  
Intuitive thinking  
Goal setting  
Controlling emotions  
Transferring learning  
Unlearning

These ‘21st century’ skills are now, and will continue to become more relevant as the world responds to factors such as globalisation, a changing climate and technological advancements; and we know that these are the skills that your child will need to develop in order to thrive and not just survive in this complex and challenging future.

As you would all know by now, the school fee structure for 2015 underwent some significant changes from the model in 2014. You may have also read in the press that the Victorian Auditor-General has released a report on school costs for parents. In response to the report’s findings, the Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy. As a result of any changes to the Department’s policy, we will again work with our school council to update our own policy. We don’t expect any changes until 2016 and we will let you know well in advance. The Department's parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year. We review our own parent payment policy, in conjunction with our school council, on a yearly basis and notify you of any changes through the ‘Valley View’. Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents’ expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer. Our policy sets out what we ask you to pay for to support your child’s learning, such as books and learning resources, and what we ask for optional extracurricular activities. Our policy also sets out what we ask parents to make voluntary contributions to, and where these funds will be directed for example the Prep to 4 ICT levy. As always, if you have any queries, or would like to discuss how the school can support you in financial matters, please contact the school business manager Ms Jennifer Petrone.

Have a great weekend,
Andrew Jones
LN1 News!

Another fabulous week of learning in LN1 with our students eager to set off to their Literacy and Numeracy groups. In Literacy, we are focusing on choosing ‘Just Right’ books – not too hard, yet not too easy! In Numeracy our focus has been on counting, patterns and days of the week.

Fabulous Fruit – An important part of our program in being ‘ready to learn’ includes the types of food we eat. We are learning about food that is good for our brain, makes us grow strong and gives us energy. We know that healthy food like fruit is a fantastic snack. Last Friday we went for a walk to the Broadmeadows Shopping Centre and discovered all the different types of food that are available to us! Next week we’ll be talking about the importance of water and keeping our bodies rehydrated.

Hume Global Library – this Semester, every child in LN1 will have the opportunity to visit the library during Literacy time and select a book to bring back to share in our neighbourhood library.

We look forward to meeting you next Tuesday at our school’s Meet and Greet – please come and join us between 3:30pm and 5:30pm to see how well your student has settled in to their learning space!

LN2 News!

A tremendous week three in LN2! This week things in LN2 our Discovery Table has been gaining lots of attention. Everyone that has passed it could not resist the temptation to touch and explore the various artefacts that it holds. Plastic brains, hearts, eyeballs and teeth have captured our curiosity. Whilst the puzzles and games have left us wondering why? Come and have a look and feel free to add a question to our wall.

We had a go at the writing process this week and explored the important steps to writing success!

We agreed on guidelines for our reading workshop to ensure we all had a clear understanding of how to help each other buzz and learn together.

Exercise and nutrition were the focus for our enrichment this week. We enjoyed fruit and vegetable snacks together, played some sport with Mr. Youlden and assessed the state of our own lunchboxes.

WE WANT MORE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES IN OUR LUNCH TODAY!!!!

LN3 News!

The wheels keep churning in LN3. Today was our first interschool sports game. The reports were all positive! We all tried and played our best. More importantly, we played with great humility and sportsmanship. In case you didn’t already know, our Meet & Greet will be next Tuesday and our iPad information night will be on Thursday at 3:40! Make sure you come!
In reading this week, we learnt how to buzz effectively. It promotes peer to peer conservation and higher order thinking around the books we are reading, the themes and the strategies we use while reading. We also wrote letters to our teacher to discuss the books we are currently reading during iRead. We explained what our book was about, made text to self-connections, made predictions and explained how it was a “Just Right” book. Reading Groups started this week, it has been really fun working with our teacher in a smaller group.

In Writing, we have chosen a text type and a seed to start our first writing piece. We had a planner to help us organise our ideas and to make sure the structure of the piece was in order and made sense. Some students are writing narratives, recounts, reviews and persuasive pieces on topics that they are interested in. We have really been enjoying using our Writer’s Notebook to help us think of different ideas to write about.

Maths has been great in LN3. This week we have been looking at 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes. We have also learnt about regular and irregular shapes through hands on activities. During fluency, we are using shapes to help us improve our skip counting. We have started to make number expanders which is giving us a better understanding of place value and the different ways the same number can be represented.

In Enrichment, we have been learning about the importance of organisation not only at school but in our everyday life. While we had an understanding of how it helps, we now know how it trains the brain and relaxes the brain giving us the opportunity to be better prepared for our learning.

A final reminder that our iPad information night is on the 19th of February. 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!

Amber

**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.

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**Reminder FREE training at BVPS**

**English Course**

If you want to get into further studies or work but feel that your English is not good enough. This English course is designed to improve your writing, reading, listening and conversational skills. Wednesdays 9 – 11am

**Computer Course for all**

Expand your computer skills with this all inclusive course. Designed to further explore the MS office suite including, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, access the internet, and its tools. We'll also use iPads! This course promotes confidence and increased knowledge to meet your needs. Wednesdays 11 – 1pm

Parent Ambassadors Meeting 9.15am Friday 20th February, Valley Kitchen in LN2. Come for a cup of tea and learn more!

Ask for Nicole at Reception to enroll or call 9309 4066. Meet at reception at the start of class.

**Birthdays**

Amin A
Gokulan U
Shayne A
Jordan M
Abukar A
Mohammed H
Junior T
MEET & GREET
TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
3.45—5.30pm

We welcome all families to join us afterschool.
Come and introduce yourselves to the Learning Neighbourhood team!
We all look forward to seeing you then!!

Absences
Please notify the school by phone, by note or by speaking to the teacher if your child is absent. We need to officially record your response every time your child is not at school. Thanks to parents who already follow this procedure.

Lateness
Too many students are regularly coming late to school and missing out on important chunks of their learning.

It is very difficult for children to come late to a learning session, unprepared and not able to fully understand the focus of the lesson. It is also difficult for teachers and other students to concentrate on tasks when the learning activities are constantly disrupted.

As IFit begins at 8.50am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays, Breakfast Club operates from 8.15am and the playground is safely supervised from 8.45am every day, is beneficial for children to be at school, active and socially engaged with their peers before 9.00am.

Thanks, Michelle Reid

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 parents if they meet the criteria. Contact the office for more information on 9309 4066.

Cybersafety tips: Parents
Start with an “Acceptable Use” Agreement
Children can’t know all there is to know about their responsibilities and the behaviour expected of them without some guidance. Before you give them access to the internet or to a mobile phone, it’s important to talk to them and provide clear rules to ensure they are being smart, safe and responsible.