Hello Broadmeadows Valley Primary School

What a busy week this week was!

With Cricket Victoria, Melbourne Storm and Hume Council all making their way out to BVPS to work and learn with our wonderful kids. The iPad launch went very well and shortly; all year 5 and 6 students will be receiving their very own iPads to help with their learning.

Since our school began in 2009, the Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Council has played a very important role in our continuing success. A School Council is a legally formed body that is given powers to set the key directions of the school within a set of government guidelines. In doing this, the school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

We are currently looking for new members to join our school council.

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category
- A mandated elected DEECD employee category
- An optional Community member category

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections. This year we have a number of retiring members that have created vacancies in the following areas.

Please consider nominating as a parent representative on school council. Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

You do not need any special skills or experience to be on school council. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the future of BVPS. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. Nomination forms and ballot boxes are located at the school reception. This year we are looking for 6 parent members.

Please note that next Thursday and Friday, that’s the 26th and 27th - thanks Eva! – there will be a student free day at BVPS. The teaching staff will be participating in an International Conference in the city on both days.

Kind regards,
Andrew Jones
LN1 News!

In the LN1 Literacy groups, students have been learning how to select ‘just right’ books – books that are not too easy nor too challenging to read. Students are being taught that when they have two or three words on a page that they might not know, then the book is ‘just right’. This allows them, when reading at home, to reinforce strategies taught at school, to help them in tackling unknown words. Please encourage your child to bring along a water bottle everyday.

Water Chefs – Who could have imagined the flavouring of water with some citrus fruits and herbs (grown in our BVPS gardens) would generate so much interest and excitement!

This week LN1 were exploring different ways we could drink more water. We experimented with a selection of natural water flavourers including lemons, limes, mint and cucumber and voted for our favourites! We discovered that everyone should drink 1.25L of water a day...so we measured how many cups that was. Can you guess how many?? (7 cups!)

iFit – How fantastic to see so many of our students participating in our whole school iFit program! It’s been even more exciting for our students to have their parents joining in too – that means bonus points for their children’s sports house. Feel free to come along and join in... the more, the merrier!

LN2 News!

A fabulous week four in LN2!

Our week started off with a stone, straight from the garden. So together we made stone soup. Everyone in the neighbourhood had a part to play and together we explored this awesome story of sharing in a range of ways. We included; role plays of sharing, interactive storytelling, recipe writing and making a delicious stone soup with an abundance of vegetables.

Mindfulness has been the hot topic of the ‘right now’ and we have worked on practising it in all areas of our learning. Ask us about what it means to be mindful today and see if you can be taught some of the strategies at home.

How big is 1000? That’s exactly what we did this week in LN2, finding the best ways to find 1000 items and group them for counting. Below are just some of the ways we put them together in LN2. How else could we sort and count large numbers easily? Explore some ways at home today!
Hello! Here in LN3 this week, it was mind-blowing! Thank you for all the parents that attended the Grade 5 iPad meeting. We also had some players from the NRL come out and tell us about keeping healthy, the importance of exercise and a bit about their lives as Rugby players. Some people got tickets to the trial game, others got prizes and the people who didn’t get prizes received some other goodies back in their home-groups. Keep reading on, there is more to come!

This week in Reading, we did iRead (independent reading) and students did some thinking during reading. Some of them are visualising, predicting and questioning. We wrote them on sticky notes then came to the floor to share some and then we all put the sticky notes on a poster so we can use it in the future. Guided reading started this week. The students in guided reading focus on one strategy at a time. Reading this week was challenging for everyone.

Enjoy your weekend and next week!

By Israa and Kayla

This week in Enrichment, we created menus of what we ate the day before or what we had to eat that day. After we did that, we created the ideal menu with lots of healthy foods for our bodies. We created a tally to see which category had the most. Unfortunately, it was sugar! I don’t know why people don’t like vegetables? We were taking the road to organisation and this time we were focusing on being alert. How to keep alert at all times of the day is to be aware of your surroundings and keeping track of events that are happening. Smiling-mind meditation is about being aware of your body and your place in the world. It is great to do this after all the running around we do during lunchtime.

Cyber safety tip of the week.

Be aware of who your child is talking to online. Watch out for people they have met online - children don’t always regard online friends as strangers.

Calendar

Term 1

Families there will be 2 Pupil Free Days on the 26th and 27th of February.

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

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

Birthdays

Jacob S
Idil W
Leila M
Clarissa N
Daniel I
Baylie E
Baneen A
Zainab Y
Ofeirah F
Alberto M
BANKSIA GARDENS STUDY GROUP
AND ACTIVITY HUB

Need help with your homework or would you just like to join in some fun activities we have after school then come to the Banksia Gardens Community Centre, 71-81 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows. Our program runs after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 3.45 to 5.30 pm. All primary and secondary school students are welcome. It is all FREE!!!

At the centre you can: * Finish your homework * Read a book * Play some games or make a Lego creation * Go to the Computer room * Have some musical fun * Join in some sporting activities.

No need to book, just drop in and see us at one of the times above.
For more information contact Mandy on 9309 8531

There was so much happening at BVPS this week. Here are some pictures from our week.