Good afternoon BVPS, it's nice to be here with you once again.

This week the year 5 and 6 students got to take their iPads home for the first time. I know they were all very excited about receiving their new learning tool – especially the year 5’s. At BVPS your child’s access to the internet and use of digital learning devices is always so very well considered by our teams of professional educators. The use of such technology for learning must be well planned and executed. Your children are developing digital skills to ensure they are prepared for the future - for life and work - in our increasingly technology-focused world.

Children use digital resources, tools and devices – such as laptops, iPads and audio/visual technology - to support set learning tasks, and explore their interests at their own pace, and in the way that best suits them. Children and teachers harness technology to tap into resources across geographical boundaries, communicate with experts outside the school, and safely connect and collaborate with students, parents and the local community beyond the BVPS school gate.

Importantly, online tools and programs provide access to the full suite of subject and learning areas not offered within a school. For example, an increasing number of students, especially from smaller rural schools, are studying some VCE subjects “virtually”. Internet access at BVPS allows students to access digital learning opportunities from Prep to Year 6.

Educating children about safe, responsible and discerning use of the internet to access digital resources means that children can learn at home as well. The students are supported to understand that they have responsibilities and rules to follow.

These include:

- Not telling anyone their password except their teacher.
- Keeping their details to themselves - including name, telephone numbers and address private.
- Being respectful and friendly toward others online.
- Talking to a teacher if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe online or using technology.
- Talking to a teacher if they see others being unsafe, inappropriate or hurtful online or using technology.
- Asking permission to use images, text, audio and video or to print.

We have also just finished upgrading the entire BVPS network, CCTV system and internal Learning Management System. We are 100% committed to providing the very best IT infrastructure and tools for our learning community. These upgrades will allow for a more efficient, safer and smarter school environment for all members of BVPS.

If you have any questions regarding the BVPS IT program or network, please feel free to ask one of our friendly staff members.

Kind regards,
Andrew Jones
Learning through the Arts

The students of LN1 have many exciting and varied opportunities to learn through the Arts. Mr Tovey is working with groups on Monday morning to teach literacy through music. The students participating will look at songs and poetry and their meanings and will learn, perform and even write their own!

Mr Montalto is working with groups of students to teach literacy on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The lessons involve exploring digital texts, performing and creating. The lessons have a multi-media approach and students work to produce audio and video recordings.

Senorita Marina is teaching literacy through cooking with groups of preps and this includes the teaching of Spanish. Marina also works across our Neighbourhood on a Wednesday so that all students in LN1 are learning Spanish through an integrated program. She works alongside Cat in the Play Based Learning program and with our Specialist Team.

Ben & Cultivating Gardens Program

Ben from Cultivating Communities is running garden projects with targeted groups for 4-7 weeks. These groups are combined with LN3 students. They are working in the garden and in the neighbourhoods.

What a rich and exciting learning environment at BVPS for your children!

LN2 Newsletter Week 6

A Super week Six in LN2!

It’s that time of year again. Election time!

We had the wonderful opportunity this week to witness some amazing speeches for the new leaders of BVPS.

Our speeches for class reps in LN2 definitely did not disappoint. With every student who put in the time to prepare and deliver a speech, demonstrating their great leadership qualities that will help our school drive forward. Well done to the following students who became our Class Representatives for 2015. From 3/4 P – Husain, 3/4 S – Cohen, 3/4 O – Serena & 3/4 C – Nadia. Congratulations!

Privileges are being earned left, right and centre in LN2. So to deal with the overwhelming number of students with privileges, the whole neighbourhood got to enjoy some time at the park. We had a great time and are looking forward to reviewing the way we do privileges in LN2.

There has been an event in LN2 to the scale of the Big Bang! Enrichment & Studio Arts have collided with a culmination of ideas and learning. We are moving into a space where we want to share our ideas and learning through the most powerful communication tool of all, ART. So be prepared for some amazing art that is going to get you thinking...

LN3 Newsletter Week 6

It has been a massive week in LN3. This week the neighbourhood voted for their leaders. A massive congratulations to all the students who delivered their speeches. Everyone was fantastic! While everyone did not receive an official position in leadership this year, every student in LN3 knows that they have the same responsibilities to be a role model inside and outside of the class, that every student represents our school and there is an expectation that everyone holds up the values of Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. Congratulations to our new school captains Victor Paulo and Jemma Bologna!

In Reading this week, we are...
learning about the 6 dimensions of fluency. We know that students who are unable to read fluently will struggle to understand and make meaning of the text. This week we have focused on phrasing, using waves to develop our rhythm in reading and helping us understand how we read words even if there isn’t punctuation present.

In Writing, we are making infomercials. Infomercials will guide us in helping us further our understanding of persuasive writing. Students will be exposed to many different infomercials and from this will have the opportunity to design and create a product that will help themselves, students, teachers or anyone else be “Ready for Learning”. We look forward to sharing the final product at a later stage this term.

Students have continued to develop their mathematical understanding. This week we have been continuing our understanding of place value. We have been learning about the different concepts within Place Value such as interpreting, naming and reading numbers; rounding numbers within students zone of proximity and extending our understanding of place value by adding 10,100,1000 numbers mentally. Students next week will apply their new learnings in a real world context.

In Enrichment, we are connecting all of our learning. We are seeing how the brain executive functions, healthy eating and exercise all help us be ready for learning. Students have been using graphic organisers to organise, collect and extend their thinking which will help students produce their final piece of work in Enrichment at the end of the term.

iPads have been given out to students this week who have brought their notes and Apple ID into the classroom. If you need help in creating an Apple ID, please see Luke to organise a time to create one.

Have a great week!

LN3

FUNDRAISING

We would like to invite our BVPS parents to the next fundraising meeting. This will be held next Wednesday at 9.10am in the Staffroom.

We are asking for volunteers to assist in our up and coming Easter Raffle.

As it’s only a few weeks away we are also asking for donations from our families and staff. Eg: Easter eggs, soft toys, books, anything at all that you think we could use as a raffle prize.

Also in Term 2 we will be holding our annual Mother’s Day Stall. There will be some fantastic gifts on offer for the students of BVPS to purchase. Prices will range from 50c—$6.00

Thanking you,
Lindy and Jenny

Calendar

Term 1

Monday The 9th of March
is a Public Holiday

Reminder to all Families: The School Levy is now overdue and must be paid in full ASAP. 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

Zainab Y
Brianna C
Carlos S
Fadeit S
Sarah T
Peter F
School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day!

School Banking Day Reminder.

Don’t forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School

Top cybersafety tips: Prevent your child’s personal information and location from being public by ensuring they know how to use privacy settings and geo-tagging.

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