Hello Broadmeadows Valley community, we hope this newsletter finds you all fit and healthy.

Here at school we are continuously promoting the health and wellbeing of our students and have programs in place that ensure the focus on these two elements are always at the forefront of what we do.

Looking after the body and the mind is a critical aspect of how we can ensure we learn effectively every day. Students are engaged in learning about healthy eating and looking after their bodies and mind.

We invite you to come and participate in the “Creating Healthy Lunchboxes” workshop here at school next Wednesday. The workshop will include a wide range of information and practical ideas about what to include in a healthy lunch. You’ll get tips and ideas and be able to share what your children enjoy and what they always leave behind. The information that this workshop provides, will give you the opportunity to share your growing teaching and learning partnership.

We farewelled 5 of our staff this week as they set off on “The Amazing Pedagogical Inquiry” International Study Tour of New Zealand. Having been on the tour last year I can say that it is a very informative and beneficial experience that enables us to visit and learn about another system of education but also enables us to showcase the teaching and learning that we do here at BVPS.

Our visits always result in increased interest from the New Zealand schools followed by visits from them later in the school year. In April this year, we will be welcoming two groups from a school in Auckland and will continue to build this growing teaching and learning partnership.

We look forward to seeing you at school for this highly informative and practical workshop! Have a great weekend.

Carmela Bianco
**LN2 Newsletter Week 7**

**Feelings** – In LN1 we have been exploring feelings. Knowing how to identify our feelings is important for our wellbeing. What we know is that students can’t learn unless they feel safe and secure. We explored feelings of happiness, sadness, anger and loneliness. The children enjoyed creating and performing role plays of feelings and even made angry birds! We are assisting our students to be more aware of their feelings so that they can recognize and respond appropriately.

**Counting** is Cool – In our numeracy groups the students have been counting forwards and backwards from different starting points and, for those who love a challenge, counting to beyond 100! We are also practising finding one more and one less, ten more and ten less. You could assist your child by encouraging them to count aloud at home and give them opportunities to count lots of different items.

**Did You Know?** - Home Reading is homework for your child. We expect that students will read 5 books in a week (4 ‘just right’ books and 1 library book). Please ensure that the home reading folder comes back to school in your child’s bag every day.

**LN2 Newsletter Week 7**

A Stupendous week Seven in LN2!

We wished Mr Pain & Miss O’Meara safe travels to New Zealand and we are looking forward to hearing about all the wonderful things they learnt when they return. However, the show must go on! And that it did in LN2.

The art of persuasion have been the focus in writing this week. We loved debating and enjoyed watching the teachers argue their points with a range of issues. In reading, we have been exploring our connections with our ‘just right books’ and looking at how they can help us understand what we are reading.

In numeracy, we worked on answering the age old question: How long is a piece of string? We may not have found the answer but we definitely looked at things that were as long as, shorter than, and longer than the piece of string.

The bond between Studio Arts and Enrichment collided this week with a greater impact than the Big Bang! We all loved working towards communicating our ideas and thinking through art. We also loved doing Studio Arts during our Enrichment time. Wednesday afternoon, we all had the opportunity to do some brain training; it was wonderful to see everyone learning from each other in LN2.
CALL OUT TO PARENTS AND FAMILIES!

We are looking for some family member to join us for our ‘Reading for Enjoyment’ sessions on Friday morning from 9.10-10am. If you are able to come and read some picture books in a language other than English we would love to have you in. Come and see Nathan or any of our great LN2 teachers to book in a time or find out more!

LN3 Newsletter Week 7

It has been a great week of learning considering the long weekend which normally makes the kids crazy. Students have been awarded lots of positives with ticks being given by all the teachers. This week, the leaders went to the city for the Young Leaders Conference. They learnt about what is involved in being an honest and inspirational leader. LN3 have been enjoying the term so far and have no doubt this will continue in Term 2.

In Literacy, LN3 have been focusing on fluency. We have completed just 1 of the 6 dimensions. We finished phrasing and have now moved on to the “Stress” dimension. LN3 have learnt that stress plays an important part in our reading helping us visualise and helping us real gain an understanding of the setting, characters and story. LN3 have learnt that stress is emphasising a particular word to change the meaning of the sentence. We have really enjoyed it and look forward to learning about pausing, intonation, rate and integrating them all together.

Writing has been magnificent. LN3 has been doing a lot this week like inventing products for our persuasive pieces. We’re all trying to get out a positive message and designing products on how to be better prepared for learning. Students have come up with the most brilliant inventions including a necklace that tells you when you’re gaining and burning off calories, a bracelet that reminds you what to do to keep organised and a spray that helps you stay focused.

Maths has been the best this week because you learn so much about numbers and how they play an important role in our everyday lives. In math, we are comparing prices of houses and discussing the why some houses are more expensive than others. It has been a great way to put into practise all the things we have learnt in Place Value. LN3 have also been learning that maths can be used in many different ways such as in sport and other things. Everyone tries their best in Maths and everyone has been improve.

Oh yeah and congratulations to the grade 5s on finally getting their iPads. It has been exciting to finally work with them in class.

By: Victor Paulo and Mathew Jibou

Calendar
Term 1

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

Serena V
Owen S
Andrew A
Thivya S
Patrick T
Aluat P
Christopher R
Tayissa F
Aaliyah Y
FREE parent workshop! Learn practical ways to make your child’s lunchbox more healthy, fun and colourful.

This workshop will show parents how to quickly and easily prepare healthy school lunchboxes, practical tips and ideas for what to include in a healthy lunch box and why a healthy lunch is so important for children. Each participant will receive a resource pack with great healthy recipes, a meal planner and more. Morning tea will be provided and booking is essential! Contact Brigitte Walker—Hub Leader to book your place on 93094066 or call into the BVPS office to book.

Date: Wednesday 18 March 2015

Location: Broadmeadows Valley Primary School

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.

Cyber safety tip of the week.

Ensure your child knows how to use reporting tools, and what to do if someone says something that upsets them online.