Hello Broadmeadows Valley,

Welcome to the final edition of the Valley View for term 1.

It has been a momentous term by anyone’s measure. I am personally very proud to acknowledge a great deal of learning growth throughout the first 9 weeks of this year by all community members. I have also been particularly pleased with the high quality of school yard behaviour by parents and family members at the beginning and the end of the day. It is so vitally important to support us in creating the most secure and safe environment possible for our children and ourselves.

In 2009 laws were introduced aimed to prevent people from smoking on school grounds at any time. From the beginning of term 2, some additional laws will be introduced that will prohibit people smoking within four meters of school entrances. A public awareness and information campaign will promote community awareness of the bans. Print and radio advertising, as well as social media, will be used prior to the introduction of the bans and for a period following their commencement.

Officers from Hume City Council will be responsible for enforcing the bans, and will take an education approach, making sure smokers understand the new laws. However, an infringement penalty of $147 could apply to adults caught wilfully breaking the law.

Council officers have been given power to enter school premises to monitor and enforce the ban. However, this is subject to permission from the school principal and, if permission is provided, the inspector must be accompanied by the school principal or a person acting on their behalf. It is anticipated that the focus for council officers will be on those smoking within four metres of school entrances, and that the power to enter school premises will be used sparingly.

Factsheets and further information about the bans will be available from the Tobacco Reforms website.

The new 2015/2016 school council met on Tuesday night for the first time. I would like to thank them all for their wonderful contribution. I can at this point announce that the School Council president for 2015/2016 will be Mr Raymond Drew. Ray has been on School Council for 4 years now and this is his second year as School Council President. As a co-opted community member, Ray brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to our school’s strategic development and we thank him for his ongoing support. Jennifer Petrone, BVPS’ magnanimous business manager will again be the council’s secretary for another year.

I would like to remind our families that the last day for term 1 will be this Friday March 27th. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2:30pm. There will be an altered timetable for lunch and recess.

The Easter raffle will be drawn over the P.A system at 2:20pm on Friday afternoon as there will be no assembly this Friday. I look forward to seeing you all back at school, safe and well on the first day of term 2 – Monday April 13.

Kind regards,
Andrew Jones
LN1 Newsletter

iFit Reward – Today many of our LN1 students spent a lovely morning enjoying a special iFit activity as a reward for regular attendance in our iFit program. We know that these sessions not only help to keep us fit, but actually work wonders in getting our brains and our bodies ready for learning! It would be fantastic to see all our students (and even the parents) join in next term.

Crazy Hair Day – It was looking a bit strange and little crazy in LN1 today. If you happened to visit, you would have seen many crazy and colourful hairstyles around the Learning Neighbourhood. All of this was for a good cause, of course. Our student leaders were collecting gold coin donations for the Good Friday Appeal in support of the Royal Children’s Hospital.

School holidays are upon us once more and we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very relaxing and enjoyable break. For those who celebrate Easter, we hope the Easter Bunny is good to you!

We are looking forward to sharing your children’s stories about their holiday when we return in Term 2.

Marija, Amy, Jamielee, Cyndi, Krystina, Wendy and Jodie.

LN2 Newsletter

What a fabulous beginning to 2015!! How can we possibly beat Term One after all of this...
LN3 Newsletter

It’s been a spectacular week in LN3. We were all pumped and ready to learn despite the bad weather. We have all had a lot of fun using our iPads in many different ways and it has made our learning more fun. We can’t believe it is the last week of term! We are all tired but all had a really good time learning different things in literacy, numeracy and enrichment.

In reading, this week we have been learning about intonation and how this helps reading fluently. We have a strong understanding that using pitch, volume and tone brings the words of a writer to life. Even though we have been doing this while reading aloud, we know that we are to do this while reading independently to help provide a better picture as we read and to give us a better understanding of what is happening in our stories.

In writing, we have been practicing our persuasive writing skills. We are all really proud of how well we can write an introduction. We are now learning how to make our arguments strong to persuade the reader to think our way. We have been writing our thoughts about whether we should be kept in zoos, whether BVPS should have a school uniform and why BVPS is the best school in the world.

In maths, we have finished learning about place value and have continued learning about shapes. We have been learning about the amount of degrees a circle, triangle and square has. We have also learnt about the different types of shapes there and how other shapes can make those shapes. This week we have been introduced to Sumdog. A fun maths games program that where we learn maths skills against people from our class and people from the other world. Over the holidays we have a competition to see who in LN3 answers the most questions correctly.

Well that’s all the latest news in LN3! Have a fun holiday

From Jemma & Victor

Auskick Footy Starts Saturday 11th April.

Become a future champion! Come learn the skills of footy in a friendly environment
Every Saturday at 9:30am
First session on Saturday, April 11
At Jacana Reserve: Lorraine Crescent Broadmeadows
Cost: $75 (for the entire season)
For further information contact
Khan: 0433 152 550

Calendar

Term 1

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First day of Term 2 Monday April 13.

Easter Raffle

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Birthdays

Manisha R
CJ A
Lilly M
Younes Y
Rukaya A
Noor F
Omer G
Sarah F
Jay M
Maylinda M
Notice Board

We would like to thank our parents for their donations and participation in this event.
With our very generous donations and fantastic help from parents our 2015 Easter Raffle has been a great success.