Hello and welcome to term 2 everyone.

We expect that this term will as busy and success as the last. This term, all year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia will be participating in the NAPLAN program.

NAPLAN assess the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. In 2015, NAPLAN tests will be held on 12-14 May.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. The teaching teams at BVPS have and will continue to ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. We also understand that excessive and poorly designed preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their Learning Neighborhood Leader or Home Group Teacher.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

BVPS has four new additions this week. Chickens in fact. They have settled into their new homes well and have already begun to lay eggs. Over the past 6 months the students have been preparing for their arrival with the design of the coup and food source. They will have a very important role to play in the BVPS Kitchen Garden program. Their eggs will be used in the cooking and kitchen scraps will be recycled as chicken food. Their ‘chicken poo’ will be used as garden fertilizer. A great deal of learning exists around this program. Please find the time to come in and meet our new girls.

Have a great weekend,
Andrew
**LN1 Newsletter**

This term our Enrichment topic is 'Weather'. LN1 students will be learning about and investigating different types of weather, and posing the question “How can we save BVPS from Wild Weather?”

iFit runs every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 8:50am. Our wonderful LN2 and LN3 leaders organise these events. It is expected that every student will participate in iFit. As well as being fun and good for the students fitness, research shows that physical activity helps our brains get ready for learning. Students who participate in iFit on a regular basis are rewarded throughout the term. Also, at the end of the term, students who participate at least twice a week are rewarded with an icypole and a fun visit to the local park.

At the end of Term 1, Healthy Together Hume ran a competition for students to send in pictures of their healthy lunches, which tied in well with our ‘Getting Ready for Learning’ enrichment topic. One of our lucky students was a winner, receiving a brand new lunchbox and drink bottle as his prize! Congratulations to Ben in P1/2S for his healthy lunch!

We are looking forward to another exciting term in LN1!

Amy, Cyndi, Jamielee, Jodie, Maria & Wendy.

**LN2 Newsletter**

An outstanding week one in LN2! It has been a wonderful beginning to the term with everyone bright eyed and bushy tailed, ready for learning. With so much happening this term, it’s hard to know where to start.

First, we have started our week with some goal setting for the term. We have been catching up with our teachers to discuss our learning in reading, writing and numeracy and working out ways we can get better in term 2.

We have been working on the final touches of our enrichment projects from term one, exploring the things that keep us healthy and help us learn. The art, diagrams, performances and videos look amazing and really demonstrate our learning in this area. We are looking forward to celebrating our learning and presenting it to our peers next week.

A special congratulations to all of the students who participated in ‘The Great LN2 Reading Challenge’. Eleven awesome readers got to head out and about with Nathan today and explore the local library. We were able to do some reading, as well as borrow some books for us to read in literacy! We love reading in LN2!!

It is hard to believe that winter is nearly upon us. Particularly with our veggie garden looking so full of fresh, delicious vegetables, cooking some of them in our kitchen is going to be amazing. We are predicting toe warming soups and belly filling bakes.

Come at us Term Two, we are ready!! :)

**LN3 Newsletter**

We hope you had an excellent holiday! Everyone is back and refreshed for the start of term 2. It
has been a busy start to the term, the wheels are back in motion like we never stopped. We could not be happier with the way the students have come back and settled in. The mood in LN3 is fantastic and we are excited for lots of learning this term.

In reading, we have finished up with our learning in fluency and have started looking at the importance of questioning. We are looking at right there, think and search, author and me and on my own questions. This strategy is helping students gain a stronger understanding of the text they are reading. We are supporting students with this concept by introducing reciprocal reading. Reciprocal reading is where students work in a group and discuss the text deeply to strengthen their understanding. Ask your child for more information about the question strategies they are learning and reciprocal reading.

In writing, students are learning different persuasive techniques to add to their writing. They are learning to add rhetorical questions, emotive language and statistics to further enforce their point of view. They are currently persuading their audience on whether “School holidays are long enough”.

In maths, it has been all about the Money. Students are counting, adding and subtracting money through fluency activities building their understanding. They had a chance to use the Big W website to give their bedroom an update. Next week the class is moving into measurement including length, mass, volume and time where they will continue their adding and subtracting understanding of different numbers.

In Enrichment, Students are completing their presentation for their brand new product. They are using all the information that learnt last term about the importance of “Getting Ready for Learning”. Some students have created memory headbands, backpacks that help you remember and spray cans that keep you focus. They have chosen how they will present. Some students have decided on a live demonstrations, posters and TV commercials. Enrichment has been exciting and engaging! We cannot wait to share the topic for term 2!

Have a great week!

Parent Ambassadors Meeting is on at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd April in the BVPS Staffroom. Come for a cup of tea and learn more! Everybody is welcome!
BOOK CLUB
Welcome to the first Term 2 Book club.

If you would like to order any books or items please fill out the order form, which has been distributed to students, with your child’s name and class written clearly. All orders should be placed, with correct money, in an envelope or snap lock bag and given to the class teacher.

ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY
Friday 1st May 2015

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

English for Citizenship

This course is designed in plain English to prepare you for the Australian Citizenship exam, it is important to learn about the Australian government and culture as well as day-to-day living. The course will cover all the test subjects about Australia and its people, the history of indigenous Australians, the modern history of Australian migrants and the English colonisation, and Australia’s democratic beliefs, rights and liberties.

Where: Dimboola Early Learning Centre
When: Wednesday 11am - 1pm