Hello Broadmeadows Valley Primary School

I’d like to begin today by welcoming the 15 new students and their families that have enrolled this week. As we know, they have joined a terrific school community that positions the needs of the students at the forefront. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions that you can make as a parent and a decision that can both quickly and eventually have an enormous impact on the future success of your child. Just as not all restaurants offer the same service and food, not all learning environments offer the same quality of instruction. At BVPS, we know what works because we research it, we think about it and we do it – we do what works.

Now that the Digital Studio is built and established, we look forward to the official opening at some stage this term. The Digital Studio is a world class learning resource that enables the students to create, edit and publish professional quality film. The technical skills that the students will take away will be of enormous value in themselves, but the level of collaboration, investigation and communication will be 100% transferable into all aspects of learning. The professional team at BVPS knows the work. I can also announce the recruitment of an Apple/Mac technician to the team. Chris’ role will be to support students and staff in the management of the iPad’s and the new high-end hardware in the new studio. I look forward sharing more news shortly.

The Kitchen Garden program is also progressing incredibly well with the rustic, country garden fence being finished off this week, creating a quiet and peaceful little nook for kids to enjoy. Sitting amongst the fruit and vegetable trees, it’s like having the country in Broadmeadows. The Valley Kitchen received further work, with the signage and promotional material being installed this week. It looks stunning! Our very own personal Master Chef, Ms. Carmela Bianco always has something amazing in the oven – no wonder the students in Learning Neighborhood 2 just love the program. Ask a teacher what their special talent is. Every teacher has one – these guys are like super heroes!

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child’s schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child’s education up to the age of 16.

In 2014, the EMA payments to eligible parents is:

- $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
- $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
- $300 for parents of eligible Year 7 students
- $250 for parents of all other eligible secondary school students up to the age of 16.

There will be changes to the EMA from 2015. In the 2013 School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government committed to change the way it helps low-income families with education expenses. By making this change, Victoria was able to secure a record increase in education funding which will benefit all students, an in particular those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The EMA program however will cease at the end of 2014. From 2015, funds previously used for the EMA will be distributed directly to schools. Further information about the arrangements for 2015 will be available in term 3, 2014. We will be sure to keep you well informed.

Have a terrific term 3,
Andrew Jones
Learning Neighbourhood 1

The students in LN1 have enjoyed coming back and sharing stories of what they did in their holidays. We are learning about history this term our topic in ‘Then and Now’ and we will be finding out what things have changed over time and what things have stayed the same.

Today is National Pyjama Day and so the teachers and students in LN1 came to school in their PJ’s and dressing gowns to raise money for the many needs of children in care. After a pyjama fashion parade and all the teddies had been introduced to each other it was time to make cubbies with blankets and to snuggle in for independent reading. A nice warm cup of hot chocolate was very welcome on a very cold day!

Next week the students will be writing about their Pyjama Day experiences during literacy sessions and we are looking forward to Miss Jodie returning from her holidays. On Friday we are having an Incursion ‘Toys over Time’ where students will find out how toys have changed over time.

Parent teacher interviews for 1/2C will be held on Tuesday.

Throughout the rest of the term the preps will be working closely with the grade one and two students during literacy sessions. Classes will be arranged to facilitate a cooperative learning environment.

Have a great week

Paula, Wendy, Amy, Jamielee, Daniel, Sharon and Laura

Learning Neighbourhood 2

It has been an excellent start to term 3 with each and every person refreshed and prepared for, what is going to be, a rich and powerful term of learning.

The first week has all been about laying the foundations for the learning that lies ahead in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Enrichment. Talk to your child about ‘The Rabbits’. Find out the details about their country for the BVPS Games. Ask them to describe their literacy quilt, get them to bring you into the neighbourhood to have a look. Have them share some knowledge about money. Have them teach you a game they played in maths this week. With so much happening in the neighbourhood, there is no reason why the learning cannot spill into your home.

We had some very special homework this week to support our learning in Enrichment. We are investigating what ‘home’ is. We asked students to bring an item or photo of something that means home. We had a range of items brought into school this week and the conversations were insightful.

This is going to prepare us for the remainder of our Enrichment where we investigate history from the perspectives of the individuals who experienced it.

The website can be found at [http://h32014.weebly.com/](http://h32014.weebly.com/). If you need any help in navigating through the site, ask your child as they quickly become experts! LN3 now has a twitter account. Here you will be able to see some immediate feeds and pictures of some of the happenings in the classroom, on excursions and during Interschool Sport. Follow us! Our username is BVPS2014.

Our iPads are becoming our main workbook in the classroom. Can you please make sure your child has their iPad charged and ready for learning everyday.

In reading, the students will be using the application ‘Prezi’. As they learn about the different dimensions of flu-
ency, students will upload videos, write annotations and insert rubrics. All the information on how we are teaching these dimensions can be found on our website.

In Maths, Book Creator will be the student’s main tool. The book will contain demonstrations, videos and voice recordings explaining their new understanding and knowledge. Our focus for the next four weeks will be ‘Numbers and Place Value’. Each student knows exactly what they need to learn over the next four weeks. Ask your child to show you! Fun tasks and activities have been set up on StudyLadder.com to help introduce, practice and reinforce concepts.

LN3 is very excited about term 3 and can’t wait to get started.

As always if there are any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the teachers in LN3.

Learning Neighbourhood 3
Luke Cripps, Jan Vella, Rosie Strateas, Marty Claybourne and Clinton Youlden

Whole School Photograph
Monday 21st July 2014

A group photograph will be taken of all the students at your school (Whole School Photograph). These photographs do not happen on a regular basis, and are great to look at in the years to come. A copy of this photograph is available for you to purchase.

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

Complete your order envelope - use a black or blue ball point pen and fill in your order and contact details.

CASH
No change will be given.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO:
- 22cm x 25cm $16.00
- 25cm x 35cm $20.00

Learn a Musical Instrument at School!

Broadmeadows Valley Primary School are continuing to partner with Metro Music School to offer instrumental music lessons to students. Lessons will be held during school hours (30 minutes/once per week) at suitable times.

Research has shown that music tuition increases confidence and self-esteem, and helps to improve learning in other areas of the curriculum such as numeracy and literacy.

Instrumental tuition will be offered for:
- KEYBOARD PIANO
- DRUMS GUITAR
  (Prep to Grade 2 Keyboard only)

The cost of lessons will be subsidised by Broadmeadows Valley Primary School, offering families the following discounted rates:

- Group (3-5 students) $6.60 per lesson/week (guitar and keyboard only)
- Shared (2 students) $8.80 per lesson/week
- Individual lessons $13.75 per lesson/week

Please contact Mr Tovey for further information and enrolment/payment forms.

Calendar
Term 3

Monday 21
Whole School Photograph
Monday 21st July 2014

Active After School Program
Rugby
3.30pm—4.30pm Preps-3

Tuesday 22
Parent teacher interviews for 1/2C and 5/6C will be held

Thursday 24
Active After School Program
Rugby
3.30pm—4.30pm Grade 4-6

Birthdays
Kawther A
Rosalin H
Joel W
Cohen W
Demah F
Taha TT
Mahyar H
Rihanna H
Pasitale F
Fatima A
Edona T
Tyler M
Muhamed
Harold A
Ege A
Notice Board

PARENT AMBASSADORS

The Broadmeadows Valley Primary School Parent Ambassadors are a group of parents committed to contributing to the life and community of the school. The Parent Ambassadors have already hosted the successful Mothers Day Brunch, and many more events are planned for the year.

New members for the group are welcome and in demand as there is a lot of work to do!

The Parent Ambassadors are committed to developing ways for parents to support their children’s education, whether that is volunteering in classes or other events. They are keen to hear from you if you are interested in this area.

To become involved please join the next Ambassador Meeting, or contact Brigitte at School Reception.

The upcoming meeting dates are:
9.30am Wednesday May 28th
9.30am Wednesday June 25th
9.30am Wednesday July 30th
9.30am Wednesday August 27th
9.30am Wednesday September 17th
9.30am Wednesday October 29th
9.30am Wednesday November 26th
9.30am Wednesday December 17th

Meet at Reception.
New Members Welcome.
Meetings run for 1 hour.

TERM 3 ADULT TRAINING CLASSES

ENGLISH CLASS

When: Mondays 9.30am-11.30am
Where: Music Lab
Come and join this class to learn English or to improve your English. This class is suitable for all levels of English.

You can enrol at the class
First class is on Monday 21st July

Trainer is Jamil