

Valley View

Hello everyone,

This week I have afforded myself the absolute pleasure to walk around our beautiful learning neighbourhoods and see our students learning in a very structured and collaborative manner. We believe that the best way to learn is to do it with somebody else. This gives our students and teachers the opportunity to talk to others about what they are learning and to share their knowledge and learn from each other. Gus and Gert will be very proud of us!!

Learning for everyone in our community is at the forefront of everything we do. We invite you to be a part of your child's learning, to participate here at school or to support the learning at home.

The Instrumental Program is being offered again in 2016 and we encourage all our budding musicians to participate in this program. Does your child have an interest in learning to play an instrument?

The Chinese philosopher Confucius said long ago that 'music

produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without.' Dr Richard Letts, the executive director of the Music Council of Australia says that "If a child studies music constantly over a period of time, they do better in school in all sorts of ways, including academically and socially."

There is no better reason than this to encourage your child to learn to play an instrument.

Come and talk with Julian or Daniel who will be able to provide you with all the information you need.

This year's MEET & GREET afternoon will take place on **16th February** and we sincerely invite you all to come and meet our staff. This is a very informal and important opportunity for you to introduce yourselves and share some of your stories about your children with them.

This year we will be meeting and greeting you in the Café area, a relaxed and inviting environment that already is proving to be a great meeting place for our families. **SAVE THE DATE!!**

Our Café continues to be open for your pleasure **Monday, Wednesday's and Friday's**. Pop in, grab a delicious coffee and stop to have a chat with us. At \$2 a cup you can't go wrong!!

You would be aware of the hoax calls to some schools across Victoria in the last week. I would like to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has NOT received such a call but I want to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools, which did receive a threatening call, enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great weekend, be safe and take care!

Regards Carmela

LN1 News!

This week the teachers in LN1 have been so proud of the way our students have quickly settled in to the Learning Neighbourhood, showing how they are ready for learning!

The students are begin to consider the way they learn best such as showing Whole Body Listening, understanding their emotions and having a healthy breakfast.



Our students have begun to bring home take-home reading books in a clear, plastic folder with a diary to record all the wonderful books they read. Please encourage your child to become responsible in remembering to return the folder to school every day and, of course, take the time to sit and read with them!



Talk about what you read together. Ask fewer "thin" questions, those that feel like a quiz ("Where did the dog bury his bone?"), and more "thick" questions that require understanding of the story but also

foster deeper thinking, that require your child to think, predict, and imagine ("What would you have done if you were the character in that story?").



Finally, we would like to remind you that all children require a hat to play outside in Term 1. We are still set for some warm weather and if you wish to purchase a hat, they are available at the school office.



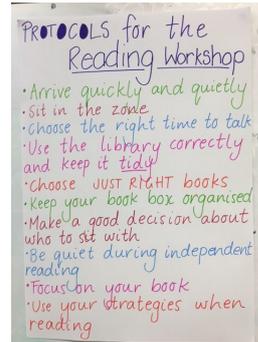
LN1 2016

Amy, Rob, Wendy, Cyndi, & Jamielee

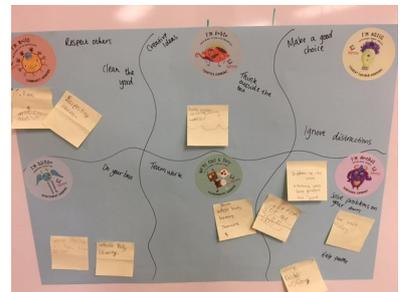
A terrific week 2 in LN2!!

This week has been about setting the scene for learning. In all of our learning sessions we have been exploring all of the things that ensure that we have the most optimal environment for us all to achieve our best.

Maybe you could create some protocols/ expectations for learning at home, write them down somewhere so you can refer to them when it's time to read or practise some maths...



Our Learning Value Monsters have taken our neighbourhood by storm!! Each of our learning spaces is overseen by one of the Learning Value Monsters. So whilst we are all putting in lots of effort they are watching us to ensure we are thinking about their learning values!



This leads us into our new Learning Bonus Card, which is where we record our ticks of the learning values we are showing.

This is another topic of conversation at home, talk about what the Learning Bonus Card represents and maybe you can come up with some ideas for privileges that align with our values...





We look forward to hearing about the rich conversations about learning happening at home this year. Talking together about the learning we do is going to help us make our learning stronger!

LN3

It has been a fantastic week in LN3 this week. The focus in LN3 this week has been about "Organisation". This means organising their day, their work and their thinking. Students have a clear understanding of what the expectations are and how being organised can maximise their learning. Interschool Sports teams have been selected, the speeches for School and House captains have begun and our literacy and numeracy groups have started. Everyone is settled, everyone is committed and everyone is trying their best. We have no doubt this tone will be the norm throughout the year.

LN3 students have been taking pride and putting in a great deal of effort while personalising their Writer's Notebook. Students have decorated their Writer's Notebooks and made them their own special book using colourful contact, stickers and photos. They have also done some writing in them! Students wrote about the history of their own name and what it means to them. They are looking forward to getting stuck into some more writing in their notebooks and can't wait to share their work with the whole school.

In reading this week, we have been practicing the process of choosing and returning books and understanding how thinking while reading helps us. Students have been exploring what is an 'easy', 'just right' and 'challenging' and utilising the five finger test to help them do this. During iRead, LN3 students have been working on increasing their reading stamina, and showing a strong sense of community by embracing the iRead protocols. Next week, students will continue to focus on their thinking whilst reading and learn how to buzz!

Students have been working on different fluency activities, sharing the strategies they use. This year students have a new Maths Journal where they record their learning each day. LN3 have been introduced to challenging problem solving tasks. They have been solving them using the four step plan, "Understand, Plan, Act and Check". Make sure you ask your child about it how this plan helps them solve problems accurately. Have a great weekend!
LN3

Reminder to all Families

School Levy is now being taken at the office and must be paid in full by the 27th of February. Financial assistance may be available to parents if they meet the criteria. Contact the office for more information. 9309 4066

Calendar

Term 4

Term 1 Sun Smart

All student will need to **wear a hat** at all times while they are in the yard throughout **terms 1 and 4**. **Hats are available from the office. \$7.00**

BE A SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR!

Do you enjoy meeting people and helping your community?
Can you work locally for a few hours a week?
Call Jess at 9325 3200 Uniform and training provided
Make sure our children get to school safely each day!



Birthdays

Serena G
Richard T
Deeya A
Zage T
Xavier D
Tanaya H
Grace J
Khalid A
Mika T
Jayla M
Sa L
Alla M
Alesana L
Amin A
Gokulan U



Notice Board

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or contact the schools general office on 9309 4066 for more information

Welcome!



Gowrie Victoria Broadmeadows Valley Children's Program opening January 2016

- » Early Education and Care
- » Sessional Kindergarten

Government subsidy on fees for eligible families

For more information

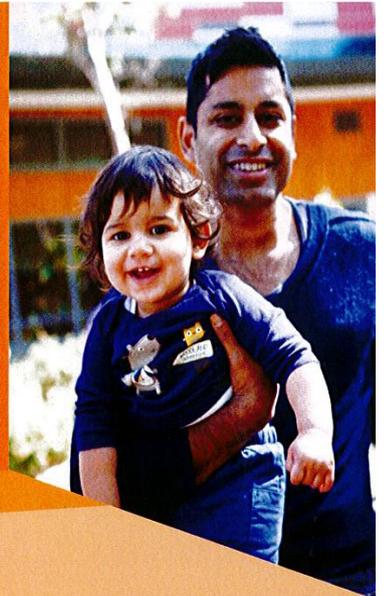
call **03 8624 1000**

email **broadmeadowsvalley@gowrievictoria.org.au**

visit **www.gowrievictoria.org.au**

In partnership with Broadmeadows Valley Primary School, Gowrie Victoria will open a new Children's Program in January 2016.

- » stimulating early learning programs for children from birth to school age
- » quality education and care programs with experienced managers, teachers and educators
- » a safe environment for your child to learn and grow



Gowrie Victoria

- » has been championing good early childhood education and care for over 75 years
- » is a leader in delivering quality early learning programs
- » runs two programs at Docklands and Carlton North that have received 'exceeding' ratings
- » has a child-centred philosophy that promotes play-based learning with natural materials and sustainable practices
- » committed to working with your family and Broadmeadows Valley Primary School on programs that will ensure a smooth transition to school

