

Valley View

Hello BVPS

At BVPS we recognise that parents have the first and most significant influence on a child's learning. At primary school, your continued involvement in your child's education is important so they can achieve the best possible learning results.

It is well known that children with interested and involved parents do better at school.

While you may be involved in your child's learning at home, you can also contribute at BVPS by joining the Parent Ambassadors, nominating for the school council in March next year or helping with less formal school activities such as a classroom helper. The upcoming Dimboola Road Festival on Friday December 5 is another example where you can make an indirect contribution to your child's learning.

If you are concerned about how your child is fitting in socially and how secure and content they feel at school, or about their academic progress and how it compares to other students of the same age,

make a time to meet the Learning Neighbourhood Leader, as they will be in the best position to help.

Families are the first and most enduring influence on a child's development and play an important role in a child's learning. Developing strong skills in reading, writing and maths is critical to ensure your child's success in early learning and beyond.

You can make a difference by supporting what your child learns at school and helping them to learn at home. Reading is an important way to make the link from spoken words to written words.

Reading to your child is a valuable thing to do. Here are some tips:

1. Encourage your child to select the books, magazines, catalogues, multimedia stories or DVDs.

2. Discuss the pictures in a book and encourage your child to talk about the pictures.

3. Share wordless picture

books to develop imagination, ideas and vocabulary by naming things in the pictures.

4. Re-read your child's favourite books and stories.

5. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books.

6. Support your child to make their own books with pictures and then 'read' the story to you.

If you are interested in increasing your involvement at BVPS, please see Lindy in the office or our resident Community Development Worker Brigitte Walker

Important Events at BVPS

Dimboola Road Festival,
Friday December 5

Last school day of 2012,
Friday December 19

**Until next time,
Andrew Jones**

This school is on its way to becoming

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Smart. Safe. Responsible.

LN1 News

Our Grade 2 Sleepover was lots of fun. The students that were fortunate enough to participate were beautifully behaved in face of so much excitement. They participated in pizza making, playing and movie watching and were filled with a mix of awe and fear when a baby fox was spotted outside in the dark. What a wonderful entry



point into our BVPS camp program and no doubt this group will be eager to attend the LN2 camp next year!

On Monday LN1 had a visit from the Responsible Pets Ownership Program. This visit was conducted

by a trained Pet Educator, Sharon, and her temperament-tested pet, Chester. The learning focused specifically on living safely with dogs.



The children were also educated on issues such as choosing an appropriate pet for the family, basic animal care, pet health, confinement and the importance of registration and identification.

LN1 has a final excursion on **Monday 8th December** to BOUNCE Inc. and Niddrie Gymnastics. We look forward to this and the opportunity for our students to learn more about human movement. This is part of our 'Push, Pull, Go' unit and in the final four weeks of term our students will also be creating a toy that moves as part of this topic. We will need lots of small boxes, cardboard tubes, foil, empty bottles and containers, we ask parents to please start collecting these for us. Thank you!

Jodie, Amy, Paula, Jamielee, Wendy, Marija, Daniel and Laura

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Week 7 in Learning Neighbourhood 2

The lack of water at BVPS on Wednesday did not deter us from

our very important science investigations. We are asking the question, which method of heat transfer will melt ice the fastest? So will it be conduction, radiation or convection that will melt ice the fastest? Stay tuned as we will have all of the answers over the next couple of weeks.



In literacy, our own fractured fairy tales are starting to take shape. We are looking forward to twisting some old favourites and hopefully having some published soon to have them displayed on the shelves at home. We have loved listening to some funny fractured fairy tales in LN2, the wonderful, dark and funny stories of Jon Scieszka have become a feature of reading block. Head down to the local library today and see if you can snatch one up today!



In numeracy, fractions have been the focus over the last couple of weeks. We have made fractions with shapes, strips of paper, groups of items and numbers. We are getting a pretty good handle

on some of the main rules of fractions. Here are the first 3 rules, maybe investigate these at home.

Fractions Rule 1

All the parts must be equal and fair



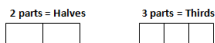
Fractions Rule 2



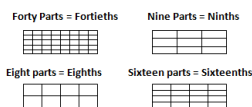
As the number of parts increase (go up) the size of the parts decrease (get smaller)



Fractions Rule 3



The number of parts names the parts



Learning Neighbourhood 3

This week in LN3 there weren't as many students because of camp. It was one boring week with them not here.

In reading we have been inferring like masters. The teachers have been giving us mystery texts to

keep us thinking. We have also been writing our own riddles just so that everything's still educational and fun.

For iRead we are using a reading record sheet. It helps us know why we're using the WALT.

Our writing has improved throughout the year. We finished off a writing piece on a narrative, called "The Haunted House". Half of LN3 started editing other people's writing for grammar, punctuation, capital letters and spelling. Mrs Vella keeps on giving us timetables sheets to extend our multiplication knowledge. Then we found a partner to complete a project with. We found a real recipe and worked out how much we would sell it for to make a profit. Then we actually made "Rice Crispy Treats".



Our new enrichment topic is energy. The different types of energies are; heat, kinetic, solar and heaps more. There was one experiment we studied this week and it was static electricity. We rubbed a balloon on fabric and moved it rapidly against a friend's hair. Teacher of the week will be Mr Youlden! For giving up his own time just teach us kids different subjects.



By Aylisa and Crystell

Calendar Term 4

Prep Transition Program began on

Friday 7th November - Friday 28th November 9:20am to 10:15am



SWIMMING PROGRAM November 17th— November 27th



Birthdays

Dora F
Robert D
Stabro I
T'ziah M
Deniz S



Notice Board



Shopping Tour

Tuesday 25 November

An important note to all those going on the BVPS Shopping Tour.

We need to be on the bus and ready to go at **8.45am** Please contact

Michelle, Brigitte

or the office on Monday if you haven't yet confirmed your attendance.



Dimboola Road Festival

We are holding the Dimboola Road Festival again this year on the 5th of December. At the festival we will be having a raffle. If any of our families have anything they would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.



WRISTBAND SALES

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

\$30 EACH FOR

UNLIMITED RIDES OR \$35

ON THE NIGHT

YOU CAN ALSO BUY \$2 TOKENS OR SINGLE TICKETS ON THE NIGHT

