Hello and welcome to the final Valley View of 2014.

Let me begin by thanking everyone for their wonderful contribution to our children’s school. Everything that we do at BVPS is aimed at providing our students with the very best opportunities available. As we look back on 2014, we can be very pleased with all that we have achieved. The school has continued to grow in every sense and the precious contribution of the parents, staff and teachers must be acknowledged.

I realise that I say this every year - and in many respects it is the reason for our continued success - but 2015 does promise to be the best year yet. We have another 4 amazingly talented teachers joining the BVPS team and a number of very special programs beginning and being developed further.

We will be saying goodbye to some staff at the end of the school year, some of them founding members of the school community. Ms Paula Gaughan and Ms Karen Larkin having been with us since day 1, will be moving onto other teaching roles and we wish them all the very best for the next phase in their learning journey. Mr Marty Claybourne, a relative new comer to our school, will also be finishing up with us at the end of the year as he continues to develop his international teaching experience. I would like to thank these staff members for their terrific contributions to the lives of our children. Ms Bethany Hunter who has worked with us on a part time basis this year will be taking leave in 2015. Beth and her partner Tim are expecting their first child early in the year. We wish them all the very, very best at this special time.

At this point I would like to introduce the Learning Neighbourhood Teaching Teams for 2015.

Learning Neighbourhood
1. Jodie Coughlan (Leader), Marija Avramoska, Amy Prisco, Wendy Cecchini, Cyndi Stewart (new) and Jamielee Black

Learning Neighbourhood
2. Nathan Gage (Leader), Rob Pain, Nicole Cromie, Nicole O’Meara and Sarah Pinder (new)

Learning Neighbourhood
3. Luke Cripps (Leader), Rosie Strateas, Jan Vella and Janelle DiPetro (new)

Specialist Team.
Julian Tovey (Music and Multi-Media), Daniel Montalto (Performing Arts), Laura Bishop (Visual Art), Marina Garcia (Spanish – new) and Krystina Simpson (Numeracy and Assessment)

Please be advised that in the final day for students is Thursday December 19. School will begin at 8:30 am and students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. The first day of school for students in 2014 is Thursday January 29.

I would personally like to thank you for your ongoing support of Broadmeadows Valley P.S – Leaders in Education – The Clever Choice. I look forward to seeing you all again safe and well next year.

Peace,
Andrew Jones
LN1 News

BOUNCE, BOUNCE, BOUNCE! That’s what LN1 have been up to this week. We had a wonderful excursion to Bounce and Niddrie Gymnastics. Our students, once again, made us proud. We received some wonderful compliments on what a beautiful and respectful group they were. After lots of activity the students headed to the park for lunch and free play. No doubt they slept well Monday night!

We celebrated our writing yesterday with the sharing of information books. And the students are hurriedly working on building their toys as an end to our enrichment topic ‘Push, Pull, Go’.

We look forward to ending the year on a wonderful high, what an amazing year we have had! We would like to thank everyone who has made our journey of learning so positive this year and wish you all a safe and happy holiday! And finally we would like to say a big farewell and thankyou to Paula Gaughan, who is leaving us for Princes Hill PS, we wish her all the best on this exciting new adventure!

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

Learning Neighbourhood 2

Week 10 in Learning Neighbourhood 2

It took bit, but we managed to get over the excitement of yet another awesome Dimboola Road Festival. It was such a successful evening, with our community coming together to make it all happen. All of the performances were great and did not fail to entertain. Below is just a sample of the thoughts of some students from LN2 when we asked them what the best thing about the festival was.

“The Extreme Thriller was the best because it was really fast. It was my favourite ride, it was really scary” – Matthew

“The ¾ performances because we put effort into it” – Sami

“I went on the Cha Cha 7 times. It was exciting” – Aaliyah

In literacy this week we have been on song and absolutely flying. Publishing narratives and looking at text features has been the focus with everyone playing a very important role in the focused vibe within the neighbourhood. We have continued to explore and investigate strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems. Some of us have been working on our mathematical argumentation – which basically means we are working to explain and justify our thinking using mathematical language.

In Enrichment, we have all been inventors as we work to design and create an object that is going to keep a block of ice frozen for a long time.
We discovered that it is about blocking the different forms of heat moving into the ice. There has been some very insightful thinking around this, we have a number of up and coming inventors in LN2.

Keep on having rich conversations about learning at home about learning. Think about what you can work on together and ask, any of our wonderful teachers, if you would like some extra ideas to bring learning to life at home.

Learning Neighbourhood 3

It was a crazy end to the week last week. We all had a blast at the Dimboola festival. The rides, the food and the performances were all excellent. There has been a rumour going around that all of LN3’s dances were professionally choreographed but we can tell you officially it was all us!! Week 9 has been another crazy busy week. Will these teachers give us a break to let us have a little rest? It seems to me that all the teachers all agree with a big fat “NO!” In one week’s time, there will be no way of stopping us to finally having a well-deserved break.

Reading has been really fun this week. We have been deepening our understanding of the SOLE concept. It has allowed us to research things that we are interested in. Some of the students have chosen topics as: The story of Facebook, the Bermuda Triangle and the history of countries and many other things. We have all enjoyed reading this year as it has made us read better and have a stronger understanding of the concepts inside of texts.

We have finished writing different genres under the text type of description. We are now going to choose one of our reviews, recounts or narratives to complete to present next week. Everyone is having trouble choosing which one to complete because we would like to finish all of them. Writer’s Notebook and learning about the writing traits has been really fun to learn about over the last few weeks and has made us really enjoy writing.

In Enrichment, we have been doing lots of experiments. We have been making predictions, observations and analysing our results. It is been so fun. Today, we had a balloon, tape and string. We had to think of the correct method in making our balloon hit the target. After making several attempts, we changed our strategy until we had success. The “Power Up” unit has been our favourite Enrichment topic unit.

We can’t believe that there is only five days left. We are sad to see the grade 6’s go but we are proud of what they achieved this year. We hope they have a fantastic time at graduation next week.

From Miti and Blayde.

Calendar

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN TERM 4 WILL BE FRIDAY THE 19TH OF DECEMBER STUDENTS WILL START AT 8.30AM AND WILL BE DISMISSED AT 12.30PM

Birthdays

Samira J
Afa T
Riley M
Marcos C
Marwa A
Narin A
Hamza W
Sam F
Omiay J
Mohammed Y
BREAKFAST CLUB

The last day of Breakfast Club will be held on Friday 12 December. Please note that Breakfast Club will **not** operate in the last week of Term 4. Information regarding this program for 2015 will be made available next year. Many thanks to our caring Breakfast Club team of dedicated helpers Leanne, Indra, Jacquie and Vicki for providing students the opportunity to eat a nourishing breakfast every day before beginning their learning at BVPS.


Any families not returning to BVPS next year, please inform the office ASAP.

Thank you