Hello Broadmeadows Valley,

It was great to see so many of you join us at the Meet & Greet on Tuesday afternoon. Many parents introduced or reacquainted themselves to their child’s teacher and we trust that this forges the way for a productive relationship in 2016.

We are into our fourth week of Term 1 and we are off to a flying start with the activities for all our school community to engage with.

School Council is one way parents can become involved in the activities of the school. This is an opportunity for you to work together with staff representatives ensuring that decisions made are in line with what we value and believe to be in the best interests of the students and our parent community. School Council members work as a team to achieve the best outcomes for everyone!

Election time for School Council is a time for new beginnings and a time to farewell and thank past members of the council who have given their time and energy by supporting the school with their participation in a range of activities. We would like to thank Jackie Kenworthy, Helena Marciniak, Ricki-Lee Mumbler and Raymond Drew for their efforts throughout their time as School Councillors. We have appreciated all that you have done and wish you well for the 2016 year.

Nominations to fill the vacant positions of our School Council will close on Wednesday 24th February. Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at general office. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If you would like to join our School Council please come and collect a nomination form at the office.

On a final note our newly elected student leaders attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Conference Centre in South Wharf, for a day long program and supported by Jamielee Black and Nicole O’Meara. A day of learning about leadership for these students has given them many things to consider when they are leading their peers here back at school. We are looking forward to the new initiatives that these students may present to us all. Congratulation and good luck with it all!!

Have a great weekend.
See you all next week.
Carmela
This week LN1 have been learning all about Pablo, who represents creativity and imagination. What better place to explore these two values than in Play Based Learning?

Savio and Abukar- "We were playing shops and buying food".

Paige was all dressed up for lunch with the girls.

Doctor Luan was ready to see all her patients.

Sua had a broken leg!

Layth and David were busy trying to hide all of their special treasure.

It was great to see LN1 families at our meet and greet afternoon. Thank you to the parents who have already committed to helping out within the neighbourhood. We would love if more parents, grandparents, aunties and friends could come along and help. If you would like to be involved please return the note to your child’s teacher. Amy, Jamielee, Wendy, Cyndi and Rob

LN2

A fabulous week 4 in LN2! This week we welcomed so many special people into our neighbourhood for our meet and greet. Students relished the opportunity to formally introduce their family members to teachers and they all did such a wonderful job talking about the Values Monsters in the Neighbourhood. If you were unable to attend the meet and greet afternoon, that does not mean the opportunity is passed you by. Come and join us for a coffee at the Valley Café on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Continue the conversation about the Values Monsters at home.... Can you name them all? What behaviours do each of the monsters show and like to see?

In the neighbourhood, it was back to business as usual. Everyone has been putting in a tremendous amount of effort to improve. We have read some very convincing pieces of writing this week. So convincing that Mr. Youlden is considering banning hopping from the PE program. Despite some very convincing writing about the pitfalls of bees, we have not been deterred from buzzing away in reading.

Spend some time talking together at home and thinking about the words that we use to convince people. Talk about your favourite things or the things that really annoy you... Can you come up with a list of strong persuasive words at home?

Talking has been the key in maths also this week. With students working collaboratively to solve problems, including this very tough cup and string game.
How well can the family construct their cup pyramid at home? Come and see us if you need some help with setting up this experience at home. You won’t be disappointed.

Enrichment this week we have been exploring how meditation affects our internal weather. We considered how we felt before and after our meditation this week and creatively showed different ways to express how we were feeling.

Maybe try some meditation at home together. Download Smiling Minds on your smart phone/iPad or look it up on the internet. There you will find many resources that help with mindfulness.

Thanks for all of your efforts this week, we look forward to hearing about all of the learning that happens at home. So come and join us for a coffee on Monday.

Sarah, Nathan, Nicole & Rosie

LN3

It has been a big week in LN3. We would like to thank all of the parents that came and visited us during the Meet and greet evening. It was fantastic to hear how you have displayed the Broadmeadows Valley Learning Values. The students that attended said they had a really good time sharing their understanding of the learning values with you. This was the first week of interschool sports. It was fantastic to see the students encouraging each other and displaying excellent sportsmanship skills. If this week is anything to go by, our teams look like they will be very successful this term.

In reading this week, we have been learning about how to write a book recommendation and the skills we use when reading. Students have been writing their own recommendations for the books they have been reading during iRead and exploring the difference between an effective book recommendation and one that isn’t so convincing. Using their reading journals, students have been practicing writing their thinking while reading by sharing the strategies they use when they encounter some difficulty.

In Writing, Students have been loving their Writer’s Notebook.

"We got to write any type of story and add a title." - Naba
"I like when we got to write our best list and our worst list." - Molly
"I like drawing pictures in our writer’s notebook." - Junior
"I like writing about my favourite TV show." - Remi
"I like writing from our writing seeds." - Tanaya
"I like writing about my favourite sports." - Jay
"I like writing about my baby sister." - Rukaya
"I like writing independently." - Emily

Students have been working in collaborative teams using Polya’s 4 step process and their problem solving toolbox of strategies. They have been using a variety of strategies to solve real world prob-

Calendar

Term 4

Reminder to all Families

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

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 school’s general office on 9309 4066 for more information

Birthdays

Jacob S
Idil W
Halimo S
Leila M
Clarissa N
Baneen A
Zainab Y
Ofeirah F

Happy Birthday
Notice Board

Term 1

Did you know we now have a dedicated Hub space?
One of our rooms in Learning Neighbourhood 1 will be dedicated to learning and participation opportunities for our parents and families. The space will be furnished over the next few weeks and be completely operational in Term 2.

Sewing and conversation
Come and learn some basic sewing techniques, and clothing alterations
Tuesdays 9.15am in our Hub.

International Women’s Day Dinner
Tickets are now on sale for this wonderful community event now from the BVPS office. Women from all over Hume gather for a three-course meal and a evening of dancing and fun. Only $15 so gather some friends and come along.

Resume Writing Workshop
Would you like some help to write a great resume? We are running a free workshop from 9.15 until 11 am, Wednesday 9th March. Meet at the Valley Café.

Would you like to improve your health and wellbeing?
Many of our BVPS parents have expressed and interest in being part of a health and fitness program. We will be running an information session soon to find out more from you about how we can make this happen.

Certificate 2 in Workplace Readiness
The Hume Hubs and Kangan TAFE are offering a mentorship in Event Planning and workplace readiness and we have one position available at BVPS. The course would run over several months and require 3-4 hours of class work every month. Other hours would be made up planning and organizing school community events as part of our team. See Brigitte for more info.

Our community is learning together