Hello Broadmeadows Valley,

Our students learn new things at school every day and missing school puts them behind. How many days has your child missed already? 

NONE…….EXCELLENT.

We want all our students to get a great education and this can only happen if they are here every day working with the highly skilled teachers we have at Broadmeadows Valley Primary School. There is no safe number of days for missing school, each day a student misses can affect their educational outcomes.

The main reasons for absences are:

**SICKNESS**-There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they are ill. It’s so important that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

**DAY OFF**- Having a ‘day off’ makes your child fall behind their classmates because they miss out on the learning for that day. This learning is connected to the day before and will be needed for the day after. Remember “EVERYDAY COUNTS” Think twice before letting your child have a ‘day off’. We trust that you will make the right decisions for your child’s education and that the school will support you in any way we can. Please stop for a minute and reflect on your child’s attendance. Is it satisfactory? Have teachers expressed a concern? How many ‘days off’ has your child had? We celebrate **100% attendance** because we can make a difference to the students if they are here.

Openly communicating with us ensures that we understand the reasons why your children are away and can support them appropriately when they return to the learning environment.

If you’re having any attendance issues with your child, please let your Learning Neighbourhood team know so we can work together to get your child to school everyday.

Have a great weekend enjoy 2 days off!

See you all next week.

Carmela
Fresh Fruit Kebabs

We have been busy learning about our brains and how we can help our brain to function properly. We investigated the types of foods we should eat to help our brains work at their best! We made some delicious fruit kebabs using some of our favourite fruits including strawberries, bananas and grapes. The children enjoyed making and eating their healthy snack!

A reminder to parents that at 12.45 everyday, we have a break from our learning to have a ‘fruit break’ – this helps to keep our brains ready for learning. We ask that you please provide your child with a piece of fruit for this time.

Dorothy the Goat

The LN1 students were very excited to have a special visitor come in to our neighbourhood – a baby goat called Dorothy. The children were very curious and had many questions to ask about this unusual pet. Thank you to Zainab and Sam Yehia for showing us their new pet goat!

I had a goat I would let it come and do whatever it wants with me. Tui
Zainab’s goat had a purple collar around it’s neck so that it doesn’t run away. She takes her goat for a walk!

Evie

Dorothy the goat was cute. I liked that she was good. I want a goat and I will feed it some food.

Deeya

‘Til next week, Amy, Cyndi, Jamielee, Rob and Wendy

LN2

What a fantastic week five we have had in LN2!!!

Learning Neighbourhood Two has been humming along through ‘hump’ week of term one. The efforts of everyone are to be commended and Djinda would be very proud of how we keep achieving new heights across all learning areas.

Our stamina for reading is getting better and better every day. We have been spending up to 25 minutes of sustained reading in LN2, throughout our independent reading time you would be able to hear a pin drop. But after this time the neighbourhood is a buzz with students having rich conversations about their books and what they have been reading.

Ask one of our students about ‘Buzzing’ after reading, then we invite you to have a go for yourselves. Try to set some independent reading time at home for the whole family.

We love money in LN2… So much so, that is has taken over our maths this week. We have been using Australian coins to count combinations of values. This week we have looked at the different ways we can make $2.

This is an easy maths experience to share at home. Consider and talk about the combinations of coins you could use to buy different items in a catalogue. Counting money helps us with many areas of maths, plus some general important life skills.

During Enrichment, we have been working on some vision boards! Djinda, Pablo and Natia have loved looking at the vision boards created this week. Each piece was carefully presented to show some goals, creativity and individuality.

Maybe you could create a family vision board at home! It would look great on the fridge...
We are already halfway through term 1! A big thank you to all the parents that came to our iPad Information session. We would like to thank you for your support and commitment to the LN3 iPad agreements. We are hoping all students will have an iPad by the end of next week. If you have any questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to see a teacher in the neighbourhood. A massive congratulations to our Interschool Sports team again this week! It’s a great feeling when teachers from other schools compliment BVPS on our behaviour and sportsmanship.

This week have started to improve our fluency. Students have identified the six dimensions of fluency which are: phrasing, pausing, rate, intonation, stress and integrating all of them together. We know that reading fluently will help us understand what we are reading more comprehensively. Every student in the neighbourhood has a dimension that they need to focus on. Students will be provided with different learning experiences to help build their understanding of the different dimensions.

Our students have been practising their counting skills to find lengths in centimetres and quantities of money. They have been using their problem solving skills to determine the value of beads and have used Polya’s 4 step process to plan their dream bracelet. After a well thought out plan they then created their bracelet. Students will now begin working on their personal goals in maths.

In Enrichment, we are deepening our understanding of the BVPS learning Values. We now have a strong understanding of the characters, what they represent and what they mean to us. Next week, the students will lead their own personal inquiry and create something of their choice that will help all members of the BVPS community continually display our essential learning behaviours.

A final reminder that next week is our first “iPad Application” information session. The first session will have a focus on the application “Bug Club”. This session will provide you with an understanding of what the program is, how it is used in the neighbourhood and how it can help your child’s learning at home. It is on the fourth of March at 2:30. Half an hour before assembly! We highly recommend that you attend the session!

Have a great weekend!

International Women’s Day Dinner

This year our dinner will be held at Brookwood Receptions in Thomastown on March 10, and is hosted by the Hume schools hub network. This is an women only, alcohol free event with a three course meal and lots of dancing. We always have a couple of Broadmeadows Valley tables for our mums and staff. Consider gathering some friends and coming along.

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 parents 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 schools general office on 9309 4066 for more information

Birthdays

Anges W
Alberto M
Zainab A
Brianna C
Daniel E
Carlos S
Fadeit S
Sarah T

Happy Birthday
Parents and Families

Resume Writing Workshop
Wednesday 9th March 9.15-11.00am
Meet at the Café
If you have a CV please bring a copy on a USB stick or on paper

Parents and families, we would like to know what adult classes you are interested in doing for FREE at BVPS. Please come to the Valley Café

Our Valley Café is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.00-10.00am. Come and meet Skye, our barista Skye can teach you how to make coffee too!