

Valley View

Hello Broadmeadows Valley,

Last night I attended the 2016 **International Women's Day** Dinner along with 39 other women who are in some way are connected to our learning community. Parents, teachers, office personnel, friends of friends and educators from Gowrie Broadmeadows Valley along with our Wellbeing team enjoyed an evening of dancing and enjoying each other's company. The evening presents an opportunity to catch up with each other and meet and develop new relationships.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. I congratulate all the women in our school community for making a significant difference in the lives of your family and look forward to your continued support of your children and the school throughout the year.

We continue to nurture the relationship we have with

schools from **New Zealand** and next week we will welcome a group of teachers and their Principal to our school. They will spend the day with in the leaning neighbourhoods observing the high quality and effective practices of our teachers and students. Throughout the day our teachers will share their knowledge and together with the visiting teachers develop each other's professional efficacy.

The end of term is near and that means preparations are well on the way for Term 2. There are a number of school activities planned for the next couple of weeks that we would like you to be involved in.

Harmony Day will be celebrated on **23rd of March**, stay tuned for more information about this very special event in the coming newsletters. The Easter Raffle and Bonnet parade will offer some light relief at the end of a productive term; please consider donating to the **Easter Raffle** by bringing your offerings

to the office. Haven't made an **Easter Hat** for a while?? We invite you to help your children make their own special hat to showcase at our parade. More information to come about this too!!

A gentle reminder to our parent community that the **Staff Car park** is an **OUT OF BOUNDS** area for you and your children. The gate and fences were erected to ensure utmost safety in this area of the school. You are your children's first teacher so please guide and show them the correct and safest way to enter and exit our school. Think of the benefits of walking on the paths and what the extra exercise does for your health.

As always we appreciate your support in helping us to maintain optimum safety and care for our beautiful students.

Have a great long weekend. See you all next Tuesday.

Carmela



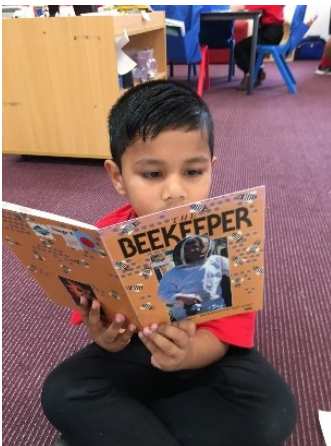
LN1 Busy Bees in LN1

LN1 had a very 'buzzzy' morning on Monday. The neighbourhood was buzzing with excitement as our visitors arrived... Honey Bees! The honey bees were working hard to create a nest from wax. All the bees in the colony work together for the good of the hive. Each has a job to do: the queen lays the eggs and the workers build the honeycomb, care for the larvae and collect the food. This colony reminded us of Rafid and our community, working and learning together.

"I was drawing a bee. I can hear the buzzing." Maliko



"I was reading bees." Shailful



"I was buzzing like a bee. This is my stinger." Anges



"I can see bees they were making honey." Thusanth

"I was looking at the bees. I was taking a picture of it. They were doing honey and saying zzzzzz." Sua

Until next week,
Amy, Cyndi, Wendy, Rob & Jamielee.

LN2

A sizzling week seven in LN2!

It has been amazing to see so many parents/carers putting their hand up to join in the learning within the neighbourhoods. We have had parent/carer learners in the kitchen and in literacy. We also have a number of other parents/carers lined up to come in over the next couple of weeks to learn with us.

There are plenty more spaces left!! Have a conversation at home about the learning experiences you would like to join in at school. Friday is our best day to join us, so contact any teacher in LN2 to sort it out.

We have loved solving problems in team this week for numeracy. This is what we explored "I had \$5 in my account and each week I put in another \$5. How much would I have after 1 month, 8 weeks (1 Term) and one year?" It was amazing to see everyone working like Gus and Gert to come us with different ways to solve that.

There is a very trusty problem solving process that we follow which you can try at home.

1. Study - the problem to understand.
2. Plan - a strategy to use.
3. Act - try that strategy to solve the problem.
4. Reflect - to see if you have solved it correctly.

Use the problem written above, come up with your own or come and speak to us about some problems you could use.

Our Learning Value Monsters have been helping us learn so much more this year. This week in Enrichment we had a very close look at our values and thought about our strengths and areas for im-

provement. We created some illustrations to remind us of ways to improve and live more like the Learning Value Monsters.

What learning values do you see the most of at home? This would be a perfect opportunity to spend some learning time together and talking about ways to get better at living the learning values.

Thanks for reading – always looking for feedback. So we would love to hear about what you would like in the newsletter. Come and see any of us with ideas...

Nathan, Sarah, Nicole & Rosie.

LN3

We cannot believe there are only two weeks to go! A big thank you to all the parents that attended the iPad information session last week and gave up their time this week to come into the neighbourhood to listen to our students read. The students and parents are working together to gain a stronger understanding of 'Bug Club' and how it helps with their reading. Any parents who would like to be involved, please come and see one of the teachers in LN3. Our next iPad information session has been postponed to the first week of Term 2.

In Reading this week, we are finishing up our six dimensions of fluency unit. It has been so impressive to hear students articulate their understanding of the dimensions and showing how they use them in their reading. The most important aspect is students are identifying how their reading has changed and how it is helping with their comprehension. Next week, the students will be reading to LN1 students passing on their knowledge and understanding.

In writing, we are continuing with our persuasive writing. This week we have really been focusing on developing our ideas, our details and our reasons. We know that if these if these are all strong our argument will be the strongest. Mr Montalto has been working with Ms

Avramoska's class. They are following the same process but have been using storyboards to create a final product using the Green Studio. All students are excited about getting in there and creating a final product.

In Maths, we are strengthening our understanding of place value. Teachers have identified the individual needs of each students and building their knowledge to the millions and to the thousandths. Below is some of the feedback we have received from students.

"Fluency games helps us use a strategy we have been taught from the day before"

"We do fluency to warm us up and get us ready for learning"

" We use the 4 step process to help us understand the problem"

"The 4 step process helps me understand maths problems better"

"I am really enjoying Maths this year, I have already learnt a lot!"

In Enrichment, each student has been creating a product to help all students at BVPS be "Student-Centred Learners". Students have created a design brief and have been given constructive feedback from their peers. They are now working on creating their design using all the information they have learnt over the term.

Well that is the latest from LN3! Please make sure you come in and say hello!

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

Calendar Term 1

Parents and Families

SAVE THE DATE

Harmony Day
Wednesday 23
All Families welcome

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!

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.

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

Birthdays

Karim D
Thivya S
Patrick T
Herbert T
Aluat P
Christopher R



Notice Board

Easter Raffle 2016

**Our latest fundraising effort
has begun.**

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Currently, our busy staff is working on our annual Easter Raffle. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Any donation of goods from families and staff, such as you, will be used to make our raffle a success.

Could we request that donations are brought to the office area no later than **Monday 21st March, 2016**. This will allow our volunteers time to prepare the hampers etc.

Your donation, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.

