Hello BVPS, it’s the end of another week in this fabulous school and can you believe that it’s the end of term 1?

Students this term have been engaged with teaching and learning about the behaviours that they need to practice and exhibit whilst participating in all learning experiences here at school. The teachers have ensured that there are clear guidelines and specific rituals and routines that all contribute to students achieving the desired outcomes throughout the day. These routines and rituals support the learning for the entire year and are critical in all students achieving success.

Friday 18 March is National Day Against Bullying. This National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is a positive day of action for teachers, students and school communities across all of Australia to take a stand together and say ‘Bullying- No Way!’

Talking to your children about ‘bullying’ is a very important way to ensuring that your child feels safe at school. You can have a positive influence on your child’s social, emotional and academic development by talking with them and being engaged in their education. While conflict is a natural part of growing up and learning how to socialise, bullying can have long term effects on the wellbeing of your child.

Some common signs that your child is being bullied include:

- Unexplained crying, moodiness or anger
- Not wanting to go to school
- Less social contact with friends
- Frequent disagreements with you or their siblings
- Unexplained missing personal property
- A decline in the quality of their school work

If you think that your child is being bullied, the most important thing to do is to talk to them about it.

- Try to: Stay calm and let them know you’re happy they told you
- Listen to them and tell them you believe them
- Explain that it’s not their fault and it’s never ok to be bullied
- Ask them what they need you to do
- Let them know you are there to help them practice responsible ways to respond to bullying
- You may also like to contact your school to ensure teachers know about the situation and find out if anything is being done to address it.

There is also a range of resources available to help you and your child deal with bullying, including: Safe Schools Hub - www.safeschoolshub.edu.au

Through the Safe Schools Hub, the Australian Government is empowering parents with information and advice on how families can support a safe school culture and manage problems when they arise.

Have a great weekend.

Carmela
LN1

What a fantastic week 8 in LN1!

Although it was a short week, there has still been plenty of learning going on in our Neighbourhood. In Literacy we have been learning about 'Stretchy Snake' who helps us to read by stretching out the sounds in a word to read a word we are not sure about. We got to practice stretching out the sounds in a word by using lolly snakes and it was delicious. We also buddied up with the students from LN3 to do some buddy reading. We got a chance to show the students of LN3 how much we have improved at reading over the term and to listen to them read some of the awesome books they are reading.

We have also been working very hard during Enrichment to get ready for Harmony Day at BVPS. We have used our knowledge of our learning value monster Rafid who represents community learning and we have created something very special and invite you all to come and join the students and staff on Wednesday so we can share this with you. We look forward to seeing you all on Harmony Day to celebrate the wonderful learning community at BVPS.

We have seen the learning value monster of Pablo this week with some creative Easter Parade hats on display in the Neighbourhood. We hope to see more amazing hats that students have created with their families at next week’s assembly along with the always exciting Easter Raffle.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our parent helpers that have been in the Learning Neighbourhood during term 1. It has been great to see you not only support your own child’s learning, but the learning of all the LN1 students. The help and care you have shown inside the classroom is greatly appreciated and we hope to continue seeing you support the learning of your children inside of LN1 in term 2.

Have a fantastic weekend,
Amy, Wendy, Cyndi, Jamielee & Rob.

LN2

Week eight in LN2!

Even though this week has been a short one, it definitely has not been short on achievement.

In particular this week, Djinda has been right beside us. So many students are setting goals and putting in lots of effort to achieve them. A big one in the neighbourhood at the moment is the effort to earn a ‘Pen Licence’. Students have been making time to meet with Nathan, present their handwriting and receive some feedback. Everyone has taken this feedback on board excellently and has seen where they have to improve. Well done to all of the students who have shown initiative to do some extra home learning to improve their Victorian Modern Cursive.

Congratulations to these students who have worked hard to earn a Pen Licence and have their photo put up on the Pen Licence Wall of Honour! Nathan can’t wait to hand out more pens over the coming weeks.
We hope that everyone at home has been enjoying the extra tips and suggestions for home learning, posted in the newsletter each week. We are very interested to hear about what other information you would like us to put in. Nathan and the LN2 teachers want to hear how you would like to support this very important work of learning.

We already have a number of parents, carers, uncles, aunties, grandmas and grandpas putting their hands up to learn with us in the neighbourhood. But that’s not enough... We need you!!!

There is always room for more learners in our space at BVPS, so what are you waiting for?????

Thanks,
Nathan, Nicole, Rosie & Sarah

In Writing, students have chosen a topic of interest from their Writer’s Notebook and are now writing a brand new persuasive piece. The students now have a strong understanding of the organisation of this text type and are using different persuasive devices such as emotive language, hyperbole and rhetorical questions to make their point of view clearer. Miss Avramoska’s writing group have been using the Green Studio to complete their first persuasive topic. We will upload the videos onto our school website by the end of the term.

In Maths, we have continued working on our understanding of money by solving problems related to creating budgets for family outings, again using Polya’s 4 step problem solving process. Some of the strategies introduced are:

**Common Sense**—9 pairs of bathers at $47 each could be estimated as 10 pairs of bathers at $47 each to give an estimate of $470. The answer will be about $50 less than this so the total is close to $420.

**Front End Estimation**—the leading digit of each amount is used to get a sense of the quantity. 9 pairs of bathers at $40 gives an estimate of $360.

**Rounding**—9 times $50 is $450

Students would benefit from practising these strategies at home with parents and siblings.

In Enrichment, the students have created a rubric with the teachers about their “Ready for Learning” product. Students are to show how their product is innovative, how the product helps us be “Ready For Learning” and how it incorporates all of our school’s learning values. The students are creating their products and finishing off their presentations, ready for next week’s “BVPS Innovation, Create and Design” Conference.

That is the latest news from LN3. Have a great week!
Notice Board

Breakfast Club will closed on Friday 18 March and won't operate next week. Parents please make sure your child has breakfast at home before coming to school. Breakfast Club will open again in Term 2

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!

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.

BVPS is seeking expressions of interest for a paid casual child minder to mind children while their parents attend our Conversational English class on Friday mornings in term 2. Must have Cert III in childcare, a Working with Children’s Check and work experience. Please contact Nicole or Brigitte.