Principal's Corner

Welcome to BSPS for 2016

Is your child starting Prep in 2016? Find out what they will be learning in their first year.

Important Information from the office

Learning & Leading through Languages

Key Dates- for your diary

Term 1
- Mon Feb 1: Life Ed begins at school
- Mon Feb 1: School fees due. Discount will apply up till Feb 1
- Tue Feb 2: School Banking begins
- Tue Feb 2: Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 8.45am
- Wed Feb 3: Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 3.00pm

Thu Feb 4: School Photos
Mon Feb 8: School Council Nominations open
Wed Feb 17: BSPS Information Evening
Wed Mar 9: Preps as school today
Mon Mar 14: Labour Day holiday
Thu March 24: Term 1 Ends
Mon Apr 11: Term 2 Begins

Our Preps have finally started! A warm welcome to our new preps, our new students and families to Bayswater South Primary school.
Dear Parents, Staff and Students,
A warm welcome to another exciting year of Bayswater South Bulletin news!

As I mentioned in my welcome letter today, I sincerely welcome old and new families, staff and students to another special year of learning experiences at BSPS.

The Bulletin is one of the major forms of communication the school has to our parent community. I strongly recommend that you take the time to read about the latest educational movements, classroom experiences and social events that are occurring at our school.

This week in our shortened version we have included information we believe is important for you initially as we begin the school year. I would like to draw to your attention that our School Photos will be happening next Thursday February 4th. Our blue school uniform is to be worn please. Next week we will share the new updated uniform, once again with the community. This Council initiative which has been discussed since the middle of last year, will continue to transition throughout this year.

Over the holidays, our Year ½ playground area was upgraded, with more furniture beginning to be introduced into the various learning spaces throughout the school. Our new media centre is starting to take shape and 30 new iPads will arrive, primarily for our prep students. Over the next few weeks further information will be shared regarding these exciting developments.

Shortly, we will also begin the process of electing a new School Council. I encourage all parents to get involved with our community as it makes a big difference to the learning experience of your child. Whether that is through assisting the parents club, working bees or joining the Council your support would be greatly appreciated. Council nominations will open February 8th and they will be open for one week.

Finally one important date for your calendar- our BSPS Information evening will be held on February 17th from 6.30pm.

Have a great year and I look forward to your continuing support.

Jayson
Principal
Information From the Office

School Photos
Our school photos will take place next Thursday, February 4. Students are to wear their blue school uniform. Photo envelopes were sent home today with your child. The packs range from $14—$20. Family envelopes are available at the office ($14). Completed envelopes need to be bought to school on the day with your child.

Photos are processed on a pre-paid basis. A separate envelope must be used for each child. If you have more than two children attending this school, you only pay for two packs (A or B), the third and subsequent packs are free. Please enclose correct money, as change cannot be given.

Student Accident Insurance
Parents need to be aware that the school is not responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs (ambulance). Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

QKR
Current parents need to update the 2016 grade information in their child’s profile within QKR. This is a very easy process. For new parents this is a great way to manage your child’s excursion, camp, fees payments. Information on how to download this app is in this newsletter.

TIQBIZ
Just a reminder to parents to make sure that you download this app to your smart phone. This app will help keep parents fully informed and up to date with newsletters, notices, news and events. Information on how to download this app is in this newsletter.

Student Banking
Student Banking will resume next Tuesday, 2nd February. Application forms are available from your local CBA branch.

Roster for Changing Linen in the First Aid Room
Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to change the linen in the sick bay last year. Your help was very much appreciated. Once again it is time to ask for parents to help out this year. Parents need to change the sheets on the sick bay bed (usually Friday), wash them and return them to school. Depending on the number of volunteers, parents are usually only required to change sheets once or twice a term. Please either fill in the slip in this newsletter or email Sandy on dolphin.sandra.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Second Hand Uniform Shop Hours
This year our second hand uniform shop will be open on Tuesday between the hours of 8.45am—9.30am & Wednesday 3.00pm—3.30pm.

Parent Library Helper Needed
If there is any parent who is interested in assisting in the library this year please email Petra Murrihy on murrihyruffe.petra.i@edumail.vic.gov.au or fill out the slip in this newsletter.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund—Payment Arrangements for 2016 (CSEF)
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. Cards must be valid as of January 27, 2016. Please see the information below.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
School Camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors and excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a health curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have 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 download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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CHANGING LINEN IN THE SICK BAY ROSTER

Parent Name: _____________________________________________
Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ Home Group:
TO ALL PARENTS

AS A COURTESY AND FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN
Please help follow these guidelines during school peak times

Please take note of the permanent 40km speed zone in surrounding streets

WHEN PARKING:

Please take an extra minute to be courteous and allow enough room for cars to manoeuvre in and out without damaging others!

Please do not take up 2 car spaces – allow for extra cars to park

By following the above guidelines, traffic and parking through the school zone will flow smoother and will keep traffic congestion to a minimum.

Thank you

School Council
Philipql Policy

Philosophy

The school must ensure that the provision of services for students, (i.e. excursions / camps / visiting groups / services) do not incur direct costs to the school, nor cause the school to run at a loss.

Aims

To provide a fair and equitable refund system.

Implementation

Where the school is charged for the provision of a program or service as a bulk cost and not per head cost, no refund is able to be given.

Where a “per head” fee is charged refunds are able to be given.

Where there is a combination of a bulk charge and a “per head” charge in an excursion e.g. visit to a zoo. Bus charge is bulk cost. Entry fee is per head cost. Only the “per head” component is able to be refunded.

Deposits paid for school camps will be non-refundable unless cancelled by the school.

All claims for reimbursements must be made in writing within 14 days of the event.
For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. Qkr!

- Saves you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone;
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;
- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks.

Getting started is easy – try it yourself today

**Step 1** Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

**Step 2** Register
Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register.

**Step 3** Find our school
Scan the QR code or type in the text label provided. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school.

**Step 4** Register your children
When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order directly from your phone...
Children’s Sunday School Classes at BSPS

A Christian group (Christian Bible Students Melbourne) meets in the school hall every Sunday, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

There is a free Sunday School class offered for children, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Lessons run for about one-and-a-half hours and include stories, DVDs, plays and craft activities, all based on the Bible. All lessons are conducted (in English) by experienced primary school teachers with a passion for teaching Christian Education.

No prior experience is required and ongoing participation is entirely voluntary. Parents are welcome to attend as helpers or observers, may choose to join in with the adult service, or may leave their children and pick them up later. All materials are provided and there is no cost involved or donation requested.

The Sunday School currently has two small classes: a junior class for primary school-aged children and a senior class for secondary school-aged children. Your children are most welcome to join us any Sunday.

Enquiries to:

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