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Key Dates- for your diary

Term 1
Mon Feb 8  School Council Nominations open
Mon Feb 15  School Council Nominations close
Tue Feb 16  School Council voting begins
Wed Feb 17  BSPS Information Evening 6.30pm
Thu Feb 18  Parent Club AGM 9.15am
Fri Feb 19  Whole School Parent Morning Tea
Mon Feb 22  School Council voting closes

Mon Feb 22  Smart Start Commonwealth Bank Incursion
Tue Feb 23  School Council meeting
Wed Mar 9  Preps at school today
Mon Mar 14  Labour Day holiday
Wed Mar 22  Prep Grandparents’ afternoon tea
Thu March 24  Term 1 Ends
Mon Apr 11  Term 2 Begins

SCHULTUTEN SPECIAL
Our preps received their special ‘schultuten’ presents from the year 5’s which was accepted with smiles and laughter!

Learning & Leading through Languages

Principal's Corner

An eventful first week

What exactly is visible learning?

Look what the Preps are already doing!
Principal’s Message – An Eventful First Week

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

It has been quite an eventful first full week of school for 2016 with various happenings. The children have done wonderfully well in settling down again to a daily schedule. The teachers have expressed to me that they come full of excitement and eagerness to learn. I have been impressed with the behind the scenes work of our staff that often goes unnoticed. The extra efforts they make for the children I know is well appreciated.

Externally, in the world around us, certain disruptions to schools that resulted in evacuations are concerning. While I am very confident in the processes we have in place to cater for such events, and I am certain other schools have too, it is such a disruptive force to handle at the start of the year. I have sent our community’s best wishes to all the schools and families affected. Next week, we will talk further to the students about the need to have a plan and why evacuations are needed and used throughout the world. If we can continue to make our children aware that this planning is an important thing such as having a home fire plan, it may help reduce the anxiety level during such important evacuations.

In this edition of the Bulletin, we will once again request parents to ensure they have given the school the updated emergency contact details. This parental responsibility is crucial in working together with the school in ensuring the safety of our students. I strongly encourage all parents if possible to have tiqbiz as this is an important communication tool used by the school.

Lastly, next Monday, our BSPS School Council nominations open for a week. I welcome all interest to join our council, as it is such contributions that make a difference. Have a great week and do not forget to put into your calendar the BSPS Information Evening on February 17th at 6.30pm.

Jayson
Principal

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Tweetification of the week—

Follow us here for the latest news, articles and educational thinking that gives you an insight into our great school!

What is Visible learning?

http://bspsprincipalscorner.weebly.com

Last week’s Principal’s (Oscar) award was presented to: Awards begin next week
Important Information to Kick Start 2016

Communication

This is an opportune time in welcoming back existing and new families to remind everyone of the avenues of information. Our 5th habit ‘Seek first to understand, then be understood’ tells us that if you have a query or issue direct your clarifying question to the right avenue. So how does this look at BSPS?

Student / class issue = contact the class teacher
School issue = contact Bret or Jayson
Administration / payment issue / general query = office

Where do you obtain information?
The Bulletin (our school newsletter), our school website and class letters
You can access these via TIQBIZ, subscribe for a newsletter off our website or contact the office for help.
Soon before our Parent Information Evening each family will also receive the BSPS Parent Handbook, which contains lots of valuable information about the school

Another source is the Parents’ Club Facebook page. But I would like to emphasize this is not an official school source for information. It should not be viewed or used as such.

So please, direct any issue directly to a staff member, principal or the office who can represent the school officially.
I had a read of the facebook entries this week and many simple questions were answered, which was fine and I was happy how this can support the community while promoting the school. However a few questions could have been cleared from the start if they were directed to a staff member, principal or the office.

Communication was an area parents identified as an area for improvement when I began in late 2014. I believe since then we have made a concerted effort to improve our communicative processes eg. staff emails given to parents, updated Bulletin, term letters, invitation to contact your teacher anytime for a report on your child’s progress, the Principal’s blog and twitter, and a totally revised new school website etc. In order to continue to improve we need parents to share further in that responsibility of effective communication by updating your emergency details, directing issues or concerns respectfully and appropriately and importantly reading the school newsletter each week.

Last year was a year of communication improvement and I look forward to once again taking another step in 2016.
Finally, all staff are available to meet if required so please take up the invitation. Personally, I have ensured that I am on yard duty before and after school, to also enable parents to ask me a question for clarification. Often by asking that simple question results in issues being handled promptly and in the best interests of our students and school community.

Carpark

Our staff car park is limited so we ask that no parent use it for a drop off or pick up area. To be fair and equitable- we do not have enough space for all families so we must have the same rule for everyone.
For the safety of all our children, I also ask that parents and students do not use the drive way to enter or exit. Please use the walk ways to ensure our children are safe in one of the most dangerous areas of the school.

Confidential Emergency Contact details/Permissions

Next week, all families will receive their emergency details that we ask that you check for our records. It is important that this is signed and returned to ensure we have the latest details for emergencies such as those discussed in the media this week.
We will also ask parents to indicate if you are on the app –TIQBIZ and have subscribed to our newsletter electronically. We will also confirm permission that we can use your child for newsletter and website purposes.

School Council Elections

It is that time of the year when we call on interested parents to join our School Council. This year we have 3 positions available to join Bret (Assistant Principal), Kate (Staff representative), Marc (current Treasurer), Martine (current secretary), and Frank (Parent representative). The positions now available were vacated by Mandy, Nicole and Tunde. Once again we thank our members especially Mandy, Nicole and Tunde for their fantastic work last year.
So here are the key dates:
Council Nominations open – Monday February 8th (forms available from the office)
Council Nominations close – Monday February 15th at 4pm
2016 Council voting opens – Tuesday February 16th
2016 Council voting closes- Monday February 22nd
Hello, my name is Bronwyn Upton and I am the Bayswater South Primary School Chaplain. I would like to outline for you the role a Chaplain plays within the school community.

- Provide care and be a friend
- Be a 'listening ear' for those who need someone to talk to
- Provide pastoral care (encouragement and support)
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- Connect with parents as the need arises
- Refer a child to other professionals
- Support teachers in class, helping out as needed

Matters of faith are only pursued when a person wishes to talk about them.

Life is not always easy. But knowing that someone is there for you to talk to, to listen, to encourage and to walk alongside you can be very comforting and can help you through difficult situations. My chaplaincy role is about offering care and support to the whole school community. It's about working with students, parents and teachers to assist in meeting the needs that arise in our daily lives.

Children today have to deal with some very 'grown up' issues such as family break-up, grief and addictions. Or they may be struggling to make friends or to fit in with their peers. These can be very traumatic for children and could affect their ability to cope with the stresses of daily life. As such it may be beneficial for your child to have someone who they can talk to. This would occur on a purely voluntary basis. If you would prefer that this interaction not happen for your child/ren, please contact the school.

Please feel free to call me regarding anything I can help you with. I am available on Mondays and Tuesdays at the school between 9am – 2.30pm. Or leave a message anytime and I will call you back.

Regards
Bronwyn Upton
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

From the Assistant Principal

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Bayswater South school community for the warm welcome I have received since starting my role. From my previous school in Knox, I had heard the great reputation Bayswater South Primary School has, in terms of learning through language with the bilingual program, catering academically for the individual needs of students, inquiry based learning and the leadership (Jayson Williams) and quality of staff. After my first full week in the role of AP, I can confirm this reputation well founded.

My first impression was ‘what a terrific place to be,’ and then, following a greeting from the new preps of; “guten tag Mr. Mottrom,” I immediately noted to myself that I really need to work on my German language to keep up with these guys! I have worked previously in a variety of schools and roles including class teacher, specialist teacher (ICT and Physical Education), leading teacher and most recently assistant principal for the previous 3 years. As such, I have experience in a wide variety of areas which I hope will be an asset here at Bayswater South.

Part of my role which I am excited about and putting a lot of energy into is ICT development. We are currently investigating the implementation of a school Student Management Platform. As well as centralising many school processes including attendance, curriculum, reporting, wellbeing etc, this program is intended improve parent communication and access to some student data.

I hope students and parents are both settling in well to the new school year and I look forward to getting to know everyone as soon as I can.

Bret Mottrom
Assistant Principal.
Inside the Classroom  - Prep

It has been a fabulous start to the school year for our Prep students.

We have been counting and pasted on the number of candles needed for our birthday cakes.

We have been learning about being at school (die Schule).

The Preps visited Harold in the Life Ed van and learned about healthy food choices, and how our body works.
Student wellbeing
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From Our School Captains
We would like to welcome everyone to BSPS and the new year of 2016!

We hope everyone had a great holiday and an excellent first week back at school!

Personally, we are looking forward to leading the school in a new and exciting way! The students in year six are looking forward to their new responsibilities and setting good examples around the school. We hope the new preps have had a good time meeting and playing with their new buddies and we wish them a good, successful first year at school.

We would like to give a warm welcome to the new assistant Principal Mr Mottram and welcome back the year five German teacher Frau Klinger.

Enjoy 2016 everyone, we hope you have a safe and happy school year!

Regards,
School Captains
Josie and Ruben

Sick Bay Roster
Fri Feb 12 Gloria Del Orta
Fri Feb 19 Nicole Kuruwita
Fri Feb 26 Eiko Naruse
Fri Mar 4 Kathy Herrmann
Information From the Office

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.

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:
Parents’ Club News

Firstly, welcome back to all the families of Bayswater South, and to those families that are new to our school, welcome to our school community.

As a Parent Club, we see our role to work with and support the whole school community; the school council, staff, students and families. Another important role we have in the school community is to raise funds for the benefit of our school. Last year the Parent Club raised and donated $13,500 to the school which was put towards the purchase of equipment for the media room and for new furniture, a wonderful achievement. We also supported student lead fundraising initiatives such as raising money for the earthquake victims in Nepal.

Therefore, I would like to extend an invitation to the parents of our school community to join the Parent Club for 2016. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a positive contribution to our school as well as making new friends. There is more information about the Parent Club in this bulletin and a membership form you can fill out and return to the office along with your $1 joining fee.

Our first meeting is our Annual General Meeting and will be held on Thursday the 18th February, at 9:15 in the Parent Hub (the portable next to the 1/2 playground). At this meeting we will be electing our new committee for 2016 and discussing our plans for the year to come.

2016 is shaping up to be an exciting year!

Have a great week,
Kelly Merrin
2015 Parent Club President
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<td>P-P</td>
<td>Making such a fantastic start to Prep! Great effort!</td>
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<td>Summer Smith</td>
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<td>Her great enthusiasm &amp; participation in class. Well done!</td>
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<td>1-S</td>
<td>Excellent work writing numbers up to 125 correctly on grid paper!</td>
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<td>Being PROACTIVE with his learning and a helpful class member.</td>
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<td>Being a co-operative and helpful friend to others!</td>
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<td>Amazing drawings about her holidays on the happy snaps poster.</td>
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<td>Welcome to Bayswater South PS! Great start!</td>
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<td>Cheyenne Bell</td>
<td>3/4H</td>
<td>An amazing, proactive start to the year at your new school.</td>
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<td>An amazingly switched on start to 2016.</td>
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<td>Sienna Mansell</td>
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<td>Starting the year at her new school so well. FABULOUS!</td>
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<td>Natasha Walton</td>
<td>SOP</td>
<td>Her positive attitude to learning and great role modelling in the classroom. A fantastic start to 2016!</td>
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<td>Dylan Hellier</td>
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<td>For a great start to the new school year.</td>
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THE GOOD GUYS BAYSWATER SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

We are pleased to support “Bayswater Bucks”, The Good Guys Bayswater exciting community program.

With every $25 spent you will be presented with a Bayswater Bucks voucher that can be passed onto the school. The school can use Bayswater Bucks to purchase school equipment or products for upcoming school raffles. To take advantage of this offer, you need to mention our school before any payment is made and you will receive your Bayswater Bucks reward vouchers. For example, if you purchase a Coffee Maker for $139 you will receive $5 Bayswater Bucks vouchers.

Three easy steps to follow;
- Visit The Good Guys Bayswater, located at 224-234 Canterbury Road and make any purchase greater than $25.
- Mention the school before making your payment.
- Receive Bayswater Bucks vouchers and return them to the school.

For further information regarding this program please contact Michael Clarke at the Good Guys Bayswater on 8727 9400.

Bayswater South Primary School

Values: Respect Honesty Empathy Teamwork