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Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

One of the highlights of working in education is of course working with children. I think we all wish we can hold on to many of those admirable child traits as we navigate through the adult world. It is their ability to treat a new day as a new start; their ability to engage through the natural curiosity to learn; and their ability to imagine, to dream and to have fun. It is special. As my oldest son enters the scene of schooling this year, I suppose this group of preps remind me of his journey to get to this stage of life. The pride and the hope you feel and in many ways the strong awareness of the trust you place into the hands of a school. We take this seriously, and I can assure you the staff is here to provide the best education we can deliver for your child.

On Wednesday night beginning in the LLC, we will hold the **2016 BSPS Information Night** at 6.30pm. You are all warmly invited to join us as we share with you the academic and some organizational aspects of our school. The agenda is as follows:

- **6.30 - 6.45pm:** General Welcome and introductions
- **6.45-7.15pm:** Session 1 - Year presentations for 2016
- **7.15-7.45pm:** Session 2 - Year Presentations for 2016 (repeat of session 1)

The repeated sessions times will allow parents with more than one child to attend further sessions. The sessions will provide an opportunity to meet the teacher, learn about the curriculum, and arrange a follow up meeting if you wish to further discuss you child as we begin 2016.

Parents on the night will also receive a parent handbook filled with vital information about the school for future reference. It will also be placed on the website for your convenience.

Finally, a reminder that our School Council nominations for 2016 close at 4pm on Monday, 15th February. All are welcome to nominate, please ensure you leave your forms at the office.

Jayson Williams
Principal

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**Principal's Corner**

**Tweetification of the week— 9 Benefits of a Bilingual Brain**

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

@principalbsps

http://bspsprincipalscorner.weebly.com

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Last week’s Principal’s (Oscar) award was presented to: Anders Firman
More Information to Kick Start 2016

Change of time for students entering classrooms from next Monday Feb. 15th!
To assist students in preparing for the day and enabling teachers to teach from as close to 9am, the classroom doors will be open from 8.55am.

All classes will line up as normal first and then proceed inside under the guidance of the classroom teacher. A child will only be considered late if arriving after 9am as usual.

Health Hustle
Every Tuesday and Thursday between 8.45-8.55am, Jayson will be running some fitness sessions for all interested students. Is there a better way to start the day? See you on you on the synthetic grass area!

Yard Supervision
Students are expected to arrive at school from 8.45am onwards. Staff will be completing before and after school yard duty each day from 8.45-9am and 3.30 - 3.45pm. OSHC is available for families requiring to drop off their child early or pick them up late.

Swimming
Next Friday February 19th, we will compete at the District Swimming sports. All interested students who informed MR H last year have attended a few meetings where details, event preferences and times were requested. On Monday, the final squad will be announced and letters will be sent home. If there are any parents who are able to assist with transport on the day please let me know.

BSPS Parent Morning Tea
Next Friday straight after assembly at 9.30am until 10.15am, we will hold our first morning tea for the year with the principals. Everyone is more than welcome to attend and join us for some tea and cakes.

Bike Shed
As you are all aware, we are quite restricted in quality outside sheds and storage for the bikes is a challenge. After further discussion we will look at setting up some outside bike racks. If any parent is an expert in laying concrete and bike racks please let Jayson know. Unfortunately while we may all like quality sheds for bikes this comes at quiet a cost and not possible at present.

In the meantime before this new opportunity presents itself, all bikes and scooters can be stored in the PE shed.

School Uniform
Thank you to everyone for your efforts in following school policy and ensuring we basically had a 100% blue uniform rate for our photo day. It was a great effort and I hope we continue to transition into consistently wearing the correct uniform. Please find in this edition of the bulletin further information to assist you.

Contact the Principals
In the aim to further streamline our communication processes, I ask that parents contact us directly rather than using the Bayswater South school email address. This address will remain for external persons and companies endeavouring to contact the school.

So as we mentioned last week for:

Class questions & issues- contact the classroom teacher.
All staff emails can be found on the website.
School questions & issues- contact the principals—williams.jayson.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or mottrom.bret.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Office questions & issues- contact the office 97292862

Continued over.........
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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

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**From the Assistant Principal**

**Futsal Oz Indoor Soccer Clinics**

On Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th February, we were lucky enough to have clinics from coaches of Futsal Oz. Students from grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 all participated, learning some different games as well as focusing on teamwork and game strategy. It was great to observe both the students who already had good skills, along with those who want to improve their soccer skills, take an interest in this sport and show a desire to find out more and maybe play in an out of school hours team.

The coaches who came out to spend time with the students did a really great job of connecting with them and getting across the concept and fundamentals of the game. Interested students brought home flyers about Futsal Oz and further information can be found at [futsaloz.com.au](http://futsaloz.com.au)

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School Leaders – Badge Presentation

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Playground Update

As you would be aware we have started off the year with a refurbishment of the year 1/2 playground equipment. This is the start of a planned upgrading of BSPS play and general ground areas. As per department policy we are sourcing multiple quotes for planned work to the different play areas and will action this work one area at a time depending on costs.

In the next few weeks we will be upgrading the 1/2 playground soft fall bark coverage. Some of the other areas we are looking at are improvements to the prep playground and the front area of the school. We are hoping for school council and parent club support for these initiatives during 2016.

We currently have Mr. Kieran Lennon coming in on Wednesdays to work on grounds and garden maintenance and our target areas for the next working bee will be along these lines.

Bret Mottrom
Assistant Principal
Inside the Classroom - Grade 1

Pfannkuchendienstag – Shrove Tuesday

The whole school is looking forward to this day every year – pancake Tuesday!

All Grade 1 and 2 students had this day marked in their February calendar and some even counted down the days!

We had a fantastic day with many helpers and the students enjoyed making their own pancakes from scratch. 2 cups of flour, a pinch of salt, one egg, one cup of milk and one cup of water made delicious pancakes. The Grade 1 and 2 students are learning about ‘Colour and Light’ this Term, which meant they were allowed to add and mix food colour into their pancakes. We certainly had some interesting looking pancakes.
Grade 1’s Visit to the Life Ed Van

The grade 1 students visited the Life Education Van. They learned about some of our major organs, what they do and how we can keep ourselves healthy. Here’s what they had to say:

“I am holding the heart. It goes under the lungs”. Cooper

“It is a safe bag”. Kellen

“I am holding the lungs. Lungs help us breathe”. Katarina

“This is our group. We had to sort the items in the bag and decide if they were healthy or not healthy. We said that water is healthy and Coke soft drink was not healthy. Ella

“I’m holding the brain. It was not a real brain I was holding”. Xavier

“I am holding a stomach”. Jai

“This is the lungs, brain, stomach and heart. They are on the wall”. Ariel

“This is me, My name is Doctor Amazing! I was happy to Doctor Amazing. I read out some questions about the body. One of the questions was, which part is the boss of the body”? Anna
Student wellbeing

Better Buddies

Our Better Buddies program commenced this year with the Year 5 students giving handmade Schultüten to their new Prep buddy on the first day of school. This ‘school cone’ has a German history of over 200 years and continues to be an important tradition at BSPS. Preps were very excited, as were their older buddies, to meet, talk and share about the special small gifts inside and then go for an exploratory walk around the school.

Better Buddies continues to build positive relationships where both older and younger students benefit from connections made when engaging in fun activities in maths, literacy, health and personal development, arts, science and technology.

The activities that the buddies will undertake during the coming year will help to reinforce positive and pro-social values such as caring, valuing difference, kindness, respect and including others. We have already noticed that our older students are developing an extra sense of meaning and purpose when interacting with their younger buddy. Our Prep students develop a strong, caring connection with an older buddy and are also assisted in their academic, social and emotional learning.

We look forward to another great year of Better Buddies.

Life Education

Harold the giraffe and the Life Education van visited in the second week of school. This annual Life Ed visit gives students the opportunity of learning about a wide range of social and health topics that are delivered in a fun, interactive way, further extending and deepening the children’s understanding of the topics covered.

This year Prep students were invited to Harold’s friend Possum’s party in the park. The children used realistic props to help Harold pack healthy picnic food, and on their way to the party responded to new situations and dilemmas around health and safety.
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The Years 1s and 2s went on a mystery tour with Harold. They watched an animated video which magically introduced them to internal body parts such as the heart and lungs. They also explored safety at the park and on the beach, and talked about how people feel in different situations.

Years 3 and 4 focused on cyber safety, cyber ethics and building positive relationships with friends online and offline. The students explored a range of issues such as password security, risks of sharing personal information, how to communicate respectfully both online and offline, and strategies to handle bullying including cyberbullying.

*Think Twice* was the module that the Years 5 and 6s undertook, tackling the topic of drinking alcohol in an age appropriate context through animated and vox-pop videos. Students explored concepts such as the effect that alcohol has on body systems, myths and facts about alcohol, laws relating to its sale and reasons why people choose not to consume alcohol.

Due to factors beyond our control, a couple of classes missed their sessions on their expected day. However, The *Life Ed* van will return soon so that these students will also benefit from this important health education program.

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**Beginner German Classes for Parents and Carers**
Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 in the Meeting Room

As in previous years, the school would like to offer parents and carers the opportunity to participate in introductory/beginner German lessons.

The lessons will be tailored to the needs of participants and include basic vocabulary, everyday phrases and expressions and some basic grammar. We will also talk about how children learn at our school and introduce you to the wonderful world of CLIL Education!

The beginner parent class will take place on Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 in the Meeting Room, starting next Monday, 15th February.

We always encourage parents to demonstrate a very positive attitude to language learning. Why not come along and have some fun! All welcome!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,
Linton Roe
roe.linton.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
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
SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE:

Firstly on behalf of school council I would like to apologise if there has been any confusion with the new uniform policy and the communication of it. Also thank you for your patience as Beleza was very low on stock for the back to school rush, most items are now in stock and they can take orders if you need anything. I will let you know once our new embroidered items, bomber jackets and polo tops have arrived at the shop. Below I have put together a list of the items that are staying in our current range, items that we have updated and items we are eliminating.

Those are the items that we are keeping...

The Blue Logo Polo Top - Printed or Embroidered

![Image of Blue Polo Top]

The Blue polo has been updated to feature an embroidered logo which will hopefully make the polo top last longer. The new embroidered logo top will be in store at Beleza by Term 2. We have also introduced a long sleeve blue polo top as well and have stopped the selling of the yellow polo tops.

In 2017, it is expected that these short and long polo tops will be worn every day except on sports/PE days.

However, these polo tops are expected where possible, to be worn every day except on sports/PE days in 2016.

The Bomber Jacket - Printed or Embroidered

![Image of Bomber Jacket]

The Bomber jacket has had a few updates, all new stock will feature the embroidered logo and will also have a zip. All existing jackets with the buttons are still ok to wear.

The Sports Top - has always been Embroidered

![Image of Sports Top]

The sports top is to be worn on nominated sports days. These were only made in a size 8 and upwards, but are now being made from a size 4 to 15.

In 2017, it is expected that this sports top will be worn on sports/PE days.

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Track Pants

These are the recommended track pants from Beleza.

Shorts

These are the recommended shorts from Beleza.

Girls Active Skirt or Skort

Both can be purchased from Beleza.

School Hat

The new stock of the school hat will be embroidered, we have brought in a new bucket style, which will fold easier for storage in school bags. We will also be introducing a fisherman style hat, also embroidered.

This hat is expected where possible to be worn every day in terms one and four.

It is mandatory to wear an official school hat as per school policy.
Items that have been eliminated or changed.

School Dresses

Both dresses have been eliminated and new designs will take their place from 2017. At this stage we are still waiting on the samples and we will show them to you once we have them. Both of these dresses will be phased out over this current year (2016) and the new design is expected to be in stock by term 3 of this year.

The Yellow Polo Top - short and long sleeve

The long and short sleeved yellow polo tops will be eliminated and phased out over this year. We have a long sleeved blue polo that is expected to be available before winter.

These tops will not be part of our school uniform from the start of school 2017.

It is expected these tops where possible will be worn only on sports/PE days in 2016.

The Current Rugby Top/Jumper

The current rugby top/jumper has been eliminated and will be phased out over 2016.

The Sports Shorts

The sport shorts have been eliminated from the school uniform and will be phased out over 2016. Students will just wear the royal blue shorts under the current sports top for sport days in 2017.

We will also be introducing during the year some new school inter school sports jumpers/shorts, which will be loaned to students who compete on behalf of the school at an inter-school sports day.

We hope this information has made the uniform situation much clearer for you. If you have any questions please speak with Mandy Jarvis, Nicole Whitty or Martine Edlinger or email mandyjarvis2@iinet.net.au or contact the office.

Thank you
Mandy Jarvis - on behalf of the BSPS School Council
From Our Vice School Captains

Welcome back BSPS community and a warm welcome to all the new staff and students. We hope that all of you have had a great start of the year.

The students had a fun start in Science, where they made pancakes and even got to eat them!

The kids had a great time playing soccer in a clinic run by Victor and Daniel, who are Futsal soccer players. They made sure everybody had a great time. We are sure that we will have a great time this year as Vice-School Captains.

From your Vice-School Captains,

Piotr and Jasmine

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**LEADERS OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

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<td>Always using her best manners! Congratulations!</td>
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<td>Fantastic effort learning the days of the week in German!</td>
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<td>Jamie Bunning</td>
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<td>A fantastic start to Grade 2. keep up the great work &amp; effort.</td>
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Transition News

Vermont Secondary College
Personal Excellence, Academic Distinction

2016
OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 4 May
Commencing with a
YEAR 7 2017
INFORMATION SESSION
6:00pm to 6:30pm
in the college gymnasium followed by the
COLLEGE OPEN EVENING
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Food will be available for purchase from the VSC Community Association and the College Canteen during the evening.

Vermont Secondary College
Morack Road, Vermont 3133 (Melway 63 A4) www.vermontsc.vic.edu.au

COLLEGE TOURS
Tours for parents and prospective Year 7 students are conducted from 9:15-10:30am.
Please book online through our school website www.vermontsc.vic.edu.au (Bookings essential)

Term 1
Dates available online through our school website under Enrolment
School Tour Bookings
Continue Booking

Term 2
To be advised
(Dates will be available online through our school website)
Please register at the General Office on arrival.
Knox Schools Expo 2016

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2017/18, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. The evening allows attendees to have conversations with representatives from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, before formal proceedings start at 7pm. The Q and A panel session will provide the audience with an opportunity to explore considerations when selecting a secondary school, after which there will be another opportunity to visit stalls.

When: Thursday 17 March 2016
Where: Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152
Time: 5.45-8.45pm

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For more information about the Knox Schools Expo contact Knox City Council Youth Services via Angela Thurbon on t: 9298 8533 or e: angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker on t: 9298 8308 or e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au or visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/KnoxSchoolsExpo

Bookings are not required
THE GOOD GUYS BAYS WATER 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.