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Bayswater South Primary School

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Learning & Leading through Languages

BSPS 2016 Sports' Day

The annual BSPS sports' day saw sunshine, laughter, endeavour and satisfaction as our students participated in a range of athletic activities. The focus of the day is on participation and that is what was achieved by our energetic students.

Key Dates- for your diary

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Term Dates

Thu March 24 | Term 1 Ends 2.30pm finish |   |

Mon Apr 1 | Curriculum Day |   |

Fri June 10 | Curriculum Day |   |

Mon Jun 13 | Queens Birthday Holiday |   |

Mon Oct 31 | Curriculum Day |   |

Mon Apr 11 | Curriculum Day |   |

Tue Apr 12 | Term 2 begins |   |

Fri June 24 | Last Day of Term 2 |   |

Mon Jul 11 | Term 3 begins |   |

Fri Sept 16 | Term 3 ends |   |

Mon Oct 3 | Term 4 begins |   |

Tue Dec 20 | Term 4 ends |   |
Principal’s Message— Staff Professional Development

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Over the next few weeks we will be finalising our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for the school year 2016. It details the steps that will be taken to live out our school four-year plan. Our Council will rubber-stamp that in our next meeting before we will share it with the community.

In reading the plan I hope it is clearly demonstrates the degree of planning that we put into implementing change and improvements in our school. It is a process and a journey, and importantly an indication that as a learning community we want to improve.

One of our focuses this year has been to continue to develop our leadership team at BSPS, namely Mr Mottrom, Mrs Kiran Oates-Pryor, Herr Roe, Ms Williams, Mr Williams and to avoid another use of my surname, myself. At BSPS, we encourage a distributed leadership model and we have set roles that all staff are invited to take on each year. If you look in the 2016 Parent Handbook you will see the list of roles. This handbook can also be found on our website in the Parent Hub section. An important part of leadership is regular professional training, that is vital in the sharing of the latest educational developments. The following are some of the PD sessions we have planned for our leaders and staff:

- March 5 & 6th - Visible Thinking (A Harvard Project Zero initiative- exploring how to make a student’s thinking visible): Ms Kate Williams, Mr Mark Williams and Mr Jayson Williams
- March 8 & 9: Creating a High Performance Professional Learning Culture: Mr Bret Mottrom, Herr Linton Roe, Mrs Kiran Oates-Pryor and Mr Jayson Williams
- April 11: Leader in Me- Launching Leadership and Creating Culture: all staff
- April 13 - Leading Literacy: Ms Kate Williams

As you can see the focus is on leadership, developing an effective learning culture and developing and fostering high level thinking strategies. Further PD’s are planned during the 2016 school year and that can only be of a benefit to the education of our students.

Please note that the first day of Term 2, April 11, is an in-service day, a student free day. The remaining two School Council approved in-service days (student free) are allowing families to have an long weekend.

Have a great week!

Jayson Williams - Principal
williams.jayson.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or @principalbsps

Principal's Corner

Tweetification of the week—
2016 BSPS School Sports’ Day
Follow US!
@principalbsps

Last week’s Principal’s (Oscar) award was presented to: Riley Raine
Bayswater South Primary School

**BSPS Reminder & News Snippets**

- **Student Free Curriculum Days:**
  - Monday April 11
  - Friday, June 10
  - Monday, October 31

- **2016 School Fees** are now due

- **Emergency details**: it is the parents' responsibility to ensure your emergency details are updated regularly

- **Bulletin**: If you are not receiving the Bulletin please view the newsletter via the website each week. If you want to receive a notification and an email with a link, please subscribe via the website in the newsletter section. If you need assistance notify the office and we can arrange this for you.

**BSPS Effective Communication Channels**

- **Student query/issue**: Contact the classroom teacher
- **School wide query/issue**: Contact Jayson or Bret
- **Financial/Administration query/issue**: Contact the office.

NB. Our Parent's Club Facebook page is not an official communication channel of BSPS

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**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
From the Assistant Principal

**Bayswater South P.S. Athletics Day**

What a terrific day we had on Thursday. We enjoyed a temporary reprieve in terms of the current heat wave and had great conditions for the students to excel. The grade 3-6 students began the day by completing 4 rotations of field events (discus-shotput, long jump, triple jump and hurdles) with all results going towards house points. Congratulations must be made for the wonderful job the house captains did in leading, managing and supporting their eight individual groups.

Next, the prep, one and two students arrived and had a great time performing sprints, relays and tunnel ball. It was really good to see the senior students supporting and encouraging the juniors as they waited for their races to resume.

Students participating in the twice weekly ‘health hustle’ got a chance to show their improved fitness by completing a 400metre race, which was a big achievement especially for the large number of year 1 and 2 students that ‘had a go.’

The final part of the day consisted of the senior students competing in 100m sprints, 200m and 800m events. There were many terrific individual achievements, the times were very close and will provide us with a good team for the up-coming interschool athletics next term.
Working Bee

“Calling all volunteers!”

Our first Working Bee for the year will be on Tuesday 15th March
from 4:30pm – 6:30pm

It would be great to see as many people as possible come, bring the kids along and make it a family event! Any time you can give would make a difference to help enhance the school buildings and grounds. Jobs that need to be done include;

- Grinding (if anyone has a grinder they could bring?)
- Spreading mulch,
- Retaining wall fixing
- Drain cleaning
- Sweeping/leaf blowing
- Cleaning out roof gutters
- Gardening

Hope to see everyone there!

Bret Mottrom
Assistant Principal
Inside the Classroom - Grade 3/4W

Grade 3/4W 20min Speed Writing

Rules:
1. Writing pieces must be completed in the 20min time period ("to be continued..." not permitted)
2. Writing piece must include the given phrase or sentence at the beginning, middle or end
3. Absolute silence!
4. Best guess of spelling and writing neat enough to be read

Heartbreak

Written and Illustrated by Ella D, 3W

Once upon a time there lived a dragon and he was very lonely. He lived up on a cold snowstorm mountain with nobody. Nobody came up there because of him. He didn’t like children or grown-ups or anything like that. He was always being mean to people, but was always apologetic afterwards - but they were always too far away to hear him. He only had a mouse friend, but he lived on the other side of the country. But a year ago he died, leaving the dragon alone. So the dragon set off at night time in search of a new friend. When he arrived at some bushes, he stopped to catch his breath. Suddenly he heard a rustling noise. His heart stopped! He was amazed when another dragon stepped out of the bushes! They became best friends forever. They argued all night about where they were going to live. Finally they decided that they were going to live on the mountain. All the kids now loved them. The End.
**Dun dun der!!!**

Written and Illustrated by Chris, 3W

“I will make a monster of my creation,” laughed the evil scientist. “I’ll test it,” said his assistant. “NOOOO!” he yelled, but it was too late! She had already stepped in. “Fizz, Pop!” went the machine. “Fwoosh!” The doors opened. Out stepped a monster! “Wow! My machine worked,” said the evil scientist. Later at the cafe I was serving some customers when suddenly I heard a rustling noise. My heart stopped!

“Awark!!!!!”

THE END

**Suddenly...**

Written and illustrated by Charlie, 3

On my birthday I wished for a unicorn, but Mum said, “No,” but Dad didn’t say anything. I went to the backyard to play. Suddenly I heard a rustling noise. My heart stopped.

The noise was coming from the garage. I went to check it out. I opened the door. There was a unicorn. I was so surprised because it was a real unicorn! I asked Dad, “Did you get the unicorn?” He said “No.” I asked Mum and she said, “Yes! You figured it out.” THE END
Bilingual News

The Level 3 students enjoying their learning in Maths and The Leader in Me (with their paradigm glasses.)
Art Room News

Thank you for the ongoing donations of goods to the Art Room.

**Items required at the moment:**
- Small polystyrene foam trays (we have oodles of large trays)
- Buttons and zips

**Help Need:**

I was hoping that within the school community we may have someone that would be able to assist with some preparation work in the Art Room (perhaps a retired grandparent that has access to an electric handsaw). I would greatly appreciate some help with sawing/cutting long cardboard tubes into smaller lengths and wine bottle corks into 5mm rounds and slices. If you are able to help, please contact me via email murrihyruff.petra.i@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thank you in anticipation,

Petra Murrihy

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Student Action

Keanu surprised his classmates this morning with a visit from his foster dog Teddy this morning. His family is involved with an organisation called Dindi (a privately run rescue group) who help dogs from pounds in both Victoria and NSW to find their forever homes. Teddy is a 9 year old who has currently been living with Keanu & his family for the past couple of weeks, until a new home is found for him.

For more information or to make a donation contact dindianimalrescue@hotmail.com or facebook Dindi Dog Rescue
Parents’ Club News

Easter Raffle
Thank you to those families that have already brought back their raffle tickets and money. You have until the 16th of March to get your money and or any unsold tickets back. If you are super keen there are more raffle books available from the office.
Thank you also for the lovely selection of Easter items that have been donated.
There are some yummy looking Easter eggs up for grabs!!
Just a reminder that all donations are kindly requested to be in by next Wednesday the 9th of March.

Icypole Tuesday
The late burst of hot weather made for a very busy day on ‘Icypole Tuesday’ this week. With only 3 more weeks to go until the end of term, so only 3 more Tuesday’s to buy an Icypole.
In term 2 & 3 we change to ‘Hot food Tuesday’..... More details to follow soon.

Our next meeting is Thursday 10th March at 9.15am in the Parent Hub. New members are always welcome.

The Parent Club also have a Facebook page that we use to communicate and pass on information.
Bayswater South P.S. Parents
If you haven’t already, join the group and stay in the loop!

Cheers, Nicole Whitty (President)
From Our Academic Captains

In Years 5/6, we have been learning about immigration in Integrated Studies. On March 9th we are going to the Immigration Museum. We are all looking forward to this. Our main focus is how immigrants have contributed to the community. One famous person we have been looking at is Anh Do. He is a TV presenter and comedian. He has contributed to the community by donating a lot of money to charity. His brother won the Young Australian of the Year in 2005. We have also been looking at the immigration stories of some teachers at our school. Now we are doing a project about someone we know who has emigrated from another country to Australia.

The Years 3/4s have been learning a lot of fantastic things. One of the things they enjoyed doing was making pancakes in Science. They tasted delicious! Also the they have been writing lots of amazing stories. One they really liked was a recount about a very hot day. A strategy they have been learning in reading is to visualize what they read. This has helped them read better. The students in 3/4 have been looking at Melbourne in the olden days. They have been learning about how different things were in the 1800s, like the traffic lights.

Damanvir and Mahalakshmi

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<td>P-P</td>
<td>Doing such a fantastic job at learning his alphabet sounds. Well done!</td>
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<td>Summer Roberts</td>
<td>PSB</td>
<td>Enthusiastic participation in maths.</td>
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<td>Ashish Shiju</td>
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<td>Being proactive and making good choices for his learning! Great listening too!</td>
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<td>Jordan Hazledine</td>
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<td>Concentrating well and skip counting by 2’s S to 100 in German! Congratulations!</td>
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<td>Xavier Scott</td>
<td>1-W</td>
<td>Skip counting by 2’s to 100 in German! Excellent effort Xavier, well done!</td>
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<td>Jessie Yun</td>
<td>1-W</td>
<td>Always doing her very, very best at school! Fantastic Jessie!</td>
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<td>Johnny Fischer</td>
<td>2-M</td>
<td>Excellent participation and work in maths. Well done and keep it up!</td>
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<td>Marley Brennan</td>
<td>2-W</td>
<td>Making fantastic progress with his reading! Well done Marley!</td>
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<td>Lilly Hand</td>
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<td>Excellent work in identifying and showing numbers on an abacus! Well done!</td>
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<td>Joshua Hasslinger</td>
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<td>A super effort with Home Learning spelling activities. Nice work!</td>
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<td>Will Jones</td>
<td>3/4R</td>
<td>Amazing inquiry research about the history of “Ging Gang Gooli”</td>
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<td>Anders Firman</td>
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<td>His hamster story that made Ms Wells gasp!</td>
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<td>Jennifer Ridd</td>
<td>5OP</td>
<td>Being proactive and having the end in mind. Well done.</td>
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<td>Mind Srisoda</td>
<td>5OP</td>
<td>The wonderful way she has made friends and adjusted to life at BSPS. A great effort Mind!</td>
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<td>Vijai Kasavaraj</td>
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Sick Bay Roster

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LEADERS OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Transition News

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.vermontse.vic.edu.au
(Booking essential)

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

Term 2
To be advised

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

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 an opportunity to visit stalls.

When: Thursday 17 March 2016
Where: Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152
Time: 5.45-6.45pm

5.45-6.45 Expo stallholders available
6.00-7.45 Formal proceedings including Q&A panel session which will discuss critical factors when selecting a school and strategies to assist students with transition
7.45-8.45 Expo stallholders available

For more information about the Knox Schools Expo contact Knox City Council Youth Services via Angela Thurbon on t: 9298 8333 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
Leadbeater’s Possum (Gymnobelideus leadbeateri), Victoria’s now ‘critically endangered’ Faunal Emblem, is an arboreal marsupial that occurs primarily in the montane ash forests of the Central Highlands of Victoria. There are no other members of its genus anywhere in the world and it is among the best studied endangered species globally. Despite extensive monitoring and research, the ongoing population trajectory of the species continues to decline. One of the key processes threatening the species is the widespread use of clearfall logging, which significantly degrades the habitat of the species and results in long term habitat loss, fragmented populations and an elevated risk of high severity crown-scorching fires.

The 2009 bushfires in Victoria destroyed more than 43% of Leadbeater’s Possum reserved forest habitat and killed at least half of their already endangered population. The unabated logging of their remaining forest habitat for paper production has caused a dramatic accelerated decline in their available habitat and consequently their populations to the extent that there is a high probability of extinction within 30 years.

Friends of Leadbeater’s Possum website has many interesting facts, articles, resources, projects, research, volunteer opportunities and photos: www.leadbeaters.org.au

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Values : Respect Honesty Empathy Teamwork

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