Principal's Corner

27 Days to Go!

The Cuckoo 2016

Inside the Classroom

Learning & Leading through Languages

Years 3/4 Learning about their Australian neighbouring countries.

Key Dates- for your diary

**Term 4**

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Last Wednesday our Year 6 students enjoyed the wonderful traditional visit to the Cuckoo Restaurant. It is always an event that is very much looked forward to.
Principal’s Message— 27 Days to Go!

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Currently we are in an intense period of work at BSPS, with students working hard in finishing off their final pieces of work for the year. It is during this time that teachers also finalise their assessment judgments and complete reports. So let’s be extra nice to our students and staff over the next few weeks. When you consider we have only 27 days to go, 2016 is fast drawing to a close.

So with that in mind we congratulate our Prep children who will have their Presentation next Tuesday. It is a special event, and one that I am sure parents will feel a little emotional in thinking their ‘little one’ has now grown up and completed his/her first year of school. I wish everyone all the best for the celebration.

This week you all would have received in advance the school fees notice for 2017, please take the time to read and make the necessary plans in contributing to your child’s education. BSPS gives amazing value for your financial contributions and fades in comparison to Kindergarten fees. Your voluntary contributions/donations are also crucial, I can assure you we appreciate them and they make a difference. At present, our school does not expect parents to buy ipads/laptops for their child. Over the past few years a lot of money has gone into resourcing the school and improving our large spacious grounds and buildings, so we need your continued support. So thank you to those who were able to come to our first student led ‘Working Bee’! If your family has trouble attending organised working bees, you are more than welcome to do some work at school at a time that suits you. Just let me know when you are coming and I will organise an important job for you. Maybe your family can offer a service to the school or has a contact that can make all the difference, these gestures are another way of contributing to our school. I share these thoughts with you as despite having a regular gardener/maintenance team, the gardens during this time of the year are an enormous challenge. During the next week softfall is scheduled to be placed in our play areas as we look to further developing our play areas. You may be interested in knowing that I have just received quote of $9000 to ‘blow’ the softfall in, so as you can see it is not cheap, roughly what we fundraise for a year, so any contributions to the ‘Grounds’ fund would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the Year 6 students and staff who invited me to the Cuckoo Restaurant. It is a wonderful tradition that celebrates the German language being such an important part of our school. It was a great lunch full of singing and laughs.

Have a great week!

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

Principal’s Corner

Tweetification of the week— The Cuckoo 2016

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Last week’s Principal’s (Oscar) awards were presented to: – Alice D (Prep)
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.

- My chaplaincy role is about offering care and support to the whole school community and not just the students. This can range from providing emotional support, listening, to encouraging and walking alongside the students.
- I support teachers in class, helping out as needed.
- I refer children to other professionals.
- I connect with parents as the need arises.
- I run support groups (eg. Friendship programs).
- I help a child sort through a problem or an issue.
- I provide pastoral care (encouragement and support).
- I am a 'listening ear' for students.

As such it may be beneficial for your child to have someone who they can talk to.

Matters of faith are only pursued when a person wishes to have these pursued.

Children today have to deal with some very ‘grown up’ issues such as family break ups, grief and addictions. Or they may be experiencing difficulty making payments for school fees, excursions, activities and uniform.

- It is the parents’ responsibility to ensure your emergency details are updated regularly.
- Financial query /issue= Contact the office.
- 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

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

Office News

2017 SCHOOL FEES

The Student Educational Materials and Fees Information and Payment Sheet has been sent home this week. If you are making a payment at the Office please ensure you bring your payment sheet with you.

The preferred payment method is by Qkr. Cards accepted for this payment method are Visa and Mastercard.

POLICIES

The school’s Parent Payment Policy and Hardship Policy will be uploaded to the school’s website for your convenience.

PARENT PAYMENT CONTACT

The school’s Parent Payment Contact is Noleen Maxwell. Noleen can be contacted via phone (9729 2862), email (bayswater.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or at the Office to discuss possible support options for families who may be experiencing difficulty making payments for school fees, excursions, activities and uniform.
IB Q and A – Share time

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our IB Question and Answer last week. It was great to hear your questions and discuss further the teaching and learning program here at BSPS.

Here are some of the questions we had and for your convenience we have included the questions from last week as well. Once you have had a read we would love to know what you are thinking. Feel free to let any of the Council members know your thoughts. We will discuss this further at our next meeting coming up at the end of the month.

Here are some of the questions and answers so far in relation to the IB PYP program.

How does Maths fit in the current curriculum compared to the IB?
Essentially, it is expected in the current curriculum and the IB to include the area of Mathematics in the inquiry process. This is done presently at the school, so there would be no major change if the IB was committed to. But there are elements of maths that would not be relevant to the unit of inquiry program that would be stand alone.

What are the key benefits for doing this program?
Some of the benefits of the program is the Big Idea focus that embraces languages and intercultural awareness. The IB also maps skills, and encourages independent and resilient learners. It also encourages the students to be critical thinkers, important in today’s world

What are the disadvantages?
The disadvantages would be few namely program cost, commitment to fund teacher PD (positive also) and accountability, namely the school would need to do 2 reviews.

How do the teachers meet the challenge of teaching within the IB framework?
A clear expectation in the IB is that teachers need to collaborate together, using a common planner in building a better world through education.

What happens if there is a change in Principal?
The IB organisation expects there to be a school commitment to the IB program and any change in leadership would be expected to support community expectations in relation to the program.

What are your thoughts on attending high school afterwards?
Most of our PYP schools worldwide are stand alone. Students may go on to a school offering the MYP, but most do not. Our research shows that in Australia, (and everywhere else) PYP students do fine on NAPLAN’s NAP-Sci. They have good knowledge and excellent skills in literacy, numeracy and science. The skills they develop through the PYP in research, social, self-management, thinking and communication are life long learning skills that support them no matter what school system they progress to.

Is there many local state high schools that offer the same teaching?
There are an increasing number of state schools that are offering the IB. We have two in Melbourne authorised for DP with several more at the interested stage. We are not permitted to share those specific names – we only publish the authorised schools. However, in Victoria, the Victorian Curriculum and the Australian curriculum encourage state teachers and schools to use constructivist teaching and inquiry and plan collaboratively for learning that is relevant, significant, challenging and engaging. Governments cannot mandate this, but the IB is able to do that through our standards and practices and our PD requirements for all teachers.

If they attend a High school without this teaching method would they struggle with a different one?
Anecdotally, our schools report that students do fine when they go to secondary school. Secondary schools in Melbourne that are considering the IB programmes, are doing so because they recognise the strengths of the students coming in from their PYP feeder schools and because they are receiving increasing questions like this from parents in their areas. We are lucky in Victoria because there is such a high standard of teaching in all parts of the system.
My understanding is that this program requires a lot more planning than what teachers currently do?
The planning will be no different than what is expected today. The teachers plan their inquiry units in a very similar manner to the IB. They have adapted the 'way' they plan over the last two years. Thus we do not need any extra teachers to assist with the planning process.

In the worst case scenario that we don't get the extra funding from the government, is the school still in the position to finance everything without cutting out what is important?
In reference to the worst case scenario, we have based our new sustainable financial plan not on the BL funding, like it was done before. Some changes over the past 2 years have been made and in 2017 we will be operating on our full sustainable financial model.

Would we be putting the 50/50 German/English concept at risk because we possibly could not get enough German speaking teachers?
In relation to the 50-50 model and German teachers, or any program like ours, there is a need for German teachers and it can be difficult and a challenge to find suitable teachers. At present over the history of the school we have been fortunate, but we do need to continue to look for ways to attract quality German teachers. The IB program would certainly provide a good link to international teachers, in attracting them to our school in Australia.

As with any new technique being introduced there are always teething problems. What do you see as possible detrimental outcomes for current students particularly middle to senior ones that are familiar and comfortable with our current learning techniques?
There should be no detrimental outcome for students as the IB is a framework and the inquiry process is similar to other inquiry models found in Australia. The inquiry teaching and learning approach of the IB is essentially the same as we have developed at the school over the past 2 years.

I believe that teachers currently have a huge work load and can imagine a lot more work involved in becoming accredited to teach this method. Are all our current teachers willing to embrace this change?
The staff have been aware that the inquiry process we have been following in the school since late 2014 has been influenced by the IB. The staff have had their presentations and opportunities to ask questions, and form their opinion for themselves. They are currently providing feedback to the Leadership team.

Are there any IB PYP schools in the state system?
The PYP is the fastest growing program across the world. In Australia there are 116 PYP schools, 43 MYP schools and 66 Diploma schools. Yes, there are PYP in the state system, it adds value to the system and it is one of the fastest growing areas.

How does the IB recommend in terms of class sizes?
The IB have a set of 77 principles and practices that each school needs to adhere to but it does not mandate class sizes.

There is a focus on ‘student led learning’, what does this mean?
The IB PYP framework emphasises that all students learn differently, there is a clear expectation of differentiation, and the students need to be engaged, and extended upon their natural curiosity. The students need to be actively involved in their learning and developing their international mindedness.

How does it work here with the English/German teacher set up?
An expectation of the IB PYP program is that teachers are strongly encouraged to collaboratively plan, no different to what you are experiencing here at BSPS with the English and German teachers collaboratively planning.

What is the cost of the program?
$10,000 approximately per year along with teacher PD requirements.

Will the school fees pay for this?
The school fees are based on consumable items, so therefore the IB fee will not be paid via this means.
Inside the Classroom  -  Year 4 Learning About Australian Neighbouring Countries

Year 3/4 students have really enjoyed learning about Australia’s neighbouring countries as part of our Inquiry Unit. They have also been completing a number of tests on our desktops, laptops and iPads as part of our end-of-year assessment program (did you pick the non-student???). In Maths, we have just finished off a mini-unit on chance, which included working out the likelihood of drawing a particular card from a deck, and next week we will start to learn about 3D shapes. Well done to all of our 3/4s on their enthusiasm and great learning this year.

"Boys with their toys,” or is he a “basket case"?
My Little Mermaid Production at Bayswater Secondary College

Choir students were offered the opportunity of taking some lead roles in Bayswater Secondary College’s production of “The Little Mermaid”. Well done to our stars who represented us so well last Tuesday night!
Our Year 6 students enjoying their excursion to the Cuckoo Restaurant
Art Room News

Thank you to Ella B’s (grade 1) grandfather who cleaned and sharpened our fabric scissors.

Thank you also to Summer S’s (prep) mum who supplied us with dozens of zips, of which the Grade 3/4 students have turned into amazing collages. Please come to see the displays in the upper building.

It is wonderful to receive so many donations, thank you very much, but unfortunately storage is always a problem. It would be greatly appreciated if goods donated are kept to the list below. If other items are required for example cardboard boxes, a note will be sent home to relevant grades or an announcement made in the school newsletter.

Help Needed:

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). I would greatly appreciate some help with sawing/cutting long cardboard tubes into smaller lengths and wine bottle corks into 5mm rounds and slices. Access to an electric saw is a necessity.

If you are able to help, please contact me via email murrihryff.petra.i@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thank you in anticipation,

Petra Murrihy

Items required at the moment:

- Small and medium size polystyrene foam trays (we have oodles of large)
- Buttons
- Plastic and metal bottle tops/lids (please only small lids and tops, eg. Milk and juice bottle lids, beer and cider lids, no jar lids) The grade 1/2 students have created beautiful artwork, (on display in the upper building corridor) but our supply has been totally depleted, so please, keep collecting!
- Small cardboard tubes from the fruit and vegie dept at supermarkets such as Aldi, Woolies etc. (The Aldi ones in particular are excellent for use in the art room, but please only take the empty ones.)

Children will earn house points for bringing these specific items in!
From Our Sports Captains

We have had a great year in sport. Recently, the school has purchased some brand new FORZA soccer goals which are on the diamond. Currently we only have one, but the second one is coming early next week. The school is currently in a phase of getting new and modern sports equipment and updating our sport facilities.

The students in Year 6 are currently learning the different skills of cricket that include batting, bowling and fielding. After learning the skills, we will learn about how the game works and the different techniques and strategies. Also for the past few weeks, the students in Years 5 and 6 have been organised in mixed groups and rotating through a different range of sports. The sports we have been doing are Soccercross, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and Rounders. We have been really enjoying it and having lots of fun.

This year, we have had an amazing year of sport. The BSPS Olympics was a major highlight of the year and we really enjoyed organising the activities and help run this special event. We have really enjoyed being the Sport Captains this year and it has taught us a lot of great skills.

Vijai and Emily,
Sport Captains

LEADERS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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<td>Making such a great effort with her writing. Well done!</td>
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<td>Julian Fisher</td>
<td>PS8</td>
<td>His excellent work in telling the time in maths.</td>
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<td>Ava Whitty</td>
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<td>Giving us an amazing summary of her book! Excellent!</td>
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<td>Charlotte ruddas0Cheales</td>
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<td>Making a fantastic effort in building her reading stamina!</td>
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<td>Declan Saunders</td>
<td>2-M</td>
<td>Writing a fantastic diary about his wonderful trip to Queensland.</td>
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<td>Aiven Edubos</td>
<td>2-D</td>
<td>Always completing her work cheerfully and taking charge of her own learning.</td>
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<td>Amelie Parfrey</td>
<td>3/4H</td>
<td>Always taking pride in the presentation of her work. Excellent effort!</td>
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<td>Katie Ho</td>
<td>3/4R</td>
<td>Wonderful, consistent improvement in all areas of her learning. Well done Katie!</td>
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<td>Connor Krizmancic</td>
<td>3/4W</td>
<td>His terrific positive attitude towards his work and his class mates — well done Connor!</td>
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<td>Emjay Matheson</td>
<td>5OP</td>
<td>Working hard on his Inquiry project. Keep up the good work Emjay!</td>
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<td>Piotr Polgar</td>
<td>6-W</td>
<td>His excellent organization during his inquiry project work.</td>
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<td>Liam Roberts</td>
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<td>The enthusiasm he brings to all our classroom activities.</td>
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The Giving Basket Project

A couple of weeks ago I accompanied a group of class representatives and Ms Williams on a lovely walk to the C.H.A.M.P.I.O.N. centre in Elizabeth Street.

We had great pleasure delivering some of the many bags and baskets of essential household items and food that our wonderful Bayswater South Community donated. Frau Schmelzle kindly delivered an additional carload of goods! It truly was testament to what a community can achieve when we all work together.

Whilst there, students had the opportunity to hear about the terrific work that C.H.A.M.P.I.O.N. does for people who may be struggling to meet their own basic needs. Our students asked some brilliant questions and after our discussion many students spoke to me about wanting to do more to help other people. It was really a most valuable experience for us all.

I would like to thank Martina from C.H.A.M.P.I.O.N. for taking the time to speak with the children and for answering all the questions we had! We hope to do it all again next year.

Maria McCluskey
Bayswater South Primary School
22 Enfield Drive
Bayswater VIC 3153

8 November 2016

Update on Summer Dresses

As you may be aware, we are currently facing quality issues with the new Summer dresses. It has been brought to our attention that the dresses are piling badly.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the fabric is not up to the expected standard that Beleza upholds for all our products.

We have since engaged a secondary supplier from China who is working closely with us to provide us with a new Summer dress that is of the standard of fabric that we at Beleza expect.

During the time, it will take Beleza to reproduce the Summer dresses, we ask if any parents that have already purchased a dress, if you can please contact the staff at Mountain Gate store so we have a record of your purchase, and contact details.

When the new Summer dresses have been reproduced, we will be in contact with each family, and any dresses purchased will all be replaced with a new dress. The Summer dresses that have already been purchased or any future purchases can continue to be worn.

All Summer dresses that are sold from this original batch will be replaced as soon as the new batch arrives. Beleza always guarantee all our products in full.

Beleza would like to extend our deepest apologies to the students affected by this fault. We would like to also express our thanks to the community for your patience and ongoing support as we correct this matter.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone or email.

Thank you,

Your Beleza team

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Phone: (03) 9703 3216
Email: beleza@beleza.com.au
This 6 night, fun packed TSA camp may be a little different to most
school camps.... The activities for this week may include; beach games,
swimming, surfing, kayaking, sports & team games, scavenger hunt,
pedestrian rally, discovery, tree top or night walks, visits to local
attractions and more.... The camp is led by experienced and qualified
leaders, and activities will be chosen by participants together with
their leaders during the week away. Your friends are all welcome too,
so pass on the information!

Dates: Saturday 7th to Friday 13th January 2017
Cost: $374.00 for one child; $319.00 for second and subsequent
children of the same family
(Payment plans & sponsorship is available in cases of need)
Where: Grossmans Group Cottages, Ashmore Rd, Torquay
RSVP: Bookings must be made no later than Monday 5th December
This camp is suitable for kids aged 10 - 14 years.

For full information & all booking
enquiries please contact Susi
Mob/SMS: 0400 764 257
Email: susi@templeociety.org.au

"Weihnachtsfeier"
Community Christmas
Celebration

YOU are invited to join us for an inspirational and fun Christmas
evening for all families and friends in the community! There will be:
carol singing (with candles), storytelling & dress ups, Christmas
activities, music, Christmas supper, and Father Christmas will be
dropping in!

Date: Saturday 17th December
Time: 6.30pm
Where: Temple Society Bayswater Community Hall,
51 Elizabeth Street Bayswater
RSVP: Please contact Susi mob: 0400 764 257 or email
susi@templeociety.org.au for further information.

We are also looking for helpers and participants of all ages – please
contact Susi if you are able to assist or wish to participate with any
aspect of the evening.

This is a free family activity suitable for ALL ages.

Your Family is invited to......

The Family Service,
Community Picnic
& Birds of Prey Show

Bring along the whole family & your picnic lunch and enjoy a
community day out!
The day will start with an interactive Family Service... Beginning a
New Life’ – suitable for all ages and all families, followed by a
community picnic lunch and a spectacular bird of prey demonstration.

Date: Sunday 27th November
Time: 10.30am - 3.30pm
Cost: FREE but donations to the Full Flight
Conservation Centre would be much appreciated
Where: Temple Society Bayswater Chapel and Hall;
51 Elizabeth St, Bayswater
Bring: Your family, picnic lunch, picnic gear & drinks.
**Tea, coffee & cordial are all supplied**
RSVP: Monday 14th November – contact Susi: mob 0400 764 257
or email susi@templeociety.org.au

Hope to see you all
there!
Excursion Payments Due

Mon Nov 28  Choir Federation Square form and money due back
Fri Dec 2  Choir form due back—no payment required

BORONIA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION DAY
SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER
11am - 1pm
Tormore Reserve, Tormore Road, Boronia
Free Sausage sizzle and drinks
Free Socks and Shorts for all NEW players
Boys and Girls of All Age Groups Welcome

Values: Respect Honesty Empathy Teamwork

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Web: www.baysouthps.vic.edu.au
Wednesday, 7/12/16

4.30—8.30PM

CHRISTMAS MARKET

A visit from Santa

Lots of food vans available to choose from!

A performance from our Choir

Waffles

Market Stalls

Free Activities

Slushies

Face Painting

Coffee Van

BBQ
Weihnachtsmarkt
Christmas Market
Friday 25 November 2016 5 - 9PM

GLÜHWEIN
GINGERBREAD HOUSES
KIDS’ ACTIVITIES & JUMPING CASTLE
DSM GERMAN COOKBOOK
GERMAN FOOD & BEER
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
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