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CALENDAR DATES

APRIL
THURS 28 - Open Day

MARCH
MON 7 Years 1/2 Assembly
MON 7 – THURS 17
Years 3/4 Swimming Program
MON 14 Labour Day holiday
TUES 15 School Tour 10:15–11:15am
MON 21 School Tour 10:15–11:15am
THURS 24 Foundation Final Assembly 2pm
END OF TERM 1

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What a fabulous turnout we had for our Information Evening, and the annual Peppercorn Picnic and movie night last week. How perfect was the weather?

It was marvellous to see so many new and existing families coming together in our first community event for 2016. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with the organisation and on the evening. It was a blast! And once again, BSPS demonstrated its commitment to building community and fostering shared responsibility for the education of the students in our school.

While we are talking weather; we seem to have experienced the last hurrah of summer, with the mercury reaching into the 30s over the past few days. As we still have a few hot days forecast ahead of us it seems timely to provide information about our actions when facing harsh weather conditions.

We go to great lengths to monitor local conditions and it’s worth noting that in extreme weather cases the Department issues an alert to all schools. At BSPS, we always consider a whole range of factors in relation to weather conditions and we take action accordingly. This includes checking the BOM radar, monitoring wind conditions, cloud cover, temperature, direct sunlight, hourly weather predictions or even implementing the Emergency Management Plan (for severe weather events). It almost goes without saying that our planned actions will change as we respond to variations of these factors.

This may include placing restrictions on outside play, extra monitoring of students on the yard, everyone eating lunch inside, shortened lunch times, considering how long the students have been inside without getting a chance to play outside, additional lunch time clubs or implementing the harsh weather timetable (which is included on all yard duty rosters). By way of example: on hot days we may request and monitor to ensure that students stay out of the sun and drink plenty of water, or all of the above! We take our duty of care seriously and always act with the students’ wellbeing in mind and will always act in line with relevant DET guidelines.

Changing subject now, and I’m delighted to report that in 2016 we are really ‘amping up the volume’ when it comes to coaching conversations and in fact for the past two days the Leadership team have worked together at ‘Coaching School’. Amongst a whole wealth of things, we were learning how to create and sustain learning environments that allow regular, skilled and authentic feedback for students and teachers. The reason behind this is simple: research has shown that conversations that coaches have with teachers can really drive the learning for all – for coaches, teachers and students. So again we are continuing our work on building our capacity in order to provide the best learning environment for our students, always with a strong research base.

Have a joyous fortnight.

Sheryl

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HELPERS ARE NEEDED!

The BSPS Library is a busy place. With a lot to do in this beautiful space, regular parent/carer/ grandparent help is essential to the smooth running of this resource.

Every Thursday from 2pm – 3.30pm (except Thursday 24th March – the last day of term 1) we invite you to come to the library and assist us with the following:

- preparing the library for use by classes and lunchtime library clubs
- Re-shelving
- repairs to current books
- covering new books

We currently have a stack of Italian books as big as Monte Bianco ready to be covered, stamped and recorded before they can be used.

If you are keen to help, but unable to make our regular meet, please let us know. We can arrange small take home jobs that would also help us immensely.

Thank you in advance for any time you can give to assist. We look forward to meeting you in the library.

Kylie (Mum of Sam in Grade 4 and Eva in Grade 2) and Antje (Mum of Felix in Grade 4 and Lewis in Grade 1)

E: kylieriddell@optusnet.com.au

A REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

Essential Education Levies for 2016 are now due.

**HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT**

**AT THE OFFICE (8.30AM-4.30PM)**
- Eftpos   • Cash   • Cheque

**FROM HOME**

- Credit card payment envelopes   • Cheque   • Direct deposit (details below)

**DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS**

Account name Brunswick South Primary School
BSB 063 228 Account number 10018837

Please include the following details in your description: student’s initial and surname / payment type ie. ASmith/School Fees or ASmith/OSHC etc.
Hello to all the year 3/4 parents and students,

What a great start to term one it has been.

We have been extremely productive in changing the way we all think by using our growth mindset with everyday life. We are also settled into our groups and learning areas which has been an exciting adjustment for all.

During numeracy we have been learning about place value and 2-5 digit numbers. We have been representing these with base 10, digits and words. In writing we have been gathering our seeds for our persuasive writing, which will be used in weeks to come for our writing. An example of the topics the students have found is “Should we extend the school day for an hour?” (which has surprisingly shown some students to agree with the topic)

During Reading we have covered the CAFE strategies summarising and check for understanding which will be followed by finding the main idea in texts. Finally in character strengths we are building the adults of our future in being optimistic, curious citizens who have self regulation.

The team is looking forward to what’s in store for the students in the following weeks so stay tuned!

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Aydan, Sarah, Liz and Virginia who are new to the 3/4 team. Welcome back Tim. If you haven’t already popped your head into the learning area please feel free to say hello.

From Sarah, Aydan, Liz, Virginia and Tim

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We’re a Sporting School!

Brunswick South Primary School has registered for Sporting Schools, a new Australian Government program designed to give our students the opportunity to have access to sport-based activities before, during, or after school hours.

The Sporting Schools program will complement our existing PE curriculum, allowing our students to explore a range of dynamic new sports, from tennis to bowls, or athletics to cricket.

Sporting Schools will help us work more closely with sporting clubs in our community, and tap into the large pool of talented sports coaches in Melbourne.

The good news is, Sporting Schools is funded by the Australian Government, which means there are no additional costs to parents. Please contact the school with any questions about this exciting new program!

We are really excited about our gymnastics program, which will kick off next week for grades 1 to 6, with coaches from Triskills.

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The 5/6s have been super busy so far this term.

In maths we’ve been working on Place Value, patterns, number concept and geometry. Some groups have been learning about Pythagoras’ Theorem.

Andre has been teaching area and perimetre in Italian! We’ve also been practising the speed and accuracy of our automatic recall of number facts.

In Literacy we have been predicting in our reading. We know a good prediction is born from ideas both in the text and from our prior knowledge. We used a program called Wordle to help us with predicting.

Today, we were developing our debating skills (using persuasive language). We debated the topic ‘There should be toxic waste dumped in South Australia’. The maturity and enthusiasm shown by the students was amazing.

They did so well researching, organising and expressing their ideas, and then holding an actual chaired debate. We were super proud of them and can’t wait to see what they will produce next!

We also began our History, Civics & Citizenship and Science rotations this week, and are very excited to be exploring our new topics. There is so much learning in store in the coming weeks, we hope you’re as excited by it as we are!

Andrea, Elke, Belinda, Nadia, Colin
PEPPERCORN TREE PICNIC

The BSPS community spirit was thriving at the Picnic last Friday night!

It was such a great turnout, thank you to all who attended. The BBQ was incredibly popular and helped kickoff a great start to fundraising for 2016. Thank you for your patience waiting for a sausage or samosa - we moved as quickly as we could feeding families over 350 sausages & vegie burgers in under an hour!!

The addition this year of the Parent Jam Session and Childrens Movie was a big success and helped make the night. An especially big thank you to Paul for organizing the movie and to Angela for organizing the Jam session. And a huge huge thank you to the BBQ, bar and kitchen volunteers especially Travis, Deanna, Megan and Simone who kept the food and drinks flowing.

CALL OUT TO PARENTS TO JOIN THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This Monday night 7:30 pm at the School will be our first official committee meeting for 2016. Come along to find out more and have some input into planning the 2016 fundraising events for the year. Even if you don’t have a lot of time, you can still have some input and help in a small way- every bit helps. Hope to see you there.

FUTSUL

Futsal is back in full swing for 2016, with nine BSPS teams competing at FutsalOz on either Friday night or Saturday morning.

Training is on Tuesday morning for Under 8s, Wednesday morning for Under 10s and Thursday morning for Under 12s. Girls’ training is on Sunday at 1pm. All welcome.

Any queries: colinmasters20@gmail.com
CALL OUT - WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP

It is my great pleasure to introduce the Winter Solstice Working Group.

In 2013, over 800 people attended the inaugural Winter Solstice at Brunswick South. We are working towards relaunching a more exciting event in Winter 2016.

We are forming the Winter Solstice working group to mobilise the event targeting June-July 2016.

We are inviting interested parents to attend the first meeting will be in the BSPS Art Room at 3-4.30pm on Saturday 5 March 2016. We’ll be showing our promotional video as well.

WHAT IS THE WINTER SOLSTICE?

The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year, and an opportunity to welcome back the sun. Very close to the shortest day and longest night of the year, our community will gather to welcome back the sun.

It is a great opportunity to celebrate the Winter Solstice with colourful celebrations, which will tune our children to Nature’s cycles, whilst enjoying the warm bonds within our immediate families, friends and community.

WHAT IS THE FESTIVAL?

We will be promoting the festival for students, teachers, families and friends of Brunswick and the Northern Suburbs. The Festival will include a Lantern Parade, Fire Show, Bonfire, Entertainment, Music, Lantern Stalls, Food and a Bar.

CROWD-FUNDING:

To create a long-term sustainable event, we will use a crowd-funding campaign to cover the establishment, operating, security and marketing costs.

If successful, this will allow free entry for all primary children, making it widely accessible to the whole community.

We will be asking BSPS to contribute to the crowd-funding campaign shortly.

VOLUNTEERS:

The running of the Winter Solstice Festival is a large event and the working group will be calling out for volunteers.

Volunteer roles include

- Event Coordinators.
- Communications and Social Media
- Marketing
- Ticket Desk
- Risk Manager, covering security and risk plan
- Fire Warden
- Bar Manager and Bar Staff
- Lantern Makers
- Electrician for Light Show
- Merchandise Stand
- Gardeners
- Volunteers for setup and pack-up.

WHAT’S NEXT?

Watch out for updates in the newsletter, posters on the entry gate, and dates of working group meetings.

We would love to see you at our first meeting.

We will be showing our launch video and stepping through the draft concept and plan.

For more information, email hello@wintersolsticemelb.com.au or phone Paul on 0425 799 237
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As part of the Brunswick Music Festival, High Voltage Rock School will be running band workshops from 11am to 4pm for rockers aged 5 years to 18 years of age.

Click the eventbrite link here to book your 1 hour workshop: eventbrite

All equipment supplied and no experience to absolute pros welcome.

Sunday March 6 from 11am.
Barkly Square, Brunswick.