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our values –
the moral fibre which
guides our culture

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COMPASSION
SENSE OF POSSIBILITY

ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 25 Feb 9am Senior Gr 3/4
Mon 4 Mar 9am Junior Gr 1/2
Mon 12 Mar 9am Senior Gr 5/6
Mon 18 9am Junior Foundation

FEBRUARY

Mon 18 Gr 5/6 Carlton Respects Program
Mon 18 Winter Solstice Festival Meeting 7pm
Tues 19 School Council Meeting 7pm
Mon 25 Gr 5/6 Carlton Respects Program
Wed 27 Learning Area Information Session 4-5pm

MARCH

Mon 11 Labour Day Public Holiday No School
Tues 12-15 Gr 3/4 Swimming
Sat 16 School Bush Dance 3-5.30pm
Mon 18 Student Led Conferences 4-6pm
Tues 19 Student Led Conferences 4-6pm

CALENDAR DATES

MARCH

Tues 19-22 Gr 3/4 Swimming
Tues 19-27 Somers Camp
selected Gr5/6 Students
Wed 27 Learning Centre Library
Official Opening

APRIL

Tues 2 School Council Meeting 7pm
Fri 25 Last Day of Term 2.30 Finish

TERM 2

Mon 23 Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tues 24 Curriculum Day No School
Wed 25 Term 2 First Day Back

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

Ciao a tutti! The last fortnight has been a busy one at BSPS and even though we are only a few weeks into the term, the current momentum makes it feel like we've been back for much longer!

LEARNING TO LEARN

The first 7 days of school were focused on working through our Learning to Learn Program. Each year the program allows our school to prioritise the time for staff and students to get to know and understand each other. Sometimes this work can be dismissed as unimportant, but it is actually crucial and has a significant impact on the learning environment for the remainder of the year. Our Learning to Learn program helps us to do the following:

- ◆ Provide the opportunity to establish collaborative working environments for all students
- ◆ Develop a shared understanding of the positive behaviours of learning at BSPS
- ◆ Strengthen and embed the values, shared vision and Character Strengths across the school
- ◆ Allow our students to identify the unique qualities they have that make them unique
- ◆ Assist students and staff in making the transition into new learning areas and new people to our school community
- ◆ Provide students with an understanding of different strategies that will assist them in their learning and making positive choices as members of the BSPS Community
- ◆ Celebrate our schools commitment to student success - academic, social & emotional and behavioural

As we transition from our Learning to Learn program into our regular learning program we still reinforce the concepts and skills that we have covered and we teach and reteach concepts to support all our students to reach their full potential.

LEARNING AREA INFORMATION SESSIONS

On **Wednesday 27th February** from 4-5pm we will be holding our Learning Area Information Sessions. These sessions are beneficial for families to ensure they are fully informed of the happenings in each learning area and some of the structures and procedures in place. The teachers will talk you through what the students are

learning and how you can support the learning at home.

It's also a great chance for you to meet the teachers (if you haven't already) and get to know some of the

families in your child's learning area.

Traditionally, we hold our Welcome Picnic right after this event, but this year things are going to work a little differently. At the end of last year our Community and Fundraising Sub Committee agreed to host a **Bush Dance** in term one to kick off the BSPS events for the year. **Saturday 16th March** is all booked in for us to get our dancing shoes on and have an opportunity to connect or reconnect as a whole school community. Our welcome events are very symbolic at BSPS as each family is at a different stage in their journey at our school. For some this is the first impression of our welcoming and vibrant community and for others it marks the beginning of their final year at our school, with many others somewhere in the middle. Please mark out the dates in your diary with more information to follow.... and some requests for support!

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

As we begin another year it's important for us to remember about the various forms of communication we have at BSPS. There are many official channels of communication including; Twitter, Facebook, learning area newsletters, Parent Carers, e-mail, telephone, assemblies, information nights **and our main form of communication the BSPS Newsletter**. These newsletters come out fortnightly on a Friday and it's crucial that you read each newsletter to ensure you are up to speed on all the fantastic things happening at BSPS. Please see the office if your details need to be updated.

COMPASS

This year we will be moving to Compass as an online platform to record attendance, communicate with families, download and view student reports, pay for school events and give permission for excursions. We have been in contact with schools who use Compass and the best advice they gave us was to start slowly to implement small changes throughout the year. Below is a **rough** guide as to our implementation of compass this year.

Term 1:	Record student attendance and roll out SMS notifications for absences
End of Term 1:	All parents and carers to receive login information and download the app
Start of Term 2:	Parents to use Compass to notify student absences
End of Term 2:	Student reports sent out and accessed through Compass
Start of Term 3:	Use Compass for Student Led Conference booking
Term 4:	Begin using Compass for payments and permission slips.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

These will occur on **Monday 18th March** and **Tuesday 19th March** and during these sessions our students will share their Learning Goals, which have been developed in conjunction with their teachers. It is important that your child attends these meetings as their role is crucial in leading this process.

**Have a fantastic fortnight,
Trevor.**

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE TERM 1:

Week	Location	Day/Time	Year Level	Host
1				
2				
3-11/2/2019	Outside	Monday 9am	Whole School	3/4
4				
5-25/2/2019	Hall	Monday 9am	Senior School	3/4
6- 4/3/2019	Hall	Monday 9am	Junior School	1/2
7-12/03/2019	Hall	Tuesday 9am	Senior School	5/6
8-18/3/2019	Hall	Monday 9am	Junior School	Foundation
9				
10-5/4/2019	Outside	Monday 2.10pm	Whole School	5/6

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Seeking Expressions of Interest : Join **Brunswick South Primary School's School Council** as a **Community Member**

Help us build, develop and promote our Italian bilingual program. Brunswick South Primary School's School Council is seeking expressions of interest for its community member position in 2019.

The community member position is designed to bring additional skills and perspectives to School Council. We are specifically looking for someone who can help us build, develop and promote our Italian bilingual program.

Key selection criteria :We are keen to co-opt someone to School Council with the skills, experience and connections to develop and improve our Italian bilingual program by:

- ◆ Promoting and sharing the benefits of our bilingual program to current and prospective families, and to the broader community.
- ◆ Looking for opportunities to strengthen the existing bilingual program.
- ◆ Building strong networks between Brunswick South Primary School and Melbourne's Italian community, particularly relevant business, education and community connections in the inner north.
- ◆ Consider opportunities to explore extending bilingual pathways for our students such as from kindergarten to secondary.

Please note: Community members hold the same rights, responsibilities and terms of office as elected members of School Council. School Council members are expected to attend all school council meetings (8 per year). Parents are eligible to be co-opted to a community member position but Department of Education employees are not. This position is sought for involvement in a newly established Italian bilingual program sub committee. Further information on the role of School Councils can be found [here](#).

If you are interested, please send your expression of interest - a short statement of approximately 250 words - addressing the above key selection criteria by **28 February 2019** addressed to the School Council via Brunswick South Primary School brunswick.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

BSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

- ◆ **President** Gabrielle Marchetti
- ◆ **Vice President** Jeremy Schreurs
- ◆ **Treasurer** Jeremy Schreurs
- ◆ **Community** Gabrielle Marchetti, James Henry
- ◆ **Building and Grounds** James Henry
- ◆ **Policies** Marg Weymouth
- ◆ **Community and Fundraising** Jane Scammell
- ◆ **Members** Madeleine Aikenhead, Petra Stock
- ◆ **DET** Trevor Strolla, Marg Weymouth, Ivana D'Aprano

Please send enquiries to brunswick.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au marked attention to relevant convenor

BSPS NOTICES

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

In the last working bee of 2018 the existing planter boxes were planted out with edible plants contributed by various parents. Despite the hot summer these have grown successfully and it's great to see the beds back in use. Engagement with these patches is really welcome from anyone in the school community and might be in the following ways:

- ♦ popping any excess seeds or seedling in the vacant spots and keeping an eye on their growth. Plants that require little water and attention and that flourish when picked are especially good for a garden shared by lots of people. For example: rocket, lettuce, herbs, bush beans (no supports), warrigal greens, spinach etc.
- ♦ a quick water at pick up or drop off if the plants look like they need it.
- ♦ bringing any spare mulch or fertilizer you may have from home to keep the beds healthy and moist.
- ♦ picking and sharing the produce with your children!

The committee intends to complete some rectification and additional planting and seating to this area through the course of this year.

Other goals for the Building and Ground committee this year include:

- ♦ ongoing lobbying for funding to complete the BSPS masterplan.
- ♦ re-instatement of the water tanks for use on the school gardens.
- ♦ on-going informal planting, tending and eating of the planter boxes.
- ♦ tree planting throughout the school in particular along the boundaries to increase shade and absorb airborne particulates.
- ♦ continuing the conversation with the City of Moreland about increased planting and school use of the linear park.
- ♦ enhancing the Zero Waste ability of the school with improved compost and waste management.

Dates for 2019 working bees will be finalised in the next newsletter.

Please don't hesitate to get involved in the care and creation of building and grounds of BSPS in a big or small way. The first Committee Meeting will be on the 25th of February at 8am in the STEM room, all welcome. For the remainder of the year, Committee meetings will generally be on the first Monday of the month during school terms. Contact James Henry 0429 229 502 for more detail.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

We need to know when your child is absent from school. Please let us know preferably prior to 9am, by phone: 9380 1231 or email: brunswick.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available Wednesday - Friday and are ordered through the **QKR by mastercard app**. The lunch orders are delivered to the school from a local cafe D1Uno. Please follow the step by step instructions to register your child

VIOLIN LESSONS

Violin lessons have commenced again for Term 1! Individual and group lessons available. For more information contact Gavin directly at gavinlang@outlook.com or 0416078869

LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

It's that time of year where we seek a family to host our language assistant. Giada Giuntoli will need accommodation from Friday 3 May for a period of up to four weeks. In this time she will be expected to find more permanent accommodation for herself. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family to have a live-in Italian speaker for a short term stay. If anyone is interested or has any questions please do contact me via the school email.

Grazie Ivana

BSPS ITALY TOUR 2020

Dear parents of current Grade 4 and 5 students we wish to invite you to an information night about the BSPS Italy tour for 2020. We hope to answer all your questions and to seek expressions of interest from families. This will allow us to move forward in our planning for the BSPS Italy biennial tour.

Thursday 14 March 6pm - 7pm Room TBA

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Grazie Ivana

YEARS 3/4

GRADE 3/4

Our topic of 'Identity' is off to a roaring start as students explore what makes them 'them', and guessing the identity of Australians ('relaxed', 'friendly', 'great wildlife', 'have a lot of barbeques!', Italians ('passionate', 'food-loving', 'pizza' and 'cultural', and B.S.P.S ('creative', 'community' 'kind' and 'bilingual').

As we move from a very successful Learning to Learn Program, students are applying the concepts of constant learning, effort and growth mindset into their everyday learning, with great results. **Go Grade 3/4!**



PARENT/CARER-LED EVENTS AT BSPS

NEXT TWO WEEKS

WSF meeting – Monday 18 February

7pm Meeting for the **Winter Solstice Festival** at the Charles Weston Hotel (27 Weston St, opposite the Barkly Square car park).

Community & Fundraising Team meeting – Wednesday 20 February

7–8pm First meeting for the **Community & Fundraising Team** at the Charles Weston Hotel (as above), and then monthly thereafter. Dates and venues yet to be decided, so watch this space!

Bush Dance – Saturday 16 March

3pm to 5:30pm School Bush Dance! Come along for the opportunity to get involved in a fun energetic experience, run by reknown trio Blackberry Jam.

Blackberry Jam (blackberryjam.com.au) is renowned for its fun, entertaining bush dances for all occasions.

The trio has performed at many hundreds of Catholic, State and Private Primary and Secondary Schools. They receive amazing responses for their 60–90 minute performances which include instrument and dance workshops and bush dances.

Free for BSPS students, \$5 for everyone else.

5:30pm Stick around after the Bush Dance for food and drinks, including a bar, staffed by the BSPS community.



Winter Solstice Festival meetings this term:

Tuesday 12 March

Monday 1 April

Mothers' Day Stall – Friday 10 May

Students can buy Mothers' Day presents from the stall during the school day in grade groups.

WSF meetings in Term 2:

Every Monday night at 7pm at the Charles Weston Hotel (27 Weston St, opposite the Barkly Square car park).

Winter Solstice Festival – Saturday 22 June

The **Winter Solstice Festival** is the biggest event organised by the whole school community, bringing everyone together to have fun and raise funds for the school.

A day/night family-friendly event, it has activities for all ages, amazing home-made food, performances by students, parents & local musicians and other entertainers. It's the only place to be on Saturday June 22nd!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

School Bush Dance

Please contact Angela on bspscaf@gmail.com to let her know if you would be willing to help out. Angela is managing this event and needs help with preparing and selling food, staffing the bar, set up, and tidy up.

Got any questions, ideas or suggestions? Email the BSPS Community and Fundraising team at bspscaf@gmail.com

What's Been Happening!

Hello Parents, Families and Friends,
We would like to start by thanking the school community at Brunswick South Primary School for the overwhelming support and welcome we have received at TeamKids.

We have already had a very busy start to the term with sports, games, arts, crafts, cooking, our breakfast and afternoon tea "specials" (come check them out) and much more!

Please feel free to come say hello and see what we have done with the program, we are very excited to receive any feedback you might have.

RIDDLE

When is a door not a door?



Important Dates

Friday 15th February – TeamKids BBQ



Prices

Program	Times	Full Fee	After Max CCS*
Before School	7:00am - 8:45am	\$15.00	\$2.25
After School	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	\$20.00	\$3.00
Pupil Free Day	7:00 am - 6:00 pm	\$65.00	\$9.75
Holiday Program	7:00 am - 6:00 pm	\$65.00 plus exp. fee‡	\$9.75‡

*Child Care Subsidy may apply. To check your eligibility, please visit Centrelink's [Payment and Service Finder](#).

‡Experience/Activity fees will apply.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Read more **Moreland City Libraries Free Events** **Read more**
 Registrations essential online at moreland.vic.gov.au/read-more
 or phone 9353 4000

People's History of Moreland Do you have a story to tell? LGBTQIA+ community workshop for Midsumma 2019
 11 am – 1 pm, Saturday 9 February, Brunswick Library
 To celebrate Moreland's rich LGBTQIA+ history we are collecting stories from our LGBTQIA+ community to create an audio walking tour of Moreland.

Moreland Digital History Workshop
 6.30 pm, Tuesday 26 March, Glenroy Library
 This collaborative history workshop will guide your writing for local history site WikiNorthia and show you how to make an audio walking tour or podcast.

Journey to publication
 7 pm, Monday 11 February, Coburg Library
 Ever dreamt of seeing your work in print? Author and freelance writer, Emily Brewin, will share her professional insights and personal publication journey to set you on the path to success. The session will draw on Emily's fiction and non-fiction writing experience, including the publication of her two novels, *Hello, Goodbye* and *Small Blessings*.

Around the Grounds: magic moments from the life of a sports broadcaster
 7.45 pm, Wednesday 13 February, Brunswick Library
 Peter Newlinds' childhood dream to become a sports commentator became reality. He worked for ABC Radio Grandstand for 18 years, covering international and domestic cricket, the Sydney to Hobart yacht race, rugby league, AFL and the Commonwealth Games. In conversation with co-author David Brewster, Peter will reveal what goes into making great radio and tell us what it is like to work with broadcasting legends and cross paths with sporting greatness.

Library Lovers' Day
 7.30 pm, Thursday 14 February, Glenroy Library
 Celebrate Library Lovers' Day by having a blind date with a book and hear a performance by Pear and the Awkward Orchestra. Pear's Brazilian heritage and the group's continuously evolving blend of folk and popular music add intensity to their live performance.

My Health Record: what are my options?
 7.45 pm, Thursday 14 February, Brunswick Library
 Hear an expert panel discuss the new My Health Record scheme. They will consider the benefits and concerns about security of information and privacy. This event is part of the Be Merri Festival.



KIDS CLASSES

Free Trial Lesson!

Smaller courts, lighter racquets and low-compression balls that don't bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary school-aged children. This means that kids are able to start rallying and having fun right from their first lesson!

Cost: \$9.00 a session



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- Lose weight, get fit and have fun
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Cost: \$12.50 a session.

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Walk for Autism

Sunday 24 March, Lawn 3 Princes Park

Walk, run or scoot around the park to support autism research

Free face painting, good coffee

Tickets on Eventbrite search 'BioAutism'

In 2019 it is estimated that about 3000 children will be born in Australia with autism, adding to the existing autistic population of about 240,000. Government funding for autism research in Australia is very limited.

We need your support so that Australian scientists can help find the causes of autism and produce better diagnostic tools and treatments than are currently available.

The event is free but we would appreciate a donation on the day. If you would like to do more, start raising funds today by joining 'Team BioAutism' on Everyday Hero.



Supported Playgroup Program

- Do you have a child aged 0 - 4 years?
- Are you looking for ways to improve your child's learning and development?
- Are you finding parenting challenging or looking for some extra support?

Try a supported playgroup!

- o Enjoy a friendly, warm and welcoming environment.
- o Learn and play with your child in fun and engaging activities.
- o Meet other local families with young children.
- o Share parenting experiences.
- o Learn about Kindergarten, Child Care and other community services and events.
- o Our groups are led by experienced, trained facilitators.



Supported Playgroups are **FREE** to attend!

- To attend, families must -
- Hold a Health Care Card (from Centrelink) or equivalent visa OR
 - Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander OR
 - Be referred from Child FIRST, Child Protection or Enhanced Maternal Child Health

Where	When	Time
Moreland Primary School - 157 - 163 Moreland Road, Coburg	Monday	9.30 - 11.30 am
NMC Playgroup Association - 67 Alec Crescent, Fawkner	Tuesday	9.30 - 11.30 am
Will Will Rook Preschool - 208 Hilton Street, Glenroy	Tuesday	9.30 - 11.30 am
Moreland Primary School - 157 - 163 Moreland Road, Coburg	Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30 am
East Coburg Neighbourhood House (Young Parents) - 32 Nicholson Street, Coburg	Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30 am
Lorne Street Kindergarten at Fawkner Primary School - 40 Lorne Street, Fawkner	Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30 am
Will Will Rook Preschool - 208 Hilton Street, Glenroy	Thursday	9.30 - 11.30 am
Pascoe Vale Community Centre - 7 Prospect Street, Pascoe Vale	Thursday	9.30 - 11.30 am
Lorne Street Kindergarten at Fawkner Primary School - 40 Lorne Street, Fawkner	Friday	9.30 - 11.30 am
Belle Vue Park Primary School - Morell Street, Glenroy	Friday	9.30 - 11.30 am



We run a program called *smalltalk* within our playgroups. *Smalltalk* gives parents tips and ideas about how to use everyday opportunities and activities to help with their children's literacy, learning and development at home. We explore a different *smalltalk* topic each week in playgroup.

If you are interested in Supported Playgroup please contact the Playgroup Team:

T: 9240 2455

E: playgroups@moreland.vic.gov.au



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