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THREE



Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 7 October
Term 4 Commences



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NEWSLETTER

our values –
the moral fibre which
guides our culture
CONSTANT LEARNING
MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY
COMPASSION
SENSE OF POSSIBILITY

ASSEMBLY DATES

Fri 20 September Whole School
2.10pm (Years 3/4)

SEPTEMBER

Fri 20 Last Day of Term 2.30pm Finish

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CALENDAR DATES

OCTOBER

Mon 7 First Day Term 4
Mon 7 - Wed 9 Grade 3/4 Camp
Fri 11 Whole School Production Rehearsal
Tue 29- Wed 30 School Production

NOVEMBER

Mon 4 Curriculum Day No School
Tues 5 Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

We've
certainly
sprung into spring
and the change in weather
has given us colourful blossoms in
the yard and clear blue skies! It's hard to
believe that the change in weather also
brings us to the end of third term, with
our planning for next year already well
underway.

This week we began the recruitment process for some of our teaching positions for 2020. With a small enrolment increase we may add an additional teacher to our Foundation team for next year. We currently have 70 students enrolled for next year and for the first time in a long time, we have had to prioritise enrolments for families in our designated zone and for those who already have siblings at the school.

DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS

This week we took 18 students to Divisional Athletics after some stellar performances the week before at the District competition. We achieved some wonderful results with a select few making it through to the next round at a regional level.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

We recently sent out a letter to all families with outstanding Essential Education fees on their account. The money collected contributes significantly to the quality and depth of the curriculum programs we can offer at BSPS through providing enhanced resources across all curriculum areas and in classrooms. It also goes towards the costs of whole school activities and to learning area budgets, which go directly into buying materials, resources and stationery for all children to use at school. At the end of 2018 the collection rate was at 67% and already this year we are at 76%. This is a fantastic increase and contribution from our families. Our target for parent payments is 80% and hitting this target by the end of the year will allow all our curriculum programs to run without impacting financially on other areas of the school. We know for some families these payments can cause hardship and, as always, special confidential payment arrangements can be made if required. Thank you to those who contribute financially to our school.

LEARNING DISPLAY – DISCOVERY

You might have noticed the new noticeboard in our front office area this term. For most of the term it's remained blank, but our aim has been to make this a space to showcase some of the fantastic learning our kids do at school each term. The focus of the board will change each term in line with our whole school Integrated Learning focus. Integrated Learning isn't a standalone

subject, but a way of teaching a concept through Literacy or Numeracy. This term it's been **DISCOVERY** and across the school we've been learning about **Design and Technology** with a focus on construction, sound and instruments, coding and inventions. When you have a chance, please pop into the office and see the work for yourself – the students who have had their work displayed are very proud!



PARENT AND STAFF OPINION DATA

We've had an influx of data sets made available over the past few weeks and the latest two sets are the results of the Parent and Staff Opinion survey administered earlier this term. We have seen positive trends in all our data this year and the latest results are also very similar. We will provide a more detailed snapshot next term after we've had a chance to unpack the data with staff first. The themes of our results are strengthened partnerships between home and school, high levels of staff trust and collaboration and a very strong sense of inclusion in our school, with 97% of parents responding positively about respect for cultural and social diversity. We've got some evidence that the work we are doing almost half way through our strategic plan is having a positive impact on staff, students and parents. This is a great achievement and something every member of our community should be very proud of.

FAREWELL

This week we say farewell to Kylie Doust who has been working with us as a Language Assistant this year. Kylie has been successfully appointed to a new position at the Italian Cultural Institute. This is a great opportunity for Kylie and even though it's sad for us at BSPS, it places her in a great place to be able to continue to network with the school and the institute and of course continue her role as a parent at BSPS. Thank you Kylie, for your contribution to bilingual education at BSPS. We also acknowledge and thank Hayley McKenzie for her full time work in the 5/6 area this term while Cath has been on leave. Hayley has approached the role as more than a casual teacher and has gone above and beyond to ensure consistency of learning for the students in the area.

Have a wonderful holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed for a busy final term!

Trevor.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The School Council met on Tuesday 10 September on a cold evening and it was pleasing to hear some really positive reports on how the school is travelling.

Foundation enrolments are tracking really well for 2020, our "**attitudes to the school**" survey results are improved and we have had some fantastic NAPLAN results. All these items indicate significant effort from our teaching staff.

Indeed, as we head into the last week of term and many people are thinking of footy finals and warmer weather, we are aware that planning has commenced for next term and even the coming year, with job advertising underway for 2020.

Do our teaching and support staff ever stop?

The Council discussed the establishment of a Reconciliation Action Plan (**RAP**) for the school. Last year the school undertook a Cultural Audit through the Department of Education's Koorie Education Support Officer (KESO) who works at our regional office. We have now agreed to establish an advisory group to commence working on the **RAP** next term. Within in our community we are lucky to have people with expertise in this area and we look forward to progressing this project, which will be led by Marg.

Council also completed some general business including the following

- ◆ Climate Strike- Council discussed this event and we anticipate many attendees. I'll be there. If you are also going, please confirm any absences through the Compass system as per Trevor's request.
- ◆ Website – Again....Council wondered if there are

any technical Web wizards who can assist the office with minor modifications to the Website? Are there?

- ◆ Bilingual Committee – We will write to welcome a new Italian Consul and we are making connections with other bilingual Italian schools in Sydney and Canberra.
- ◆ 3/4 kids camp to Phillip Island – Council reviewed and approved a camp for next term down at Anglesea.....more surfing which sounds pretty fun.

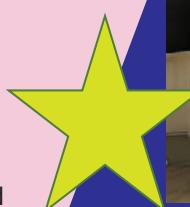
If you are keen to be involved in a sub-committee or have any other queries , please get in touch with School Council via brunswick.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or my email address directly via henry.james.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 October.

Kind regards

James Henry

School Council President



CONGRATULATIONS LEARNING LEGENDS

BSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

- ◆ **President** James Henry
- ◆ **Vice President** Madeleine Aikenhead
- ◆ **Treasurer** Dan Ziffer
- ◆ **Parent Members** Petra Stock, Jane Scammell
- ◆ **Community Members** John Hajek, James Henry
- ◆ **DET** Trevor Strolla, Marg Weymouth, Ivana D'Aprano

- ◆ **Building and Grounds** James Henry
- ◆ **Policies** Marg Weymouth
- ◆ **Community and Fundraising** Jean-Pierre Masclef
- ◆ **Bilingual** John Hajek
- ◆ **OSHC** Petra Stock

BSPS NOTICES

BSPS SCHOOL PRODUCTION

BSPS students are busy working away and very excited to showcase the 2019 school production. More information will be provided next term.

The poster features a red background with the title "LA GRANDE AVVENTURA" in large yellow letters at the top. Below the title is a grid of nine blue icons representing various scenes from the production, such as a bird, a castle, a ship, a knight, a archer, and a group of people. A white speech bubble contains the announcement text.

BRUNSWICK SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
THE 2019 BSPS SCHOOL PRODUCTION
ENTITLED "LA GRANDE AVVENTURA",
TO BE HELD ON THE 29-30 OCTOBER 2019 AT
CLOCKTOWN CENTRE - MOONEE PONDS

FAMILY ACCOUNTS

Just a friendly reminder, 2019 Essential Education Items/Activities School Fees were due and payable at the start of the school year. If your fees are still outstanding please see below on how to make a payment.

How to make a payment

At the office

- Eftpos
- Cash
- Cheque

By Mail

- Fill out above credit card details
 - Cheque
- Send to;
56 Brunswick Road
Brunswick East 3057



Electronic Payment

- Direct Deposit
BSB: 063 228 Accnt No. 10018837
Name: Brunswick South Primary School
Enter description:
ASmith(student name)/Levies/VolContr



LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property under the stairs in the main building, in particular items of clothing from the grade 5/6 camp. Please check lost property before the end of term as all items will be donated on the last day of school.



The poster features a colorful illustration of children walking, cycling, and scootering in a park-like setting with houses and trees. The text encourages walking, riding, or scooting to school to build healthy habits for life.

Walk to School 2019

Walk, ride or scooter and build healthy habits for life.

Join hundreds of thousands of Victorian primary school kids this October!

Find out more at walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Official community partner:

BSPS RUN4FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION

**THE COLOUR CRAZE
THAT'S SWEEPING
THE NATION™**



Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: School Run4Fun Colour Explosion

Following the success of last year's Colour Run, we will be holding another Colour Run this year. The money raised through the event will go towards school projects, in particular funding towards an upgraded playground.

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on Friday 25th October starting at 1PM. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Colour Powder

The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

Student Profile Page

Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au which is unique to you. There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.

You can also register for online fundraising. It's the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner.

WIN A SHARE OF \$200,000 WORTH OF FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS.

Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and enter your unique code found on page five (5) of your Sponsorship Form to see if you're an instant winner. Give your fundraising goal a kick start!

How to Order Prizes?

To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash, online, and if applicable, any **FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS** won using the unique code on page five (5) of the Sponsorship Form. You have two options to place your prize order:

1. Login or create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au. Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button and then confirm your total amount raised and order your prize/s, **OR**
2. Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before Thursday 24th October. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a BLAST OF COLOUR! Happy fundraising!

Stefanie Zugna