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Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

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our values –
the moral fibre which
guides our culture

CONSTANT LEARNING
MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY
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SENSE OF POSSIBILITY

ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 25 November Senior 9am

Fri 20 December Whole School 1pm

CALENDAR DATES

NOVEMBER

Fri 29 Ciao Down

DECEMBER

Mon 2 Bake Sale Fundraiser

Mon 2 Maths Family Afternoon

Tue 3 School Council Meeting

Fri 6 Grade 5/6 Scienceworks

Tue 10 Orientation day

Secondary School Grade 6 Students

Wed 11 Grade 6 Graduation

December 20
Last Day Of School
1.30 finish

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

The end of the school year may be drawing ever closer, but the energy level in the school is not waning! In fact, some of our most crucial work is just beginning. Teachers are about to finalise their report writing and share with you the incredible progress made by our children, we are busily planning for 2020, looking ahead to our staffing and school structures for the year to come and our students are still focused on their learning, with teachers ensuring this continues right up until the last day!

RAISING CHILDREN IN MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE SEMINAR

I was fortunate to be asked to speak at the University of Melbourne seminar last weekend and shared our school's journey with a crowd of families keen to raise their own children in more than one language. It was great to profile our school to a wider audience and share how we invest in language learning, particularly in a school where about 90 per cent of students are not native Italian speakers. Many attendees were from parent groups keen to establish language pathways in schools for their children and some are keen to enrol at BPS in the future.



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

On 26 June 2019, the Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino MP, announced a new mobile phone policy for every government school in Victoria.

The new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020, and requires that students who choose to bring mobiles phones to school must have them switched off and securely put away during school hours. This includes any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches. This is in line

with our current practices at BPS, where students are required to hand their phone in at the office on arrival at school and collect them at the end of the day.

In line with this Ministerial Order, there have been some minor adjustments to the school's mobile phone policy. You can find a copy of this at the back of this newsletter.

ISTITUTO COMPRENSIVO VIA NITTI - ROMA

We were delighted to receive a visit from the Principal of Istituto Comprensivo in Rome recently. Elisamarzia Vitaliano attended the final night of our school production and toured our school the following day. Marg visited the school on her recent trip to Italy and we have arranged for the group of students travelling to Italy next year to visit also. During Elisamarzia's visit, we agreed to become involved in an 'eTwinning' agreement between our schools. This allows us to collaborate over the next three years and work on joint projects together. After seeing La Grande Avventura, Elisamarzia was keen to incorporate Performing Arts into our final project. We have been keen to build meaningful partnerships with a school in Italy and I was struck by many similarities between our school and Istituto Comprensivo Via Nitti. Stay tuned for our next steps with this project.



COMPASS

We are almost a full year into using Compass for our role marking, reporting, SMS and news items. From the school's perspective, we have been struck by how streamlined things become when we use one single platform for many different functions in

the school. From the parent and carer perspective, using the portal has made it easier for families to record absences, access reports at any time and keep up to date with things at BSPS, while on the go. We have recently taken the next step (remember, slow and steady is our implementation approach) and trialled using Compass for events and excursion payments. This is probably one of the most beneficial aspects for our school because it means:

- ◆ we no longer have to print permission notes (we often print multiple notes to replace lost or missing ones)
- ◆ you no longer have to follow up for last minute permission notes or payments (it's all done online)
- ◆ we all have up to date real time records for who has paid and given consent and who is attending

Payments can be made at the office, allowing you to just give consent online. For those using Compass on a phone, using the 'open in browser' option helps you get access to the full Compass mode.

If you are having trouble accessing your account or for any aspect of using Compass, please contact the office for assistance.

GRAZIE

Our **Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee** undertook their final working bee for the year and the focus for the day was the area behind the 5/6 portable. This area has been lacking a bit of love over the last couple of years and has been mostly unused. We are fortunate that all the hard work has paid off and our students now have a quiet play space complimented (in true BSPS branding) with some hot pink seats! The team also tackled another neglected area of the school, the garden behind the hall. This space is being revamped by some eager Year 6 students, with support from Hayley, and being transformed into a Zen Garden. They have spent many a lunch time digging, raking and clearing the ground, as well as designing, discussing and planning the space. **Now we need your help!** The design is simplistic (less is more), and we have some generous donations coming from **Bunnings Brunswick**, **TeamKids** and **Half Moon Mindfulness and Meditation**, but that will only get us part of the way. We would love if you could help by donating any equipment listed below. Contact Hayley on brunswick.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or 9380 1231 if you can help.

Items needed:

- ◆ About 8 square metres of synthetic lawn
- ◆ Small, smooth, black stones - a lot
- ◆ River rocks (larger)
- ◆ A water feature or bird bath
- ◆ Seedlings a plenty (herbs and veggies)
- ◆ pickets to secure sleeper logs
- ◆ bags of soil (about 10)
- ◆ thick plastic for a garden bed

Enjoy the weekend,

Trevor.



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

SUB COMMITTEES

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

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A MESSAGE FROM MARG

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Brunswick South Primary School has been involved in the Respectful Relationships DET initiative as a partner school since 2017. Respectful Relationships is about embedding a culture of respect and equality across our entire community, from our classrooms to staffrooms, sporting fields, fundraisers and social events. This approach leads to positive impacts on student's academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour, and relationships between teachers and students.

As from 2020 BSPS will take the role as a Respectful Relationships lead school. The role of a lead school is to lead the way on implementing the whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships, this includes modelling good practice, leading and mentoring partner schools.

A whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships recognises that schools are:

- ♦ a workplace where all staff should feel equally respected, safe and valued and have equal opportunities
- ♦ a safe space where young people can learn about gender equality and respectful relationships, in and out of the classroom
- ♦ part of the wider community that can model gender equality and respectful relationships.

Last Friday, Caro, Eileen, Aydan and myself met with representatives from the Region's Respectful Relationships team to begin discussions about developing our Action Plan for 2020. These staff members along with interested parents and keen students will form the Respectful Relationships Working Party who will drive the whole-school approach in 2020. Parents will be invited to join the Working Party in 2020.

WHITE RIBBON WEEK

White Ribbon week which starts on November the 25th which is the UN **Day** for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Men and boys are encouraged to wear **white** ribbons as a symbol of their opposition to violence against women.

The DET Respectful Relationship resource (Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationship), addresses this issues in Topic 8 Positive Gender Relations.

<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/ResourcePackage/ByPin?pin=2JZX4R>

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Again in fostering a school culture of respectful relationships, last Tuesday, initial discussions began for BSPS to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan. Jen Dawson, mum of Ollie (Year 2) works for a company who supports Reconciliation Australia to run Narragunnawali and through her work has been part of the program since 2013. In the beginning the team thought that only 200 schools would develop a Reconciliation Action Plan, now there are nearly 5,000 schools and early learning centres across Australia who are working on reconciliation through having a Reconciliation Action Plan.

Jen presented to the group the Narragunnawali online platform that is free to access and provides practical ways to introduce meaningful reconciliation initiatives in the classroom, around the school and with the community..

Reconciliation is more likely to progress when Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous Australians participate equally and equitably in all areas of life. To make this happen, we have to close the gaps in life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and achieve universal recognition and respect for the distinctive collective rights and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The working party will continue to meet in 2020 in order to develop the RAP and unpack the many resources available on Narragunnawali. An invitation to join the RAP working party will be extended to interested parents and students. Watch this space in the new year.

Have a great week.

Marg

YEARS 1/2

On 6th & 7th of November, the **Grade 1 and 2** classes visited the Melbourne Museum to learn about what life was like for past generations. We had a lot of fun in the Grandma's Toy Box lesson and saw toys from the past that were so old!

- ◆ a home made doll using scraps of material



- ◆ a ball made of possum fur filled with grass

Afterwards we wrote about our experience.

"At the Melbourne Museum I was looking at some bugs. I saw a sparkly bug and an unusual butterfly."

– **Odette**

"I saw two lizards having a cuddle" - **Matteo C.**

"At the Melbourne Museum I saw a big tarantula and it jumped on the glass. It scared the heck out us!" - **Jarrah**

"At the museum I got to put on 3D glasses because we watched a volcano erupt. It was cool!"
Giulia

I loved the forest walk. There was a bird that was hopping everywhere. We tried to spot a turtle but nobody could spot it. It was so much fun!" **Max**

"I learned that some snakes in the glass cabinet used to be in a circus but they're not alive anymore. I can't wait to go again." **Sunday**

Face to face with the king of la guingla!



A fireplace was the only thing left standing at one house in Kinglake after the Black Saturday fires.

Do you think it should be **preserved**?





◆ An amazing butterfly collection

FOUNDATION

In **Foundation**, we have been learning about Procedural (how to) texts. We were very fortunate to begin our unit with some hands-on presentations from our 5/6 students!

We felt very grateful and proud of our senior students taking the lead to share some of their fantastic work. GRAZIE Amy, Caro, Chiara, Toby, and all the 5/6 students who welcomed us into their learning area.

◆ Looking at the insects and learning about them by reading!



◆ Our dinosaur expert found his 'Happy Place' at the museum amongst the dinosaur exhibition. Bravo Tavi!



PERFORMING ARTS

What a **“great adventure”** the 2019 school production has been for everyone involved!! I hope you enjoyed the production as much as the students and I did.

A project such as this one takes a long time to organise and to stage; a group of dedicated people brought this to fruition. I would like to express my particular gratitude to a number of people who have been supporting my vision of this year’s school production and who have assisted me in the planning, organising and staging of the production. All the people listed below have been involved in some way to help make this production such a success.

In terms of Brunswick South Staff, I would like to acknowledge: Trevor Strolla, Marg Weymouth, Mary Glendza, Sanae Arnavas, Des Tona and ALL the teachers and ES staff at Brunswick South Primary school for the support they provided me during the past term at school.



I would also like to specially thank,

- ◆ Margaret Townshend
- ◆ Rachel Tropea
- ◆ Ross Germaine
- ◆ Hilary Royston
- ◆ Marco Rachele
- ◆ Sarah McKenzie
- ◆ Ross Germaine
- ◆ Thao Waller
- ◆ Luke Flood
- ◆ Anna Robinson
- ◆ Robert Wagner
- ◆ Kylie Riddell
- ◆ Vicky Wilson
- ◆ Nigel Wilson
- ◆ Katherine Davies
- ◆ Andrew Milward
- ◆ Atalanti Dionysus
- ◆ Michael Loftus-Hills
- ◆ Arnold Norris
- ◆ Adam Perry
- ◆ Domenico Bartolo
- ◆ Alan Brough
- ◆ Émer Harrington

and **Giuliano Di Ienno** for not giving up during the times of uncertainty, when things didn’t turn out as was expected. Your creativity, resilience, problem-solving abilities, flexibility and sense of humour have been key in helping me stage the show.

I hope to have the opportunity to collaborate with you all again sometime in the future.

Last, but not least, I would like to extend my thank you to the whole school community for coming together, as one audience, on both nights of the production.

Finally, photos of the production will be posted on the school website and downloadable free of charge. The DVD will take a little bit longer and is set to be sensational!!

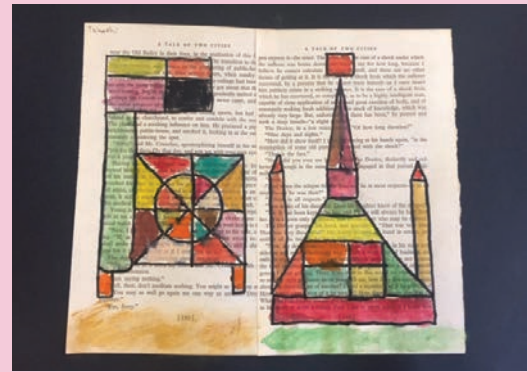
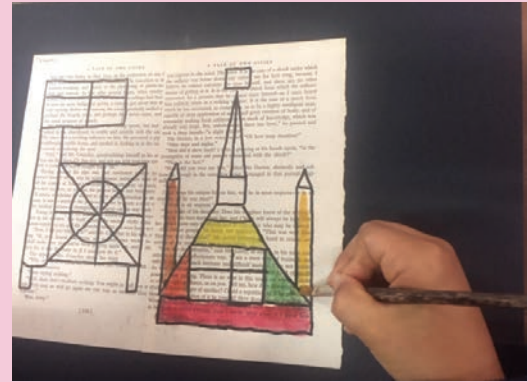
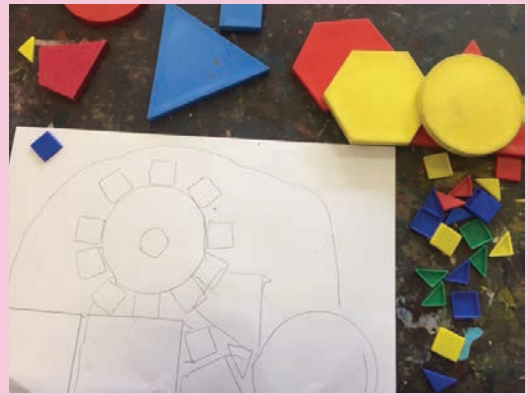
Grazie mille a tutti!

Daniele Vitali



ART

Foundation students have been busy with a variety of modelling media in Arte! We talked about how plasticine, clay and magiclay (a type of clay which is easier to manipulate) feel and discussed their qualities (cold, warm, hard, soft, sticky ect). After some manipulation activities involving squeezing, rolling, flattening and joining, the students made 2D shapes and had a go at 'drawing' with clay lines. Finally they invented their own colourful Barbapapa character. The Barbapapa is a series of children's books originally written in French and very popular in Italy too!



Grade 1/2 students discussed 'Castle and Sun' by Swiss artist Paul Klee and they created their own castle, by drawing and tracing 2D geometric shapes and adding colours with watercolours. With pages from old books as canvases, we used watercolours because their transparency allows you to see some of the text underneath. Some impressive results!

S.T.E.M

The **Grade 1/2** students had an awesome time investigating different types of houses around the world. We have looked at portable and temporary houses such as huts, tents and teepees and have learned how houses are designed in accordance with the materials available at the time, and the climate of the region.

We examined the permanent houses that many First Nations peoples lived in. (Documented in Bruce Pascoe's book, *The Young Dark Emu*.) We constructed our own houses from materials we gathered in the school ground. We also flicked through a few 'Primitive Technology' clips (definitely worth watching with the family!) on Youtube, which demonstrated how to make a frame and a roof for a hut and also how to make mud bricks out of clay obtained from the ground. These videos provided guidance on how to construct our own frames out of sticks and string and make mud bricks out of clay obtained from Merri Creek using moulds that we made from Lego.



The **Foundation** students are continuing their exploration of how plants grow and reproduce. To demonstrate how pollination works, we played a really fun game, where students, acted out the work of honeybees as they fly out to find pollen and nectar, communicating with their fellow bees through waggle dances and bringing pollen and nectar back to their hive.

The students also learned how bees have good colour vision to help them find flowers, and the nectar and pollen they offer. We discussed how bees are able to see certain colours (such as blue, purple, violet, white and yellow) more clearly than others, and conducted a survey of the school ground to see what colour flowers it comprised. Red, yellow and white flowers were the most common, and we concluded that our school ground would definitely attract some bees - a theory that was confirmed by several sightings.

This week we discussed how the patterns and colours on butterflies' wings protect them from predators. We made colourful butterfly wings by drawing on filter paper and then spraying the paper to get the colours to spread and merge just like a butterfly's colours.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



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1. Download *Beanstack Tracker* on a mobile device or register online: <http://yarralibraries.beanstack.org/>
2. Earn points for your House by reading throughout December and January. Members of the House with the most points will be eligible to win an exclusive prize!
3. Reach reading milestones and participate in our School Holiday Program to unlock virtual badges for your *Beanstack* profile and earn tickets to spend our great prize draws.
4. Collect a Quest Map at any Yarra Libraries branch for bonus challenges, extra points and more chances to earn tickets!

Prizes to be won:

- Adult & Child Swim Passes, courtesy of Yarra Leisure 10 free visits for a parent/carer & child, valued at \$96.30 (combined).
- Assorted Book Packs, courtesy of The Little Bookroom
- Village Cinema Movie Vouchers
- Readings Vouchers

Members of the winning House are also eligible to win:

- Royal Melbourne Zoo Gift Voucher, valued at \$700. Equivalent to a 'Roar n Snore' overnight camping experience package.

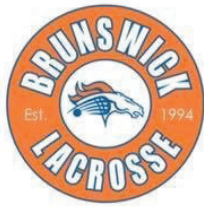
Parents and carers are encouraged to play along!
Only participants under the age of 18 are eligible to win prizes.

Game of Loans 2019/20

Join the Game of Loans and battle it out against the other City of Yarra Houses! Read throughout December and January for your chance to win great prizes!

<http://www.yarralibraries.vic.gov.au/gameofloans>

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FIND OUT MORE!

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Email wearebrunswicklacrosse@gmail.com



JOIN US THIS JANUARY FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

Melbourne University Sport welcomes your children to join us for multi-sport and sport specific programs during the school holidays. These programs take place in Parkville at the Melbourne University Sport Precinct.

Date:

13 - 24 January

Drop-off is from 8am
Activities from 9am - 3:30pm
Aftercare from 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Sports include:

Athletics Tennis Cricket
Basketball Soccer Football
Netball Table Tennis Robotics
T-Ball Dance Drama Hockey
Taekwondo Squash Science

For more information and to sign up, please visit sport.unimelb.edu.au/sportcamps or contact sport-camps@unimelb.edu.au



NPS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS



Newlands COMEDY GALA

Starring



DAVID QUIRK - DECLAN FAY - JOSH EARL

with more to be announced!

FUNDRAISING EVENT

TICKET \$37+BF

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DECEMBER
STARTS AT 7PM

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#HELPNEWLANDSNOW

The Mayor and Councillors of Moreland City Council invite you to the official launch of:

"Where We Have Come To" by Anton Hasell

Thursday 5 December, 4pm - 6pm

Saxon St

Laneway beside Brunswick Library

Corner Sydney Rd and Dawson St, Brunswick

Moreland Language Link

廣東話	9280 1910	Türkçe	9280 1914
Italiano	9280 1911	Tiếng Việt	9280 1915
Ελληνικά	9280 1912	हिन्दी	9280 1918
عربي	9280 1913	普通话	9280 0750
ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	9280 0751	Other	9280 1919

This event will be a celebration of Moreland's multiculturalism as we launch Anton Hasell's bronze twisted rope sculpture.

This sculpture represents the many diverse cultures that give strength to the community of Moreland.

Join us to create a community musical event as guests are invited to play Hasell's tubular bell sculpture, and ring the Federation Handbells which will be available at the event.

The event will begin with opening remarks by Cr Lambros Tapinos, Mayor of Moreland City Council.

For more information please visit our website below or call 9420 1111.

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7:00 AM - 6:00 PM



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JANUARY

6 Monday	7 Tuesday	8 Wednesday	9 Thursday	10 Friday
GREEN HAT & MOSAIC TILES	YARD PARTY	SPIES IN DISGUISE & SECRET SPY PEN	WERRIBEE ZOO & JUNGLE CHASE	EPIC INFLATABLE DARTS & STAINED-GLASS SCRATCH ART
Today, we'll experiment & create amazing structures. All it will take are some wooden planks & a whole lot of imagination! Later, you'll make your own mosaic tile masterpiece to take home.	Join us for a day of jumbo games, as we play classics such as giant Jenga, parachute games, snakes & ladders, noughts & crosses and more! Will you take the title of Yard Party champion?	Today, we're off to the movies to see this season's blockbuster, Spies in Disguise. We'll also get a Secret Spy Pen to take home! *Popcorn & water provided. *Allergy Alert.	Explore the wildlife at the zoo & pretend to be a zookeeper for a day, as you get close to giraffes, lions & more. Back at the venue, we'll have fun playing Jungle Chase.	There's no better way to spend the day than to play on some Epic Inflatables! After, we'll get creative and make some colourful Stained-Glass Scratch Art to take home.
Base Fee \$67.50 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$83.50	Base Fee \$67.50 Exp Fee** \$8.00 Daily Total \$75.50	Base Fee \$67.50 Exp Fee** \$30.00 Daily Total \$97.50	Base Fee \$67.50 Exp Fee** \$22.00 Daily Total \$89.50	Base Fee \$67.50 Exp Fee** \$20.00 Daily Total \$87.50
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JANUARY

13 Monday	14 Tuesday	15 Wednesday	16 Thursday	17 Friday
SPORTS JAM & SPLASH OCTOPUS	BOXERCISE & WACKY MAGNETS	BOWLING & DIY BOOKMARKS	INFLATABLE WORLD & RAINBOW BASKETS	PASSPORT TO SUMMER & DREAM CATCHERS
In this super Sports Jam, we'll form teams and make our way through an arena of epic challenges! Later, you'll play games with a Splash Octopus. *Towel & change of clothes required.	Fun meets fitness in this fast-paced experience, guaranteed to get your heart pumping! That's not all! You'll also get creative as you make your very own unique Wacky Magnet!	Put your game face on & get ready to knock-em-down in the TeamKids bowling tournament! See how many pins you can knock down, then back at the venue create your own Funky Bookmark. *Socks required.	We'll visit the home of some of the biggest indoor Inflatables in Oz! Climb, leap & crawl through obstacles & more! Back at the venue, we'll get crafty as we make our own Rainbow Baskets! *Socks required.	Come dressed in your favourite board shorts, put on your hat & join in on the fun. We'll play flag races, modified beach volleyball & more! After, we'll make our own Dream Catchers.
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Book a day or the whole week... how many days is up to you!

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