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our values –
the moral fibre which
guides our culture

CONSTANT LEARNING
MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY
COMPASSION
SENSE OF POSSIBILITY

ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 4 Mar 9am Junior Gr 1/2

Mon 12 Mar 9am Senior Gr 5/6

Mon 18 9am Junior Foundation

Fri 5 Apr 2.10pm Whole School Gr 5/6

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

Mon 18-21 Gr 3/4 Swimming

Tues 19-27 Somers Camp

selected Gr5/6 Students

Wed 27 Learning Centre Library

Official Opening 6-7pm

APRIL

Tues 2 School Council Meeting 7pm

Tues 2-5 School Photos

Fri 5 Last Day of Term 2.30 Finish

TERM 2

Mon 22 Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tues 23 Curriculum Day No School

Wed 24 Term 2 First Day Back

Thurs 25 Anzac Day Public Holiday No School

CALENDAR DATES

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

Summer is certainly going out with a bang and we've been given a last burst of some very warm weather before we head into autumn.

FAREWELL

As you are no doubt aware, the events of this week have been a talking point in our community. Sheryl's departure from our school comes after almost eight years in the role of principal and leading our community through some very significant changes. As a school community, we are all very grateful for the vision Sheryl had for our community; creating the first Italian bilingual school in Victoria, the focus on character strengths and the work on strengthening high quality teaching and learning practices. In our journey of improvement at BPS, Sheryl's impact has been significant. This will live on for many years to come and we wish her all the very best for every success, professionally and personally.

Many of you have asked how they can get in contact with Sheryl to say farewell and a final thank you. We have a box at reception to collect any letters or cards and will send these items directly to her. We are also in the midst of organising an official farewell for Sheryl on behalf of our community - stay tuned for further details on this.

Any change in a school can be unsettling and this is certainly no exception. Our staff and students have shown incredible resilience during this period and have all maintained the focus on business as usual. I will continue in the acting principal role, while the selection process for a substantive principal is undertaken by the Department of Education & Training. Further information will be provided to you about this in due course.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

On Wednesday we opened up the door to our learning areas and our staff got a chance to share with you some of the specific aspects of each learning area as well as a refresher on some of the things you already know. This was a timely opportunity for families to connect with new staff to our school and also see the dynamics of your child's teachers. Marg and I received some warming feedback from families who all commented on the dynamics of the teams, indicating how closely the teams collaborated with each other and how strong the connections were between the teachers. Thank you to the families who came along and we trust the information you received will further help you to support your child's learning at home.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We will shortly be calling for nominations for our **2019 School Council**. Information about this will be emailed to families and displayed around the school from **Thursday 7 March**. I'd like to officially acknowledge the departing members of our previous School Council; Madeleine Aikenhead, Jeremy Schreurs and Dan Ziffer (Dan was co-opted for the final meeting after a vacated position at the end of 2018), for their work overseeing the governance of our school, strengthening our sub committees and acting as representatives of our parent community and Gabrielle Marchetti, who has been a long standing member of school council and the council president since 2015. To all of you who have dedicated your time and expertise so generously - **thank you**.

LEARNING CENTRE

What a pleasure it has been to finally have our Learning Centre up and running again. As I took a new family on a school tour last week, we witnessed some groups of 3/4 students choosing some new texts for their Classroom Library, a group of 1/2 students collaborating at a small table, a teacher conducting a one-on-one assessment with a Foundation child and a pair of students using the beanbags to complete a learning activity on the iPad. It was a perfect moment for me and it was everything we envisaged for this space - much more than merely a place where the books live. The Learning Centre will officially be reopened on **Wednesday 27 March at 6pm** with special guest MC, Alan Brough and support from The Little Bookroom.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Over the last couple of weeks many of our staff have undertaken professional learning opportunities. Aydan and Ivana spent three days working with other **Primary Maths Specialists** across the state and commenced their journey in leading BPS into an era of renewed vigor in Numeracy. Our **Year Level Leaders** and some additional staff were selected to participate in a GROWTH Coaching session this past Monday. The session was a joint venture between our school, Brunswick North-West PS and Glenroy Central PS. We hosted almost 20 other staff from these two schools and a further session is planned for April.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

These will occur on **Monday 18th March** and **Tuesday 19th March** and during these sessions your children 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.

Thank you to all those in our community for your support over a particularly busy week at BPS!

Trevor.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our last School Council meeting was on Tuesday, 19 February 2019.

As the Department of Education and Training (the Department) had informed School Council members earlier that day that Sheryl Belle was due to return to BSPS, we invited Tony Privitelli, the Department's Senior Education Improvement Leader Hume-Moreland to attend our meeting. Other guests, including a parent and teacher, also attended part of the meeting.

A lengthy discussion about this followed and continued over the remainder of the week.

On 26 February, Sheryl wrote to the community confirming that she had decided not to return to BSPS and was instead going to pursue other options within the Department.

School Council has already thanked Sheryl for her important role in making BSPS what it is today and we take this opportunity to again acknowledge her service to our wonderful school since April 2011. We wish her all the best for the future.

The rest of our meeting focused on finance reports and on approving community and fundraising events for the rest of this year, the first of which will be the upcoming bush dance welcome event on **Saturday, 16 March**.

As well as all the new Foundation students and their families, we have a number of other new students that have joined BSPS this term. We know that starting at a new school can sometimes be daunting for both students and their families. All of us at BSPS extend a very warm welcome to you all. We really hope to see you at events like the bush dance and at the other fun activities organised by our dynamic community & fundraising subcommittee. These gatherings provide a great opportunity to get to know each other and build a strong sense of community.

Finally, I urge you all to think about nominating for School Council before the next meeting, scheduled for 2 April. I have been honoured to serve on School Council since 2013 and I have now decided to step down to give other people a go, but I certainly intend to remain involved with the school's activities, including through the newly established bilingual subcommittee.

Thanks to everyone for making **BSPS** such a special school and wishing the new School Council all the best for the rest of 2019!

Gabrielle Marchetti

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
- ◆ **OSHC** 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

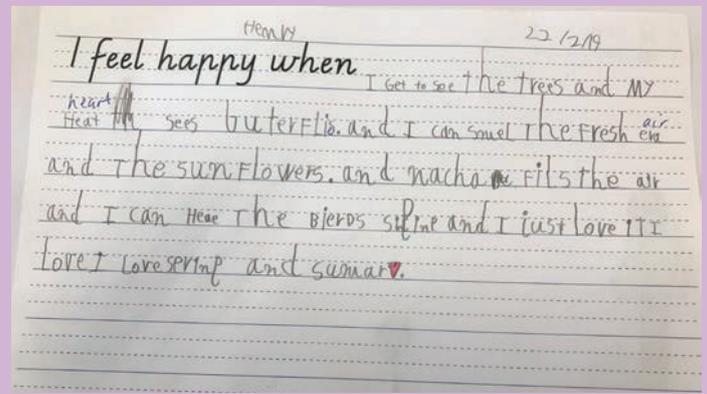
FOUNDATION

Foundation have had a wonderful start to Primary school! **Congratulazioni** to all our Foundation students on completing 16 days of school! During this time, we have been focusing on creating a calm, safe and meaningful learning environment.

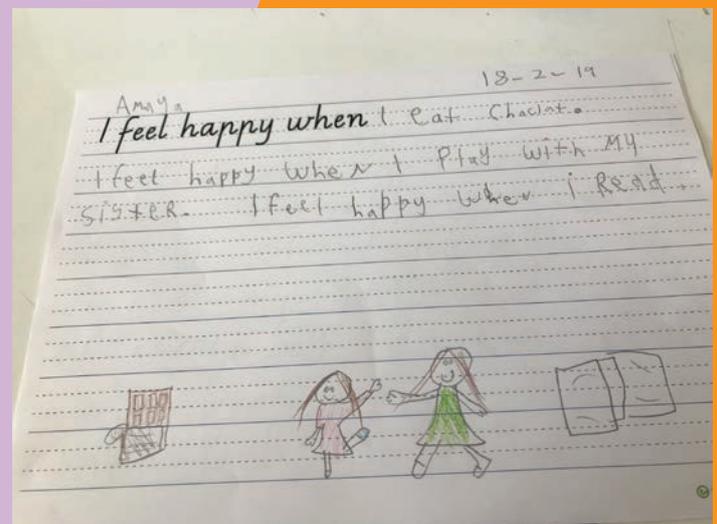
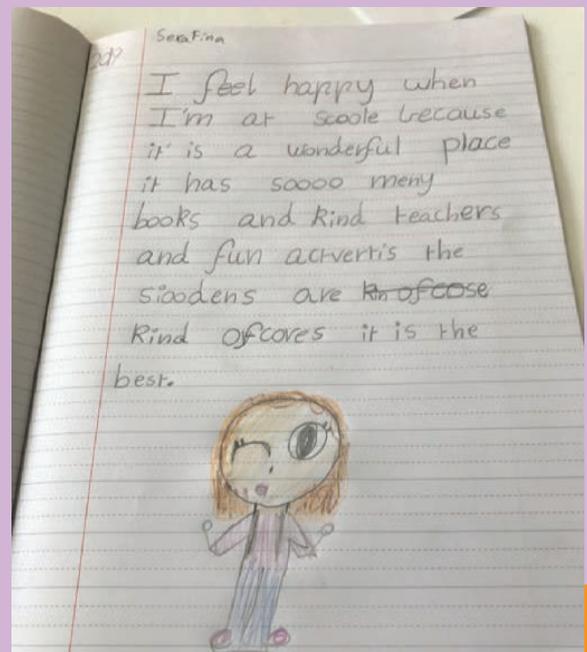
We have been learning to:

- ◆ become Superstar Listeners on the carpet
- ◆ use our school values of Mutual Responsibility and Constant Learning while respecting our resources, learning area and each other
- ◆ make new friends and show compassion towards others in and out of class
- ◆ use the Character Strengths of Bravery, Kindness, Team Work, Perseverance and Love of Learning in our everyday lives
- ◆ use a growth mindset when faced with a challenge
- ◆ understand our identity, and embrace how we are unique and diverse.

Thank you to all our Foundation families for all your support!



In **Grade 1/2** we have been learning about reflective writing, to help us think about what we are thinking. As we look back at our memories, we consider how we were feeling and why. Our reflections are a mirror to our thoughts.



YEARS 1/2

BSPS NOTICES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – HOW YOU CAN HELP

Physical education sessions are lots of fun, and the main aim is for children to enjoy being active.

All children should come prepared to be active on their PE days. That means comfortable clothing and suitable shoes for running. Hats need to be worn and shoulders covered to be sun smart.

Please send a note or email the office if your child is unable to participate fully in PE due to illness or injury. I can usually modify activities so they can still join in.

If your child has asthma please ensure that your child has a medical plan that includes advice for physical activity. For example they may need to use a puffer before PE.

I'm encouraging the children to be comfortable with getting a bit puffed and tired as this is a normal response to exercise.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any issues concerning your child you feel I need to be aware of.

Rachel

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

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 .

FUNDRAISER

Late last year, a motion was passed by School Council to have four fundraisers per year that are initiated, and primarily organized by students.

This term Rosie and a group of her 5/6 friends approached Trevor and I with the proposal to organize a cake stall to raise money for the Blue Dragon Foundation; a charity in Vietnam that helps street kids, and kids with disabilities. The cake stall will be on **Friday 8th March; International Women's Day**. Rosie's letter was in the last newsletter.

Rosie has very much embraced BSPS's school values of Compassion and Sense of Possibility, possibility for all. Details of the Blue Dragon Foundation are at www.bluedragon.org

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

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

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



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March, we will hold our Student Led Conferences for Semester 1.

Appointments can be made between 4-7pm on either of these days.

Bookings must be finalised before Monday 18th March at 3:30pm, as this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, please contact the office on 9380 1231 to make a booking.

Note: Appointments for PE should be emailed to the office and arranged directly through Rachel Harris.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on **Monday 18th March at 3:30pm.**

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9380 1231

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

PARENT/CARER-LED EVENTS AT BSPS

NEXT TWO WEEKS

Mothers' Day Crafters meeting – Tuesday 5th March

7pm Gathering of keen crafters at Great Northern Hotel, 644 Rathdowne Street

WSF meeting – Tuesday 12th March

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

WELCOME BUSH DANCE — SATURDAY 16 MARCH

Kick up your heels with families old and new at school on March 16th. The expert musicians and callers of bushband [Blackberry Jam](#) will lead even the most reluctant through some fun and simple dances in the BSPS school ground.

Stick around afterwards for dinner and catch up with friends — there will be a bar and delicious homemade food for sale (proceeds towards BSPS fundraising).

To show your interest please [RSVP here](#).

HELPERS, PLEASE!

We need YOUR help! Please email Angela (mum to Ethan in grade 6 and Elliot in grade 4) at bspscaf@gmail.com if you can volunteer **even just half an hour** for any of the following. We will need:

FRIDAY OR SATURDAY MORNING Helpers to collect food supplies

SATURDAY MORNING Helpers to prep dinner dishes in the school kitchen

SATURDAY AFTERNOON Sausage Sizzle enthusiasts

SATURDAY 2:30PM: Donation collectors

SATURDAY 5:00PM: Helpers on the bar

SATURDAY 5:00PM: Helpers to serve the food

6:30PM TO 7:00PM: Helpers to tidy up

Join in, help out, and meet new people in your school community! **All welcome!**

SCHOOL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORKING BEE — SUNDAY 24 MARCH

COME AND JOIN US!

Calling all volunteers!! The **Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee** has organised a School Working Bee for **Sunday 24th March** between 9am and 1pm.

Please join us for a range of lovely outdoor activities including working on some modifications to the garden beds in the playground. A light lunch will then be provided afterwards to help replenish the empty stomachs.



If you could please **indicate your interest by Friday 15th March** would be greatly appreciated so that we can plan a list of activities for the day and to help us with catering purposes. Also please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. As always children are most welcome along also.

Please email James, dad to Louis in Grade 4 and Clem in Grade 1 on james.henry@hcau.org.au to register attendance and availability.



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

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TOTAL NUMBER
OF BOOKINGS

AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE

19.5

17

TOTAL NUMBER
OF DAYS

SCHOOL FAMILIES IN
ATTENDANCE

85%

KIDS LOVED
Chinese New Year Celebrations

"The best thing about TeamKids is it is lots of fun and there's always something interesting to do."

Justin



"I am most looking forward to Splash Attack next Friday."

Bastian



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

COMMUNITY READING REWARDS



Buy your books at The Little Bookroom and 15% of all registered transactions will be donated back to your school.

Simply tell the staff that you are "Friends of Brunswick South Primary School" when in store.

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THE LITTLE BOOKROOM

Two Tall Chefs will donate to the school 5% of all cheese purchases made by parents and friends of Brunswick South Primary School. Simply collect any receipts and provide them to the office and the school will arrange to collect the funds. Encourage anyone you know to visit their store, buy cheese and keep their receipts!



Owned and operated by former Michelin star restaurant chef, Monte Hudson, Two Tall Chefs eating house and cheese shop is located in Carlton North's Nicholson Street Village at 665 Nicholson Street. Their range of cheese includes local artisan cheeses and cheese from afar.

They also offer breakfast, lunch and daily specials five days per week (except Sunday and Monday), from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Fully licensed, they have a great selection of wine, local beers and ciders and their backyard dining area is open on Saturday from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Three nights per week (Thursday, Friday and Saturday), they offer a two or three course dinner menu, sourced from local produce and changing weekly.

For more information, go to <http://www.twotallchefs.com.au>



Moreland City Libraries Free Events



Registrations essential online at moreland.vic.gov.au/read-more or phone 9353 4000

Active Labour: memoirs of a working-class doctor
 7.45 pm, Wednesday 6 March
 Brunswick Library



Moreland local Percy Rogers' memoir is a testament to one man's passionate belief in the power of medicine. At 15, Percy enrolled in free night school, the first steps toward a long and varied medical career. He has worked around the world from Hobart's busiest hospital to community healthcare in 1960s Moreland; from remote Arnhem Land to Saudi Arabia. Percy, in conversation with Phil Cleary, will discuss Moreland then and now, and healthcare as a human right.



Genetic genealogy
 7.30 pm, Thursday 14 March
 Glenroy Library

DNA testing has become a more affordable and increasingly popular way for people to explore their family history. Craig is an enthusiastic family historian who has successfully used DNA to identify long lost ancestors and new-found cousins. Learn what can be revealed by taking a DNA test and how it can assist you with your genealogy research.

Ghosts of Pentridge prison
 7 pm, Friday 15 March
 Coburg Library



Discover the darker side of one of Victoria's most historic properties, with forty-four bodies buried onsite and home to some of Australia's most famous criminal underworld figures. Toulia Andreadis will enthrall you with stories of the unexplained that she has encountered during her tours.

Live at the library
 6 pm, Friday 15 March
 Brunswick Library



Brunswick Library transforms into a live music venue for an extravaganza of local music as part of the Brunswick Music Festival. Learn about our Made in Moreland collection; a unique collection of CDs by musicians living or working in Moreland.

Understanding your superannuation
 6 – 8 pm, Monday 18 March
 Coburg Library



You are never too young to start thinking about super and planning for retirement. The Australian Government Department of Human Services' Financial Information Service will discuss choices and consequences, making the most of your pension, Centrelink assessment issues, rights and obligations.



AFTER-SCHOOL KARATE & SOCCER TASTERS FOR PREP – GRADE 3 Starting week of February 25th

Don't pay expensive fees for activities that your children will only be interested in for a term or two! Railway House is offering 6 week taster programs in **Soccer** and **Karate** at low cost. Our coaches are highly qualified and experienced, and their programs are perfect for young beginners wishing to give these sports a try.

- ✦ Fun, supportive, non-competitive environment
- ✦ Introduction to basic skills
- ✦ Quality tuition
- ✦ Low cost: \$48 full / \$24 concession for 6 weeks



When: Karate: Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:15*
 Soccer: Wednesdays 4:00 – 5:00

*Please contact us if Tuesdays don't suit you but your child is interested as we may be adding another session.

MEET OUR COACHES...



Helen Hadiyan is national Karate judge and accredited coach who has been coaching children in Australia for 5 years. Helen has been a national Karate coach and a sport psychologist for Karate teams overseas. Helen is currently doing her doctoral research degree in sport coaching at Victoria University. Helen is also a sports scientist who has lectured extensively in sport psychology and developmental psychology. Helen teaches about 90 children a week at the Kassis Karate Academy.



Shede Olukhale was a member of the Kenya National Football team and played in the Kenya National League for over 10 years. He is also a fully qualified Youth Coach accredited with the Football Federation of Victoria, holds current Level 2 First Aid and CPR and relevant industry affiliations. Through his business Kickstart Soccer, he has coached more than 100 children a week for over 5 years in Melbourne.

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St Aloysius College



St Aloysius College invites you to our Beyond Primary School session where information will be shared with you about:

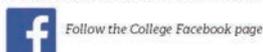
- Girls only education
- Things to consider when selecting a secondary school
- What our College has to offer your daughter

Families of primary school girls, are warmly invited to attend this session to understand more about why St Aloysius College is the perfect school of choice for the next stage in your daughter's education.

Date: Tuesday March 19th
Time: 6pm to 7pm
Location: St Aloysius College,
31 Curran Street North Melbourne

Please register via our website www.aloysius.vic.edu.au follow the link on our enrolments page to "Events"

For more information contact the College on 9325 9200



St Aloysius College Twilight Evening

**Thursday March 28th
5pm to 7pm**



Visit us to explore the opportunities available to your daughter.
Meet our Principal and speak with our outstanding staff and students.



Register at www.aloysius.vic.edu.au/Talk&Tour