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Thursday 3 May
9:30am - 11:00am



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our values –
the moral fibre which
guides our culture

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SENSE OF POSSIBILITY

ASSEMBLY DATES

FRI 9 March Grade 1/2
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CALENDAR DATES

MARCH

MON 5 - WED 7 Grade 5/6 Camp
MON 5 Foundation students start school full time
MON 12 Labour Day (no school)
TUE 13 - FRI 16 Grade 3/4 swimming
MON 19 - THUR 22 Grade 3/4 swimming
MON 19 - TUES 20 Student led Conferences
TUE 27 BSPS Commonwealth Games Whole School
TUE 27 Colour Run Whole School
THUR 29 END OF TERM 1 2:30pm finish

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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Vice President Monique Dawson
Treasurer Jeremy Schreurs
Community Gabrielle Marchetti
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LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

Ciao a tutti! *The last fortnight has been a busy one at BSPS and even though it's already half way through the term, our current momentum feels like we've been going for much longer!*

WELCOME PICNIC

Last Thursday we had our first BSPS event for the year – our Welcome Picnic and Information Session. It was great to see so many families in the learning areas and then congregating in the grounds for a bite to eat and something to drink, while the kids used up all their energy from pizzas and gelati.

The Information Sessions in the learning areas proved to be very beneficial – I received some feedback from some of you indicating that the pieces of the puzzle **'were all coming together'** and that you felt fully informed to support your child's learning this year.

Our Welcome Picnic is very symbolic as every family is at a different stage in their BSPS journey. For some families this was their first impression of our whole school community, for others it marks the beginning of their final year at our school and most of you fit somewhere in the middle. Our seasoned BSPS families would certainly have seen some changes in their time. Thanks to the Community and Fundraising Crew for putting together such a relaxed school event.

COMPASSION

We have school values for a very important reason. These values aren't just to put up around the school and display on our website – they provide us with the expected behaviours of all members of our school community. We are diverse and we embrace this diversity through our different religious, **cultural** and **social** backgrounds, our **gender** and **sexual orientation**, **age** or **disability**. The majority of the time our children play safely and respectfully at school. But, on occasion, we experience some actions and choices that are

unkind or unsafe. At a school level, we make it clear that these behaviours are unacceptable and that's a conversation all of us can have. The message between home and school needs to be consistent in order to help our children develop skills to become positive, respectful and safe citizens. Showing **compassion** helps us work through the things that make us different.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are calling for nominations for our **2018 School Council**. Information about this has been emailed out to families and is displayed around the school. We currently have four parent vacancies available, one of which is a community position. All nominations need to be received by **4pm on Tuesday 6th March**, and then we can announce whether we have filled the positions or need to go to an election.

I'd like to officially thank the departing members of our previous School Council: Sarah Moon, Sara Rossen, Geoff Cope and Tim Schork for all your support over the last two years. For those who are considering running, this is a rewarding way to contribute to our school. If you're not up to the task of School Council, you can also join one of our Sub-Committees. These committees work under a convener and take on the delegated responsibilities of **Policy, Buildings & Grounds, Community & Fundraising and Finance**. Members are always welcome and after our new School Council is formed the conveners will put out information on how to join.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

These will occur on **Monday 19th March** and **Tuesday 20th March** from 4-6pm. The information on how to book can be found in this newsletter. Remember that your child will be sharing their learning goals with you, which have been developed in conjunction with their teachers. It is important that your child attends these meetings.

NEW FACES

We've had a few staffing updates over the last week. **Chiara Spalletta** joins us working in Years 3/4 replacing Ivana on Thursdays. **Lauren Whitley** was successfully appointed to the Education Support position advertised.

And finally, **Vicky Krstevski** will be the new friendly face greeting you at reception when **Sanae** finishes up and begins her family leave.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please remember that our school yard is supervised from 8.45am – 9.00am in the morning and then from 3.30pm – 3.45pm in the afternoons. Any child in the yard outside of these times needs to be in Out of School Hours Care (OSHC). Our 3.45pm bell is a reminder that all students in the yard who haven't been collected need to go to reception.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

As part of my own Professional Learning I've spent the last two days at a course run by Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership. **Evolve** is a program designed for recently appointed principals to further build capacity to be an effective leader in the school community. The opportunity to work with many others in a similar situation has highlighted how (all at once) the role can be exhilarating and rewarding, as well as demanding and highly complex. I look forward to sharing more with you as I continue my own journey as a lifelong learner.

Have a fabulous fortnight!

Trevor.

CONGRATULATIONS LEARNING LEGENDS!

TERM 4 - WEEK 9

- ◆ Foundation - Flora, Harry & Ephram
- ◆ Grade 1/2 - Azra, Isaac B, Johanna & Hamish
- ◆ Grade 3/4 - Angus, Flynn & Baxter
- ◆ Grade 5/6 - Sicheng, Leonardo G, Sam LB, Alexandra



LIBRARY

Unfortunately earlier this year we had some water damage to our library after a heavy rainfall. We are working with the Department of Education's insurer on having the damage fixed, however this means our library is out of action at the moment. As carpets and plaster have to be replaced the area has been contained. We are hoping the works will be completed by the end of term and our library will reopen a little brighter and fresher than before!

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Please remember 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** our **BSPS Newsletter**. These newsletters come out fortnightly on a Friday (the alternate week to assembly). 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.

ISS GALA DAY

This year for Interschool Sports we are playing lacrosse, touch rugby and t-ball. This year instead of playing each week, we have one big gala day per term.

YEARS 5/6

We had different sections for each sport, lacrosse and t-ball were at Clifton Park and t-ball was at Gillon Oval. It was a very fun and active day, but very dirty if you played touch rugby! Our next gala day is on the 25th May if you would like to come along and cheer us on!

Contributors – Kevin, Aidan, Lucas and Jordan



LEARNING LEGENDS

On Friday we will start the Learning Legends program. In that program, we will celebrate student's learning by hanging out in the kitchen drinking hot chocolate. In 5/6, students nominate other students by looking in the categories of Mutual Responsibility,

Compassion, A Sense of Possibility and Constant Learning. To nominate a student, you need to write down their name on a slip, what value they have shown and how they have shown it. Then you fold up the slip and put it into the Learning Legend Box.

LETS EXPLORE ANGLES

In Geometria, we have explored angles around the school. We had so much fun discovering all the angles hiding around our school! And to finish we had the chance to create angles using our body; what a good stretching session!



CHOIR CLUB

At BSPS we have many clubs at lunchtime, one of them being choir club.

Choir club is a club on Monday lunchtimes, for grades 3-6. Lately we have been learning the national anthem in English and in Italian.

First we do a few singing exercises to warm up and then we sing a few things (this week being the English and Italian anthem,) then we sing a great, fun and heart-warming song called "Count on me" by Bruno Mars. I really like the song because it's a beautiful song about friendship and being able to count on each other.

So I suggest that anyone who really likes to sing, or maybe you are like me and don't like to sing in front of other people and at first you might not want to go, but still give it a go because the fun at choir club will overpower your nerves and you'll completely forget about your fear.

By Tessa Lee

We can describe Grade 3/4s successful start to this term through a couple of themes...

COMMUNITY

Our large group has been defined by two smaller ones, named Headquarters and Mission Control. Each week, these groups nominate themselves to take care of our class by being totally responsible for a number of tasks. For example; answering the phone, monitoring our stationery items, watering our succulents, and introducing our schedule for the day. This builds our sense of mutual responsibility.

BELONGING

We have been exploring our connections to one another in Civics and Citizenship and Social and Emotional Learning times, where we've discovered that many of us are committed to sporting and musical/dance/movement groups. This helps us to know who we are and what we stand for.

In class, we have small groups that we belong to, and we work towards a sense of teamwork, comradery and loyalty to one another by helping out and looking out for each other. This activates our sense of compassion.

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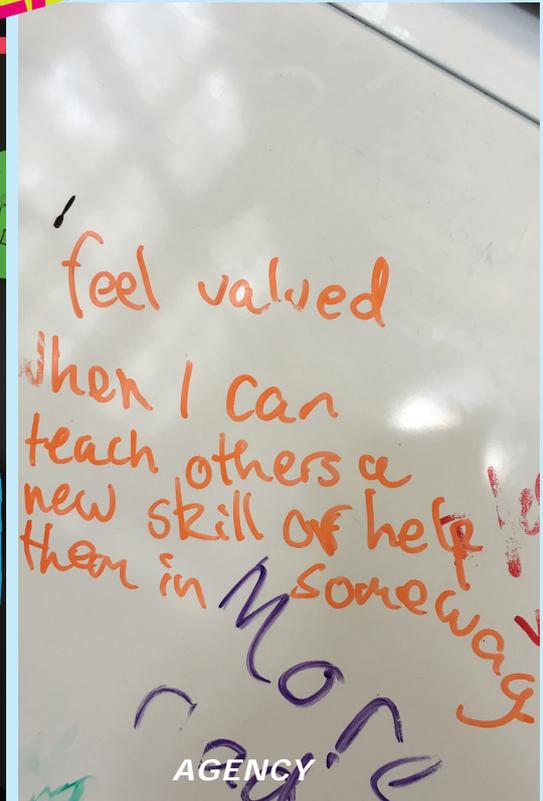
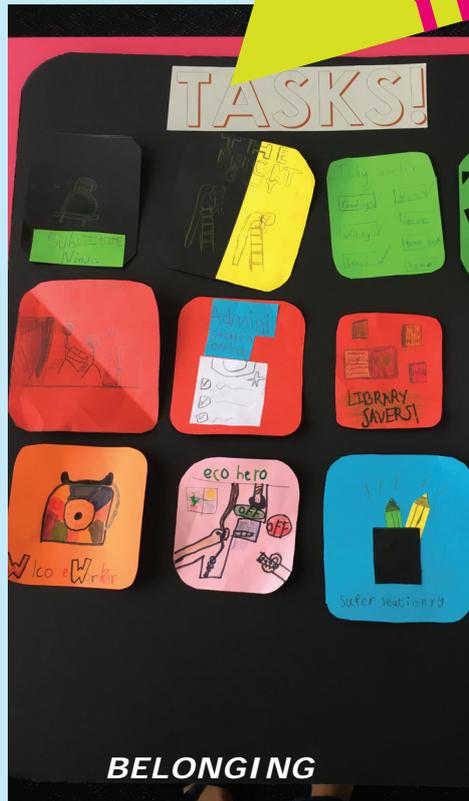
We know the value in asking for, collecting and discussing feedback. We have started to build many opportunities for our students to share their opinions and suggestions about their learning and our teaching. One example of this is asking "What makes you feel valued?" Our student responses varied from 'being available to talk', 'listening to my ideas' and 'when I get a challenge'. We have also explored our strengths as a maths learner with a quiz, and reflected on the wins and areas to improve/change in the first 3 weeks of term.

Knowing we can evoke change and are active in our learning experiences, builds our sense of possibility.

ASSEMBLY

Thank you to our families who attended our first 3/4 assembly for the year, and to those who gave such generous feedback to those who presented! We are very proud of their efforts too!

YEARS 3/4



BSPS NOTICES

BUILDING AND GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE

The B&G SubCommittee continues being busy. We are excited about the progress of the **West Wall Garden re-development**. A big call out of thanks to Michael & Atalanti for driving this, along with the input from a broad selection of school community members.

Working bees will remain a key part of our focus this year. For the remainder of Term 1 and into term 2, we are instigating a routine **'Flash-Mob Working Bee'** on the 1st and 3rd Monday Mornings of the month. Please put your name on the 'Flash-Mob Working Bee – Planner' at the front desk and or call/text Geoff on 0411 114 426. These working bees will run for only 3 hours each between 0900-1200 and focus on projects listed in our published 2018 Action Plan.

The school does not receive a dedicated budget allocation for B&G use, so we are reliant upon energy, goodwill and community generosity to do stuff.

In addition to the 'Flash-Mob Working Bees', additional weekend working bees will be occurring from time to time – stay tuned.

We are also proceeding with strategic plans around the yard drainage challenges; toilet amenity; use of linear park; and play equipment refresh. Please reach out to any of the **B&G Sub-committee members: Atalanti, Michael, Elke, Trevor, or Geoff.**

COMMUNITY AND FUNDRAISING SUB- COMMITTEE

2018 WELCOME PICNIC

We hope all the families who joined us for our traditional welcome picnic had a great time. Luckily the weather held and it stayed warm (even a little too warm for the gelati - lucky it sold out so quickly!).

It was fabulous to see so many new families mingling with the school community. This is just one of several opportunities we plan to create throughout the year. **We also raised \$1800 to go towards equipment for the new Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths lab.** It was great to see some of the student's engineering skills being put to good use in creating towers of pizza boxes throughout the school! **Thanks to the wonderful committee and our faithful band of volunteers for organising the event - particularly Simone Gregurke for wrangling and organising the food, Travis Maher and Megan Templeton for churning out the snags, Stephen Nowicki for the gelati, and Shane Hapimiraki and Jane Scammel on drinks.**



PARENT AND CARER SURVEY

We will shortly email all parents and carers a link to a short survey about your interest in being involved in the range of activities that take place during the school year. We are also keen to learn about skills and connections you would be happy to share with us as we amp up our efforts to make our school even more wonderful. We are always keen to hear from people who would be happy to be involved in working bees around the grounds, helping out at events, supervising excursions or who could link us to potential donors or sponsors. Any support big or small is always gratefully accepted!

The results of this survey will allow us to be more targeted in our communications when we are seeking volunteers and will also help us in planning our 2018 fundraising program.

MARCH COLOUR RUN/WALK - 27 MARCH

This month the committee will be supporting the school through a colour run (or walk) as the final event of the school sports day on 27 March. This is basically a walkathon but more awesome! During the event, students will be splashed with coloured corn starch (all safe, non-toxic but a bit messy!). We are delivering this to help students to be actively involved in fundraising for the school. Proceeds will go towards improvements in play equipment and the school grounds. The course will be just outside the school along Park Street (between the school and the bike path). On top of being extremely fun, any student who attracts more than \$10 sponsorship will earn a prize.

Sponsorship booklets and information for parents will go out soon in school bags. There will also be an on-line sponsorship option for any students who really want to go global in their fundraising efforts!

COMING UP

We are well into our planning for our major event for the year - the **Winter Solstice Festival to held on Saturday 23 June. Please save the date now!** Simone Gregurke and Jane Scammell are project managing the event - feel free to start talking to them if you want to know how to be involved, or send an email to bspscaf@gmail.com

POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE

The policy sub-committee have two policies in draft which require community comment.

- ◆ Health Policy and Immunisation Policy
- ◆ Immunisation Policy

These policies will be sent as separate documents when the newsletter is issued via email.

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.



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Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Brunswick South Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by **4.00 pm on Tuesday 6th March, 2018.**

The ballot will close at **4.00 pm on Tuesday 20 March 2018.**

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM/ OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 To and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020	4
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018 To and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020	1



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
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INTERVIEWS**



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday 19 March and Tuesday 20 March, the student led conferences with parents and teachers will be held.

Appointments can be made from 4-6pm on either of these days.

Bookings must be finalised before the 16th March 3:30pm, as this event will close.

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

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 16th March 2018 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.

THE COLOUR CRAZE THAT'S SWEEPING THE NATION™



Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: School Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion

From today, we commence the School Run4Fun Colour Explosion which is as a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects in particular the playground.

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on **27th March** starting at **1pm – 3pm**. 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. The average raised per student using online fundraising is \$120.

WIN A SHARE OF \$70,000 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.

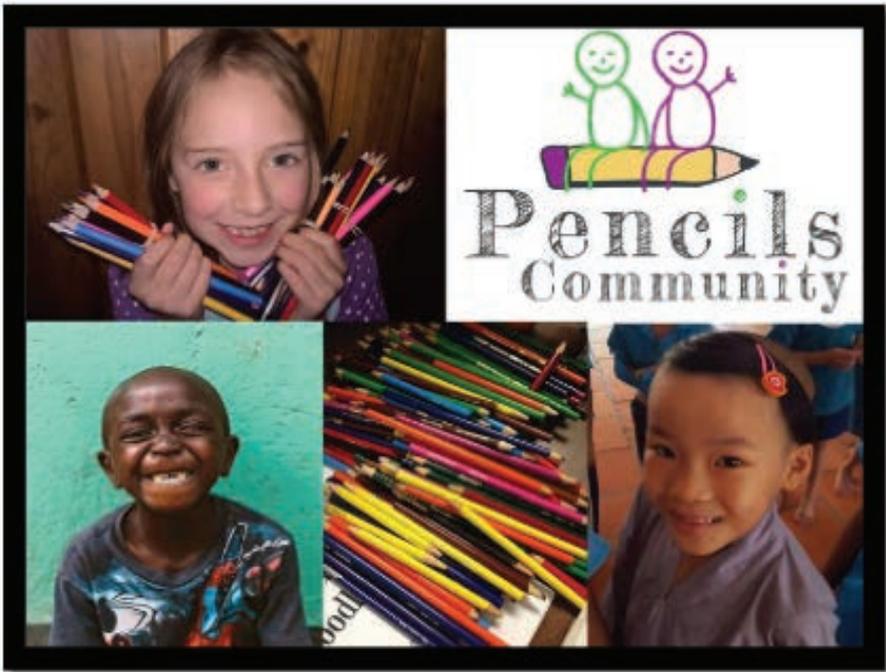
Please note, **all donations need to be finalised on or before 28th March**. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.

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

Monique Dawson

Community and Partnerships

COMMUNITY NOTICES



PENCILS COMMUNITY **HELPING CHILDREN TO COLOUR THEIR WORLD**

Pencils Community is a social enterprise that takes your new, used and discarded pencils, pens, crayons and other stationery items, re-bundles them and gives them to children in need in Australia and around the globe. Every year, thousands of pencils and stationery items are thrown in the bin – we aim to recycle these items before they become landfill and help get these second-hand educational items to disadvantaged children around the world.

We work with Schools, Community Groups, Individuals, Businesses, Not-For-Profits and Corporate Social Responsibility companies to grow Pencils Community and help as many children in need as possible. We strongly support: **Education, Sustainability and Humanitarian issues** and we believe it takes just one pencil for a child to learn, create, write, read and ultimately help educate and change the world as we know it.

PO Box 203, Seaford, 3198. Vic. AUSTRALIA
0437 094 049 - info@pencilscommunity.com
www.pencilscommunity.com

We get your new, used & discarded pencils to kids in need in Australia and around the world

We accept:
Pencils, Textas, Crayons, Pens, Rulers, Erasers, Sharpeners, Pencil Cases, Calculators, Art Supplies, Craft, Paper, Exercise Books & more

A parent from our school Atalanti Dionysus is a 'pencil ambassador' for the 'Pencil Community' organisation and is gathering the donations and items for the organisation.

Please leave donations at the school office or feel free to hand to Atalanti in the schoolyard.

She will be collecting donations for the next 4 weeks.

Thank you for your support and for your wonderful donations!



Brunswick South-West Primary School

TWILIGHT FETE



Friday 2nd March
3.30 - 8.30pm



TICKET

rides



fresh produce ★ bbq
pre-school adventure zone ★ live music
sideshow games ★ handmade crafts
busking ★ sumptuous food
second hand treasures ★ cake stall
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U18

U15

U12

GIRLS WANTED FOR SEASON 2018

In 2018 we're planning to have U12, U15 & U18 all-girls teams (as well as mixed teams up to U14). Brunswick Football Club provides a pathway for girls to play footy from Auskick right through to senior football with the Brunswick Renegades. Training is at Gillon Oval, Pearson St, Brunswick.

Have fun playing with friends, learning & developing footy skills, & improving your fitness.

Check out our Facebook page or website or contact Sallie-Ann for more details.



Sallie Anne Boyle 0431 663 687



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