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Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

our values –
the moral fibre which
guides our culture

CONSTANT LEARNING
MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY
COMPASSION
SENSE OF POSSIBILITY

ASSEMBLY DATES

Monday 22 March 9am
Senior School (3/4 Hosting)
Thursday 1 April 2pm
Whole School
(Foundation Hosting)

CALENDAR DATES

MARCH
Tues 23 Student Led Conferences
Students Finish School at 12pm
APRIL
Thur 1 Last Day of Term
Mon 19 Curriculum Day
No School
Tues 20 Students Commence Term 2

Thursday 1 April
Last Day Of Term
2.30pm Finish

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

I'm sure there were a few tired eyes on Wednesday evening from our 5/6 students after their very successful trip to PGL Campaspe Downs. The students and staff all had a fantastic time, despite some interrupted sleep, and managed to pack their three days with some exhilarating camp activities – abseiling and flying fox being among the highlights!

Marg and I made the trip to visit the campers on Tuesday and it was a nice change of scenery for both of us. We saw many examples of our kids extending their learning beyond the classroom and overcoming obstacles. Some of which were conquering a fear of heights, staying away from home overnight and even some kids who found it a challenge to finish all their vegetables. These things all contribute each child's confidence and self-reliance. We also witnessed the children interacting with each other, their teachers and the camp staff and what was clear to me was how deep our school values run; the passion and love of learning, underpinned by compassion, mutual responsibility and, what we saw most, a sense of possibility. Thank you to the staff who attended our camp (Sarah B, Simonetta, Caro, Lauren, George, Jarrod, Anna, Iman & Jack). It is in their own time that staff attend camps and giving up time away from family and friends is a wonderful gift to give our kids.

END OF TERM PICNIC

Community events have been a bit light on over the last year and we are excited to kick off our first community event in what feels like an eternity! Join us on Thursday 25 March from 3.45-6.00pm. We'd normally brand this as the Welcome Picnic, but it's a bit late for that. Instead the focus is on a chance to be together, enjoy some food and connect with the families who are new to BPS (including our Foundation and Year 1 families who've not yet had a community event).

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

This year we are reintroducing Student Led Conferences to further build learner agency in our students at BPS. Our kids are well placed to have responsibility and ownership over their learning and sharing this with you. Our Student Led Conferences are happening Tuesday 23 March from 12.45-7.00pm. Don't forget: students will be dismissed at 12pm on this day!

What is a 'Student Led Conference'? It is an authentic way to encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning, actions and decisions. This process demonstrates to your child that we all support their learning in partnership, we acknowledge and value their accomplishments and respect their own view of themselves as learners. We have managed to keep the length of each session at 15 minutes. The extra time may not seem like much, but with 317 students, it's an

extra commitment from our teaching staff. To book, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code W8PN2 for classroom teachers or T22RR for specialist teacher bookings.

Please note that you are always welcome to arrange a time to meet with your child's teachers outside of these times. Our staff are very accommodating in meeting requests within the working week.

ATTENDANCE

We all know how important regular attendance is for your child at school. Over the last twelve months we've had to put some of our usual attendance messages on hold – with only a very small group of students actually permitted to attend school on site last year during the lockdowns.

Now that we are all back on site and operating as 'normal' it's important to reignite this message!

While we understand that illness and medical reasons are unavoidable, we must consider the positive impact that regular attendance has on a child's development. Children with positive attendance habits have consistently been found to have:

- ♦ **higher** academic achievement including literacy and numeracy
- ♦ **longer** school retention
- ♦ **increasing** opportunities for students to learn and access educational resources, further supporting achievement
- ♦ **decreased** absenteeism in higher year levels

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school. So, while it might be tempting to let your child hit the snooze button or take a day off for their birthday, please remember that **every day counts!**

COUNCILLOR AND MP VISITS

Over the last couple of weeks we've had some visits from Moreland City Councillors; Mark Riley, James Conlan and Lambros Tapinos and last Friday we were delighted to host Sheena Watt MP for a tour of BPS. Sheena was particularly impressed with our value of language and enjoyed seeing bilingual education in action. She also talked about our Learning 2 Learn program and how we'd used the mentor text, 'Finding Our Heart' to strengthen the program this year. Sheena gifted us some books – a copy of 'Finding Our Heart' and 'Young Dark Emu' to add to our Learning Centre collection.

We also took some time to walk around the grounds and share the works we've put into developing a BPS Master Plan. We are looking forward to working closely with Sheena and the opportunity to further showcase our work as a community.

Next Friday 26 March, Tim Read MP will be in attendance at the morning drop off to check in on how things are going and speak with parents and carers in the yard. Join us if you can!

As always, time is flying as we are heading in to the final fortnight of Term 1. Have a great weekend!

Trevor.

YEAR 3/4

Lettura

In Italian reading we have been reading Ivo, Caramella e il viaggio nell'Antica Roma. Ivo e Caramella is about a ten year old boy and his dog that travel to Ancient Rome. At the end of the book there are activities we love to do, they also help our reading and writing. This book is really exciting, we can't wait to see what happens next!



Scienze

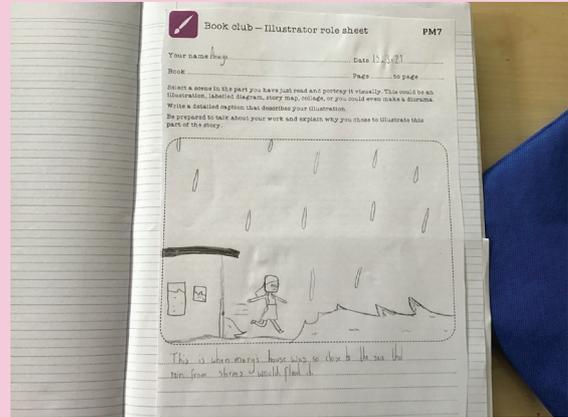
We all do Science in Italian. This term we have been learning about I Materiali (Materials) and Le Proprietà (Properties). There are many different materials with many different properties. To identify the main ones we have been using gloves as examples, as well as doing experiments to find out which materials filtrare (filter water) respingere (are waterproof) or assorbire (absorb).



Reading

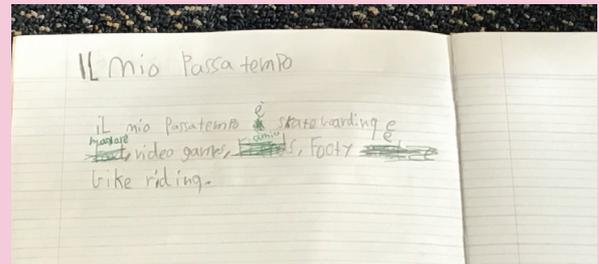
In English reading we have been learning about the Roles of the Reader. The four roles we have been learning about are: Text Connector, Word Master, Summariser and Illustrator. For each role we did a number of activities related to them. For

example with the role of the Sumariser we read a text about Mary Shelly and we had to choose up to 6 key words and then use those to make a short summary. For Word Master we read a few texts and found words we didn't know and then we found synonyms for them. Then we used them to make sentences in our book. Below is an example of the role of the illustrator, a drawing from them text of Mary Anning.



Scrittura

We have been reading and writing about our hobbies it looks like this...



We are also learning about the different parts in an article such as: introduzione, titolo dell articolo, paragrafo, il numero della pagina e il glossario spiega le parole nuovo. We have also been analysing the article to find the different parts it looks like this...



We also did one other one on Rome which was the same as this just a different article.

YEAR 3/4

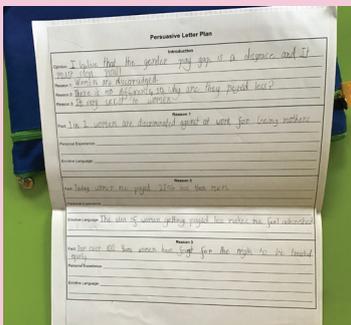
Maths

We have been doing math in both English and Italian! We have been explaining our working out by using math vocab. We have also been using new strategy's like partitioning and known facts. As well as working on asking questions, we have been learning how to rename numbers. Some of our most recent math investigations involved our teachers giving us about six numbers and us putting them into a sum and having to show how we got our answer. Yesterday we got to choose an number in the range of 100-90,000 and we had to draw it out in MAB blocks then we had to rename our number.



Writing

In English Writing and Humanities we have been writing persuasive letters to politicians. These letters are about the gender pay gap, fake Aboriginal art, and food waste. We are hoping to convince these politicians to stop all these disgraceful doings. To help our persuasive letters become even more persuasive we have been using persuasive devices. These persuasive devices are emotive language, personal experience, and facts.



PGL Campaspe Downs Camp

Yr 5/6 students had a great time at the PGL camp this week. The students participated in a wide range of adventure activities and specially designed programs. They even had a visit from Trevor and Marg on Tuesday.

The students returned to BPS on Wednesday afternoon tired but very excited about the wonderful experience. They were looking forward to a good nights sleep.



YEAR 5/6

ART

After concentrating on drawing their faces in continuous line self-portraits, the 3/4 focused on drawing toys. Again, they really needed to observe them carefully and pay attention to the different types of lines and shapes to draw them as true to life as possible. Please note, no toy has been harmed in the process!



The senior students are working well to create dances in groups. The focus for our sessions has been to work cooperatively with others, communicating our ideas and listening, challenging ourselves when working together to create, develop, rehearse and perform a sequence of 8 or more steps.

Their enjoyment and dedication to their group dance was evident by the effort each group made to work together. Wonderful examples of individual dance movements in the performance space were enjoyed by the encouraging audience members. Well done! Continue to dance and 'Celebrate Good Times... Come on!'



PERFORMING ARTS

STEM

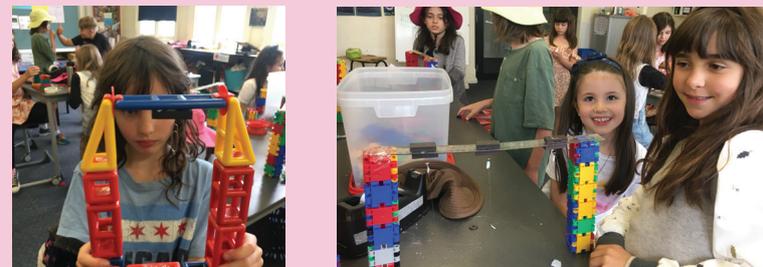
This term the **Grade 5/6** students are exploring engineering and technology in the medieval era. Students will be tinkering with drawbridges, pulleys, catapults and other simple machines and technologies used at that time.

Their current challenge is to construct a castle gatehouse, with a functional drawbridge, that is able to withstand an attack from a variety of different forces (in our case, a remote control tank and a tennis ball projected by a ball thrower). Students have to consider the strength of the materials they use and introduce structural elements such as frames and braces to reinforce their structure. They also have to weigh up competing considerations such as a more secure door versus a faster closing system. Also considered are features such as turrets and other visible defences that would intimidate and deter approaching invaders - although some students think that a splattering of fake blood is enough of a deterrent!

This term the **Grade 3/4** students are exploring magnetic force. They are learning about the different poles of a magnet and how to use attraction and repulsion to create specific effects.

The students made their own 'matchbox' cars and by placing a magnet in the little draw, they manoeuvred their cars over different surfaces using magnetic repulsion. Once the cars were serviced (there were many wheel re-alignments) they were able to make it over quite a few different surfaces such as fake grass and, in a few cases, sand.

The students also made simple compasses that respond to the earth's magnetic field and locate the earth's magnetic northern pole. It was very exciting to watch our little needle turn to the north and see that it is pointing in the same direction as the point of a real compass. The students also enjoyed constructing awesome gravity defying sculptures, with levitating paperclips, nails and washes. These structures exhibit how certain metals such as iron, nickel, cobalt and alloys such as steel (which contains iron) respond to the magnetic force.



PE

Senior Students helping with foundation activities

I am very grateful to the year five and six students for their awesome help with the foundation PE lessons.

Three students are rostered on each week to guide the younger students through their activities. They explain the activity and help the students to complete each stage safely.

The older students enjoy the interactions, learning to communicate and to think on their feet as activities need modifying for individual students.

The younger students really love working with the 5/6 students, especially if a sibling or friend is involved!



For International Women's Day, the students in 3/4 created some wonderful posters



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

BSPS NOTICES

B.S.P.S. INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMME

BSPS has two dedicated instrumental music teaching spaces, and currently engages eight Instrumental Music Teachers (IMTs) offering lessons in piano/keyboard, guitar, drums, violin and singing. All our IMTs have current Working With Children Checks and are experienced teachers and practitioners.

The programme is co-ordinated by a parent volunteer, Maria Fitzgerald.

Piano/keyboard (4 teachers)

Maria Fitzgerald (Wed p.m. & Mon)

Anna Robinson (Wed a.m. & Fri)

Rosey Beer (Tuesdays)

Francesca Di Muccio (Mon, Tues, Friday)

For any enquiries regarding piano lessons please contact Maria on mob: 0404 969 386

Email: mariafitz@westnet.com.au

Violin

Gavin Lang Mob: 0416 078 869

(Thursday) Email: gavinlang@outlook.com

Esther Henderson Mob: 0401 643983

(Tuesday)

Email: Estherhenderson101@gmail.com

Guitar

Nigel Swifte Ph: 0403 734 057

(Mon, Wed & Fri)

Email: nigelswifte@hotmail.com

Drums

Dave Williams Mob: 0431 150 989

(Thursdays)

Email: davewilliamshangs@gmail.com

Singing

Oliver Mann Mob: 0434 850 112

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STUDENT INCLUSION ACTION TEAM.

The Student Inclusion Action Team at Brunswick South Primary School wrote their Mission statement after meeting last week. This statement will be on the school website, at the office and in our Information book for families. They also want visitors to our school to know that we are a community that tries to use gender neutral terms.

At Brunswick South Primary School, we respect the LGBTQA+ community by using gender neutral terms.

Be mindful that calling some people "girl" or "boy" may be disrespectful to them, so try to avoid these gender specific terms

You can do this by:

- ◆ **Always asking for a person's preferred pronouns if you are not sure**
- ◆ **If you are not sure that person is "girl" or "boy", by how they present; ask them!**

KOORIE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to **Matthew Caruana** on his successful application to the Koorie Academy of Excellence.

Last year when Matthew was in grade 6 at BSPS, he completed a written application and participated in an interview with a selection panel. It is a great achievement and we are very proud of him.

The Koorie Academy of Excellence is an out of school hours program that supports young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to be culturally strong, to be a leader in their community and to aspire to complete Year 12.





BSPS SCHOOL PICNIC

Come along to the school picnic!

Insieme - ballare, mangiare, arte e due chiacchiere!

Families are invited to come along and catch up with old friends and make new ones at the BSPS end of term picnic.

Pack a picnic basket and enjoy a casual afternoon on school grounds. BYO Drinks

When: Thursday 25th March. 3:45 – 6 pm

Where: BSPS school grounds

Buy: BBQ stand available with sausage sizzle and veggie patties for sale - \$3 Cash Only. BYO Drinks

At 3:45pm we will celebrate in true Italian style with a whole school Carnevale parade, a special Tarantella performance, Tarantella dancing by the Foundation students and viewing of art master pieces created by our Foundation students!

Please note students will need to be supervised by their parents / carers for this event.

Be sure to QR scan on entry to school grounds.

Ci vediamo!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Brunswick South Primary

7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Arrivo entro le 9:00 nei giorni di escursione



In Casa



InCursione



Escursione



BEST PROGRAM EVER

5 APR · LUN	6 APR · MAR	7 APR · MER	8 APR · GIO	9 APR · VEN
<p>LUNEDÌ DI PASQUA</p>	<p>CAPPERI DI CARNEVALE</p> <p>+ DOMINO IN LEGNO</p> <p>Ci divertiremo al circo TeamKids con Capperi di Carnevale! Venite a giocare a Domatore di Leoni, tenta la fortuna con il gioco Equilibrista e crea una Tenda da Circo da portare a casa.</p>	<p>GRAVITRAX</p> <p>+ TELAI DI PAGLIA</p> <p>Oggi ci divertiremo con GraviTrax, la nuova epica pista di biglie. È così bella che non vorrai smettere! Sceglieremo tra una varietà di tessere, livelli e percorsi per spingere le nostre sfere gravitazionali verso il traguardo.</p>	<p>FILM - TOM E JERRY</p> <p>+ TEAMKIDS JET</p> <p>TeamKids sta iniziando a offrire anche lo spettacolo interattivo e anche i popcorn! Andiamo al cinema per vedere gli esilaranti Tom e Jerry. Cosa faranno stavolta il nostro gatto e topo preferito? *Avviso allergia, popcorn.</p>	<p>GIOCHI BALISTICI CON LA PALLA</p> <p>+ PARRUCCA TWIRLY WAGS</p> <p>Chi è pronto a giocare con i giochi Ball-istic Ball? TeamKids ti farà divertire con una varietà di sport! Ci sarà la cattura, il lancio, il rimbalzo e il bowling in questo seminario basato sul fitness.</p>
	<p>Tariffa base \$66.00</p> <p>Tariffa dell'esperienza** \$7.00</p> <p>Totale giornaliero \$73.00</p>	<p>Tariffa base \$66.00</p> <p>Tariffa dell'esperienza** \$16.00</p> <p>Totale giornaliero \$82.00</p>	<p>Tariffa base \$66.00</p> <p>Tariffa dell'esperienza** \$30.00</p> <p>Totale giornaliero \$96.00</p>	<p>Tariffa base \$66.00</p> <p>Tariffa dell'esperienza** \$17.00</p> <p>Totale giornaliero \$83.00</p>
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12 APR · LUN	13 APR · MAR	14 APR · MER	15 APR · GIO	16 APR · VEN
<p>LABORATORIO DI CUCINA</p> <p>+ SUPER ROCKETS</p> <p>Stiamo preparando qualcosa di fantastico a TeamKids con il Laboratorio di Cucina! Giocheremo a Bump, Set, Spike, e esploreremo nuove cose con Exploding Sandwich Bags e creeremo alcuni vorticosi caleidoscopi fai-da-te da portare a casa.</p>	<p>AVVENTURA NEL GIURASSICO</p> <p>+ PORTAFOGLI CON NASTRO ADESIVO</p> <p>Sei pronto per il rock, mini paleontologo? Oggi partiremo per un'avventura giurassica! Insieme, scaveremo per andare alla ricerca di fossili di dinosauri e scopriremo i segreti nascosti da milioni di anni. Non vediamo l'ora che ti unisca a noi!</p>	<p>ZOO ALL'APERTO DI WERRIBEE</p> <p>+ GIOCO BARNYARD ROUND-UP</p> <p>Oggi, TeamKids ti farà scoprire lo Werribee Open Range Zoo! Faremo una passeggiata lungo il Percorso del Fiume Africano per avvistare il maggior numero possibile di leoni, ghepardi, ippopotami e scimmie.</p>	<p>FIESTA NACHO</p> <p>+ GIOCO CANGURI E COCCODRILLI</p> <p>Benvenuto alla Nacho Fiesta! Inizieremo con gustose patatine di mais e condiremo il tutto prima di goderci un delizioso banchetto a tema messicano. *Avviso allergia. *Sono disponibili opzioni senza glutine e vegan. Si prega di selezionarlo al momento della prenotazione.</p>	<p>STREGHE E MAGHI</p> <p>+ CORSA DEI ROBOT</p> <p>Afferriamo i nostri manici di scopa e voliamo verso TeamKids perché ci trasformiamo in Streghe e Maghi! Giocheremo a Dobby Sock Toss, creeremo disegni di creature magiche e modelleremo statuette di maghi da portare a casa.</p>
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*Potrebbero essere applicati sussidi per l'assistenza all'infanzia. Costo di amministrazione di \$5 per famiglia. Si applicano delle tasse di ritardo di \$5 entro 7 giorni per bambino. Piani di pagamento disponibili. **Quota esperienza/attività. I programmi possono essere soggetti a modifiche. Si applicano tariffe di pagamento di terze parti. Vedi Termini e Condizioni per la politica di cancellazione.

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SCEGLI LA TUA AVVENTURA
Book Now

Oliver Mann - Singing Teacher BSPS

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My name is Oliver. I run singing lessons for individuals and small groups at Brunswick South Primary School.

*My aim is to nurture a love of singing and vocal expression in students by **developing individual voices**, their **musical skill**, **early sight-reading** and **vocal confidence**. Many singing games, many songs and lots of learning. Singing is a great way to develop young musicians, enhance their well-being and nurture young minds in a way that enriches not only themselves but also their families.*

Lessons run for 30mins:

Individual lessons	\$42
Pairs lessons	\$28
Trio lessons	\$25

- Lessons are charged per term
- 24 hrs notice required for lesson cancellation or student unavailability due to incursions
- It is the students/parents/carers responsibility to notify Oliver of unavailability
- Make-up lessons will be met when possible

Parents are always welcome to "sit-in" on lessons.



Oliver Mann has sung extensively with Opera Australia touring children's operas to primary schools across Australia; he has been a regular presenter on "Classically Kids" for 3MBS 103.5fm; and has worked in libraries presenting story-times for children. He has worked as a soloist for Victorian Opera, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Australian Chamber Orchestra. Oliver is a composer of original music and has presented at the Melbourne Festival, the Sydney Festival and the Adelaide Festival.