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the moral fibre which
guides our culture

CONSTANT LEARNING

MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

COMPASSION

SENSE OF POSSIBILITY

*Brunswick South Primary School
has zero tolerance to child abuse
and actively works to respond to,
listen to, and empower children.*

ASSEMBLY DATES

Fri 8 April 2pm Foundation Hosting

CALENDAR DATES

APRIL

Fri 8 End of Term 1 2.30 Finish

Tues 26 Curriculum Day No School

Wed 27 First Day of Term 2

Wednesday 27 April

First Day Back

Term 2

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

It feels like our school community is flourishing again. The momentum created by all the different 'normal' events over the last couple of weeks has buoyed everyone's spirits and Carnevale di BSPS was the perfect opportunity to reengage and reconnect as a whole school community!

Grazie to Annaleise Ronzan and the Community and Fundraising Sub Committee for the work that went into preparing for our first community event for 2022. With many false starts and cancelled events last year, this celebration was just what we needed to set the tone for this school year. It was great to come together and reconnect in person after a long time apart.

School Review

This week we concluded our School Review. The review was facilitated by an external reviewer, John Haines and a review panel was established that consisted of:

- ◆ Department of Education representative: Tony Privitelli (Senior Education Improvement Leader)
- ◆ Challenge Partners: Jen Briggs (Principal, Footscray Primary School) and Angela Minuzzo (Senior Languages Education Officer, DET)
- ◆ School Council Representative: James Henry

The review panel was also joined by our School Improvement Team (Maree, Sarah and Toby) and, of course, Marg and myself.

This review has been very successful for our school and the review panel noted the positive impact we've made since our last review. Some particular highlights the panel noted were the calm, orderly and focused learning environment, the high levels of student engagement in learning during our classroom observations and the passion, enthusiasm and joy conveyed during the staff, student and parent focus groups.

Last night I received an email from a member of the school review panel and I just had to share this comment with you, **"You should be very proud indeed of what is a truly extraordinary school!"**

We have the beginnings of a new strategic plan in development and look forward to sharing this with you next term **and then** undertaking our next stages of work together!

School Council

Last week our new council met for the first time. We welcomed our new member, Oliver Mann and appointed an additional Community Member, James Henry. We also welcomed back existing members, Madeleine Aikenhead and Sarah Pavlidis.

Our first item of business as a new council was to appoint new office bearing roles, with Madeleine Aikenhead elected as President, James Henry as Vice President and Dan Ziffer as Treasurer. The sub-committee conveners for 2022 are as follows:

- ◆ Policy Committee – Marg Weymouth
- ◆ OSHC Committee – Oliver Mann
- ◆ Building and Grounds Committee – James Henry
- ◆ Community and Fundraising Committee – Annie Ronzan
- ◆ Bilingual Committee – Romina Beltrame

Some of our sub committees still have spots for 2022, so if you are interested in being part of them please email brunswick.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au and attention your email to the relevant convener.

Our council is a productive, trusting and highly active professional learning community in our school and I look forward to the opportunity to build on the work by previous councils to make our school even better.

Staffing Update

At the end of this term we are farewelling a couple of members of the BSPS team. Sarah Burdak is due to commence family leave. We wish Sarah, Brendan and Dot all the very best in the next stages of their journey as a family and look forward to getting some visits later this year.

We are also saying farewell to Rachel Harris. After more than thirty years of service at BSPS, Rachel has decided on a 'sea change' and is moving to Torquay. Her contribution to our school community is a remarkable achievement and to see so many generations of learners move through our school is certainly a privilege. We wish Rachel all the very best with the move to her new community and thank her for her tireless dedication to our school community.

These staffing changes will bring about some changes at school. Maree will move into the 5/6 area and will lead learning intervention with our senior students. Toby will move into Maree's role in 1/2 and we welcome back Kate Page who will join the 1/2 team on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We also welcome back Eamon McDonagh who will fill the Physical Education role until the end of the year and today we are conducting interviews to fill the vacant Italian position in 5/6 – stay tuned!

Parent Payments

This year we have been overwhelmed with the response and financial contributions families have made to our school. These contributions are used to enhance the learning experience for all students at BSPS and allow us to continue to provide high quality Literacy, Mathematics and Specialist Programs for all students. Thank you to those families who have contributed to our school financially and the additional support this provides us beyond our Department of Education funding.

You can also contribute to the school by donating to the Building or Library Fund. The office is able to provide a receipt and these payments are tax deductible.

As these contributions are voluntary, there is no 'due date' and payment can be made at any time during the year.

Dogs in School

We've noticed the increase in the furry additions to many families over the past couple of years and it's lovely to meet them at drop off and pick up. For those families who are bringing dogs in to the school we ask that you take a moment to read our Dogs in School Policy as there are some important conditions of entry to note.

- ◆ All dogs entering Brunswick South PS must be on short leads (not extendable leads) that are controlled by an adult, not by a child
- ◆ Dogs should remain on the asphalt areas and not on the synthetic turf areas
- ◆ Dog owners are requested to always be mindful that children are the first priority in a school environment and that some children are unfamiliar and/or afraid of dogs

You can read the full policy [here](#).

5/6 Camp

This week the 5/6 students ventured down to Portsea for their camp. The weather gave the perfect backdrop for a busy, action-packed three days together. From all reports the kayaking, hut building and beach trip were all crowd favourites with the disco as the perfect way to wrap up the day!

Big shout-out to the BSPS staff who took the time away from their own lives to ensure camp could run; Rachel, Chiara, Aimee, Jarrod, George, Hayley and Belinda - GRAZIE!

Annual Privacy Reminder for 2022

BSPS collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website [here](#).

As we head into the final week of term, it is an achievement that we have enjoyed our first uninterrupted term since Term 4, 2019 – so long ago!

Enjoy a breather over the school holiday break and we'll see you back on Wednesday 27 April.

Trevor

onPsych is available at our school!

Do you find that your child is having emotional or behavioural issues? Are they struggling socially, academically? Brunswick South Primary School now has a registered mental health care social worker to support your child via Telehealth.

Raquel Ugarte is a registered mental health care social worker who specialises in child and adolescent mental health. Her services are provided at the school at **NO COST** through Medicare bulk billing or NDIS. She will work collaboratively with you, your child, and the teachers to maximise opportunities for positive growth.

If you believe that this might benefit you or your child, please contact the school office to request a Parent Pack for further information.



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS EVENTS

1. WORKING BEE 1 - Start of Term 2 - 15 May
2. Tree Planting Day - 29 July (Friday)
3. WORKING BEE 2 - Start of Term 4 - 23 October

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The BSPS Council met for the second time in 2022, with our March 22nd meeting being the first with the new 2022 council members. Welcome to Oliver Mann who has joined us as a parent representative and welcome back James Henry who has filled the vacant community member position.

Thank you to James for continuing on council and as the convenor of the building and grounds committee. A shout out to James for his work over the past 2 years as Council President. James and I have swapped roles this year as I occupy the Council President position and James takes up the Vice-President position. Thank you Dan Ziffer for remaining as treasurer (we all voted you in, in absentia!) and to Marg Weymouth for continuing to lead the Policy committee, John Hajek for his ongoing work with the bilingual committee, and to Romina Beltrame for continuing in the role as chair of that committee. Thank you to Vicky Wilson, our departing council member who so ably led the OSHC (Outside School Hours Care) committee and transitioned Team Kids through with another 4 years with BSPS. Oliver has taken over as convenor of the OSHC committee. Annie Ronzan continues to lead the community and fundraising committee with her usual energy and enthusiasm. With the return of face to face and onsite activities we hope to come together more often and see many of these activities come to fruition.

Sarah Pavlidis continues as the teacher representative on council, and it was nice to welcome back lots of familiar faces as well as one new one. Our hard working committees are always looking for new members - any level of involvement welcome. If you are interested in being involved, please send us an email via the BSPS email address.

The school is undergoing a review as part of the Department's regular scheduled reviews. Whilst the review is still underway, initial feedback has been positive noting several gains and improvements since the last one undertaken in 2017.

The Council has developed a building and grounds Masterplan which we will be seeking community comments on in term 2. The purpose of the Masterplan is to identify infrastructure opportunities for the school to better utilise and improve the existing school grounds. The Masterplan takes into consideration possible growth in the school population size and provides a useful document to discuss our vision when seeking infrastructure funding opportunities. Thanks to James Henry for leading the development of this plan throughout 2020-2021.

We hope that the theme of 2022 will be renewal and reconnection as we transition back to in person activities. On that note, it was great to see and meet many of you at our first whole of school community event, the Welcome Carnevale held on Thursday 31 March.

Madeleine Aikenhead

School Council President

on behalf of the BSPS School Council

2022 Term Dates & Curriculum Days

Term 1: Friday 28 January (State-wide Curriculum Day) No school Monday 31 January – Years 1-6 commence Tuesday 1 February – Foundation commence Friday 8 April – End of Term 1 (2.30pm dismissal)	Term 2: Tuesday 26 April (Curriculum Day) No school Wednesday 27 April – First day of Term 2 Friday 24 June – End of Term 2 (2.30pm dismissal)
Term 3: Monday 11 July (Curriculum Day) No school Tuesday 12 July – First day of Term 3 Friday 16 September – End of Term 3 (2.30pm dismissal)	Term 4: Monday 3 October – First day of Term 4 Monday 31 October (Curriculum Day) No school Tuesday 20 December – End of Term 4 (1.30pm dismissal)

BSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

- ◆ **President** Madeleine Aikenhead
- ◆ **Vice President** James Henry
- ◆ **Treasurer** Dan Ziffer
- ◆ **Parent Members** Romina Beltrame, Oliver Mann
- ◆ **Community Members** John Hajek, James Henry
- ◆ **DET** Trevor Strolla, Marg Weymouth, Sarah Pavlidis

SUB COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Building and Grounds** James Henry
- ◆ **Policies** Marg Weymouth
- ◆ **Community and Fundraising** Annalise Ronzan
- ◆ **Bilingual** Romina Baltrame
- ◆ **OSHC** Oliver Mann

FOUNDATION

In Foundation we are all brave learners.

In our Student Led Conferences our students shared what they were most proud of with their parents and carers. As their teachers we were thrilled at how each child took up the challenge and shared their ever-growing understanding and learning.

On Friday we were all treated to a fantastic Italian event with Spectacular Spettacolo. We all joined in singing and dancing together and a few of our students were chosen to parade in a fashion show set in Milan. Marlo told us "I loved this show as much as my guinea pigs, that means a lot!"



As Term 1 comes to a close, the 1/2 students have a lot to celebrate.

Did you know that this is our 1/2 students' first uninterrupted term in two years! WOW!

Please see some of our students' highlights from Term 1 below:

My highlight this term was...

"...making my very own poem, I thought a poem has to rhyme but it doesn't. I learnt a new thing" - Gabriel

"...doing the ones, tens, hundreds chart. I liked learning about place value." - Isabel

"...creating my own community" - Raf

"...getting better at Italian even though I am Italian" - Adesh

"...doing learning with Jake. I loved writing my Fish story." - Ismail

"...writing narrative stories" - Greta

"...writing a letter to the police" - Felix

"...doing spaghetti in Performing Arts" - Estelle

"A highlight of this term was creating a birds-eye view of the classroom in Maths" - Zoe

School Swimming Program Coming to an End

Every Monday this term, our Wonderful Year 1's and Tremendous Year 2 students have made their way to Ascot Vale Leisure Centre. We have loved seeing the students' joy and enthusiasm before and after swimming. It has been especially great to see some of our students who originally were a bit nervous about swimming return to us sharing that they would like to continue outside of school! Swimming has been a great way for our 1/2s to show their independence and practise their organisation skills. This has somewhat transferred to our classroom too!



Before swimming



After swimming ^{zz}

YEARS 1/2

STEM

Foundation

The Foundation students are enjoying more teddy adventures! Over the last few weeks we have constructed "teddy towers", made a footbridge that can hold 10 teddies, and an elevator to take our teddies to the top floor or rooftop garden of a skyscraper.

The students have also made a tower out of pipe cleaners and snibs. These towers are inspired by Watt's Towers, a collection of 17 sculptural towers built by an Italian man named Simon Rodia in his own backyard (In Los Angeles from 1921 - 1924). Unfortunately, these towers were not stable enough for climbing, but the Teddies marveled at their ingenuity and beauty from the foundation of the structures.

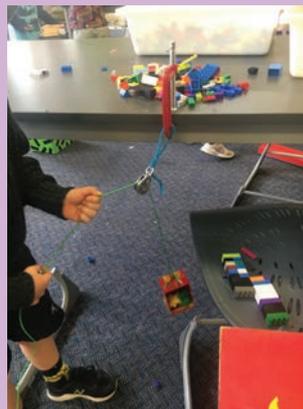
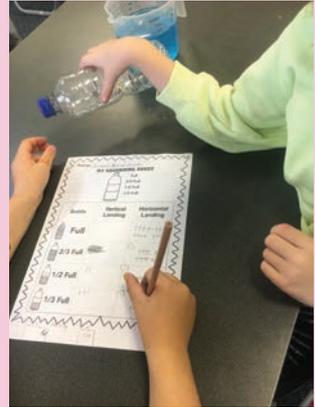
Grade 1/2

The Grade 1/2 students are continuing to learn about scientific methodology by conducting their own scientific experiments. They created static electricity using a balloon and a comb and tried to lift or move a variety of different materials. They were very surprised to find that you could move 'goop' with the static electricity and even had a bit of a static electricity tug of war with an aluminium can. This week they have been learning the art of bottle flipping and recording the outcomes of their flips (horizontal or vertical) as they try to figure out which water level (full, 2/3 full, 1/2 full or 1/3 full) is best for bottle flipping.

The students have also enjoyed competing to see who could make the tallest tower with the least amount of planks. Their constructions speak for themselves. Bravo Grade 1/2s!



Watts Towers



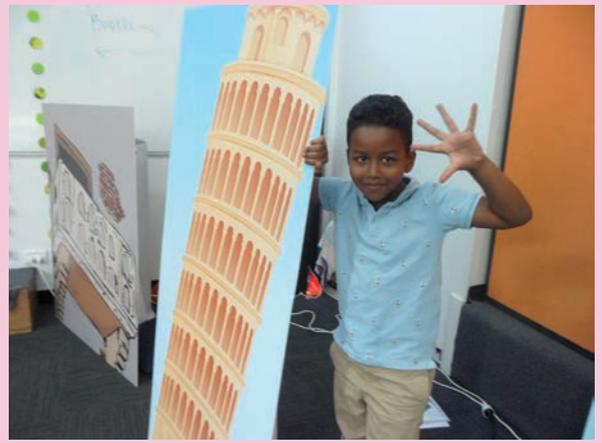
"Goop" responding to static electricity



PERFORMING ARTS

**Venerdi 25 marzo via partenza.....
destinazione Italia.**

On Friday the 25th of March the whole school danced and sung their way around Italy, visiting major cities and participating in an exciting adventure. It was wonderful to experience live performances again at BSPS. Grazie to Spectacular Spettacolo e lo show..... Dammi il Cinque.



YEARS 5/6

On Monday we travelled by bus to Portsea for the Year 5/6 Camp.

We started the day with cereals, toast, a couple of activities in the morning, bread roll for lunch and two more activities in the afternoon.

In the evening a disco and piano performances kept us well entertained (we didn't know we had so many talented pianists.) We finished off the day with movie and some popcorn.

The campers had a ball at this magnificent location!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



BRUNSWICK SOUTH PRIMARY

7:00AM START
6:00PM END

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



INCURSION



EXCURSION

11 th APRIL · MON	12 th APRIL · TUE	13 th APRIL · WED	14 th APRIL · THU	15 th APRIL · FRI
				PUBLIC HOLIDAY
CREATE LIKE DA VINCI + 3D PUZZLE ANIMALS	MĀORI WELCOME CEREMONY + CRAZY 3D FISH	MINI GOLF + DROP THE CUPS	PUSH IT TO THE MINUTE + THE OYSTER SHELL GAME	
Today will be CHALK full of fun with Create Like Da Vinci! We'll transform into magnificent artists ourselves as we create Optical Illusions, make Mona Lisa Line Art & play the Human Knot game.	Did you know that the Māori culture of New Zealand is over 1000 years old?! We'll learn all about a traditional New Zealand Māori welcome through song and the Haka in this fun, high-energy interactive showcase.	We're putting our skills to the test in a TeamKids Mini Golf Tournament! We'll experience a labyrinth of challenges that are sure to amaze all our senses. Will you score a hole-in-one? *Closed-toe shoes required.	The clock is racing & TeamKids is chasing to beat fast world records. We need your help in Push It to the Minute! We'll work as a team to defeat a series of unique challenges, all before the time runs out.	
Base Fee \$68.00 Exp Fee** \$7.00 Daily Total \$75.00 After Max CCS* \$11.25	Base Fee \$68.00 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$84.00 After Max CCS* \$12.60	Base Fee \$68.00 Exp Fee** \$26.00 Daily Total \$94.00 After Max CCS* \$14.10	Base Fee \$68.00 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$84.00 After Max CCS* \$12.60	

18 th APRIL · MON	19 th APRIL · TUE	20 th APRIL · WED	21 st APRIL · THU	22 nd APRIL · FRI
PUBLIC HOLIDAY				
	MEET THE RAINBOW SERPENT + UNDER THE SEA	MOVIE - MONSTER FAMILY 2 [PG] + KNOCK OVER GAME	NERF GAMES + NO HANDS RACE	ALIEN INVASION + PICA-PAIR
	Did you know that The Rainbow Serpent represents one of the great & powerful forces of nature & spirit in Australian Aboriginal Culture? We'll get to interact with some animals represented in Dreaming stories.	TeamKids is in the limelight with Monster Family 2! We'll see the Wishbone Family transform into a Vampire, Monster, Werewolf & Mummy to save their friends. *Allergy alert, packet popcorn provided.	TeamKids is set for a dynamite day of fun & adventure! We won't know where to start with hundreds of blasters to choose from in Nerf Games. Are you ready to play a safe & fun game with all your friends?	WATCH OUT! There's been an Alien Invasion at TeamKids. Today, we're banding together to save our home planet. We'll play Astronaut Dodgeball, do the Moonwalk Freeze & create Space Shuttle Craft.
	Base Fee \$68.00 Exp Fee** \$18.00 Daily Total \$86.00 After Max CCS* \$12.90	Base Fee \$68.00 Exp Fee** \$30.00 Daily Total \$98.00 After Max CCS* \$14.70	Base Fee \$68.00 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$84.00 After Max CCS* \$12.60	Base Fee \$68.00 Exp Fee** \$7.00 Daily Total \$75.00 After Max CCS* \$11.25

26 th APRIL · TUE	AROUND THE WORLD	Base Fee	\$68.00
	+ MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME BALL	Exp Fee**	\$7.00
	There's boundless fun to be had like nothing else on Earth at TeamKids with Around the World! We'll play Football Tennis together, run around to Catch the Dragon's Tail & make Papel Picado Craft.	Daily Total	\$75.00
		After Max CCS*	\$11.25

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. **Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Administration, Late Booking Fees, and cancellation fees may apply. Third Party Payment Fees apply. Payment plans are available. Terms and Conditions can be found on our website - www.teamkids.com.au



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



OPEN DAY

For current Year 5 and 6 students and their families.
Student led tours: Book today at
<https://compasstix.com/e/b68n5jvt09>

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our school. For more information visit us at www.coburg.vic.edu.au or call 9353 1700

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Wednesday 13th April

10am - 12.15pm Easter Baking

Mix, bake, and decorate traditional Easter fare to take home and share with friends and family. \$30* / Age 7+



1pm - 3pm Mexican Makers

Decorate jewellery and functional objects using traditional Mexican styles. Class led by Mexican artist, Lizette. \$50* / Age 7+



*\$75 for both workshops. Participants to bring their own lunch.

Thursday 14th April

10am - 12pm Pottery Workshop

Working with professional ceramicist Pegs Marlow, participants will make a functional bowl or cup, which will be glazed and fired for collection at a later date (tba). \$50* / Age 7+



12.45pm - 3pm Discover Decoupage

Participants will select an object e.g. box, coaster(s), placemat, then be shown how to decorate it in the tradition of classic decoupage - with images, paint, gold paper. \$30 / Age 7+



*\$70 for both workshops. Participants to bring their own lunch.

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GIRLS SOCIAL SOCCER

TERM 2

10-11AM SATURDAYS



We are offering a girls-only social soccer program. It's beginner-friendly, run by experienced & supportive female coaches.
Every Saturday in term 2: 30 April - 25 June, 10 am - 11am.
For ages 5 - 12 years
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