

TERM
TWO



Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

imparare insieme ♦ creare insieme ♦ vivere insieme

WHAT'S INSIDE

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR,
SCHOOL COUNCIL,
FOUNDATION,
YR 1/2, SPECIALISTS
BSPS Baby Boom



Jude



Zach



Ira

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NEWSLETTER

our values –

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

- Mon 23 May 9am YR 3/4 Hosting
- Mon 6 June 9am YR 1/2 Hosting
- Fri 25 June 2pm Foundation Hosting

Friday 3 June
Professional Practice Day
No School

CALENDAR DATES

MAY

- Mon 16 NAPLAN-Years 3 & 5
Language Conventions
- Tues 17 IDAHOBIT Day
- Wed 18 NAPLAN-Years 3 & 5
Mathematics
- Thur 26 National Sorry Day

Fri 27-Fri 3 June Reconciliation Week

JUNE

- Wed 1 5/6 Quantum Excursion
- Fri 3 Staff Professional Practice Day
- Mon 13 Queens Birthday Public Holiday

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

It's amazing how beneficial it is to resume 'business as usual'.

Mother's Day celebrations, excursions, assemblies – even undertaking NAPLAN tests this week, gave us a sense of familiarity and normality as we finally resume ALL the things that make our school a dynamic and fantastic place!

Welcome

Over the next month we are joined by Mairead Hannan who is the Assistant Principal at Collingwood English Language School. Mairead is undertaking a principal preparation program through the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership and, as part of the program, will complete a four-week internship working alongside myself and the leadership team at BPS. Mairead has some fantastic experience that she brings to our school and I look forward to the placement being mutually beneficial for her and us! Please join me in welcoming Mairead to BPS.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students are currently in the midst of NAPLAN testing for writing, reading, language conventions and mathematics. For BPS, this is the first year NAPLAN testing has moved online and I am very pleased to report that, so far, everything has proceeded without a hitch.

NAPLAN testing is a snapshot in time and gives us feedback about how our kids performed on one particular day. The tests provide us with an indication of the strengths of our teaching and learning program, highlight areas for us to focus and also help us evaluate the effectiveness of teaching in a bilingual model. We expect our students to approach these tests just as they would for any other task at school and try their personal best. NAPLAN results are usually received in term three, but possibly a little earlier this year due to the tests being online.

Festa della Mamma

It was an absolute delight to celebrate Mother's Day at BPS this year and Festa della Mamma certainly made the mums, grandmothers and other special people in our lives feel very important.

Not only did our kids have the opportunity to purchase a gift, but families had special Mother's

Day portraits taken and even enjoyed a delicious high tea!

We also received some very lovely feedback, which I wanted to share with you:

I just wanted to say thank you to the school for the delightful Festa della Mamma this morning. We had a very civilised morning tea at beautifully decorated tables and the students serving us were so attentive - we were very impressed. Also loved the opportunity to get my photo taken as I'm usually on the other side of the camera. Thanks to the creative powerhouse, aka Annie, in particular.

Thanks to Annie and the Community and Fundraising Team for the effort that went into creating such a special event and the Student Fundraising Action Team who assisted on the stall and served the high tea.

It's really very special to be able to pick up the things we've missed over the past two years and getting back into our community events definitely makes me feel like we're back in our groove!

Working Bee

This Sunday (15 May) we will also be hosting the first Working Bee for 2022! Our Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee have prepared a day of planting for anyone who would love to come along. We will also be undertaking some general weeding, sweeping and grounds maintenance.

Election Day

BPS will be a polling location for the federal election on Saturday 21 May. This is a great fundraising opportunity for us to run a sausage sizzle and get stuck into some baking to feed the thousands of hungry people who will come into our school on this day. We need lots of volunteers to help during the day, so please reach out if you can assist.

Professional Practice Day

For Term 2, 2022, the Department of Education and Training has provided all schools with permission to hold each teacher's allocated professional practice day on the same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective and efficient use of this day.

As a result, at BPS, we have scheduled our professional practice day for **Friday 3 June**. **Students are not required at school on this day.**

TeamKids will provide care on this day and you can book in if you would like your child to attend.

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 BPS 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 donations are tax deductible.

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

Attitudes to School

At BSPS we use student voice as a means to improve student engagement, wellbeing, and quality of instruction. We measure this informally throughout the year, but each year we participate in the Department of Education Attitudes to School Survey. This assists us to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

Students from Years 4 to 6 will participate in the survey during the school day between now and the end of term.

As you can see from the cover of our newsletter this fortnight, we are in the midst of a 'baby boom' at BSPS. We send our love and big congratulazioni to Simonetta, Toby and Sarah on the birth of Zach, Ira and Jude! Welcome to the newest (and youngest) members of our BSPS family!

Buon weekend!

Trevor.



Ciao! Mi chiamo Mairead (in italiano Margherita)

Thanks for the warm welcome at BSPS this week. I am thrilled to see how engaged, kind and respectful students are as they go about each day at BSPS.

I am at BSPS to do an internship with Trevor for the month of May. It is really inspiring to see how committed staff are in providing an engaging, inclusive program. I am delighted to be at BSPS in a school where bilingualism is the norm and I have already learnt so much from leadership and observing the day to day running of the school.

I am currently Assistant Principal at Collingwood English Language School, Broadmeadows Campus. We teach newly arrived students English as they settle in Melbourne and before they enrol in a mainstream school. Most of the students I work with are refugees who arrived in 2021/2 so it is nice for me to be at BSPS where the school community is committed to peace and harmony, to work towards a better world in uncertain times.

Having lived in North Melbourne and worked in music, the arts, community and education, I have already found connections within this school community which we can carry into the future.

In case you are wondering – mi piace il gelato, mi piacciono i colori verde and rosso, walking on the beachand lots of other things too!

If you see me around – please say hi!

Mairead Hannan



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

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.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Tuesday 3rd May, the 2022 school council met minus a few faces who were isolating or recuperating from COVID, which seems to be doing the rounds in this area and as we head into winter. As we head into the colder months, yet with restrictions easing, please remember to take care of yourself and those around you and rest, test and isolate if you need to.

Thank you again to Annie and her team of volunteers for the great mother's day stall for Festa della Mamma on Friday 6 May, with many mothers and carers treated with a photo, morning tea or little gift.

There will be a school working bee this Sunday 15th May and we would love to see any volunteers there to help out on the day. The working bees are always a lovely day of gardening and grounds work with kids welcome too. And if you are unable to assist on the day, but wish to make a donation to the building and grounds fund - this would be very welcome (please check Compass notification or the school website for details).

The following weekend will of course be the federal election on Saturday 21 May. The school will be a polling booth and like many schools we use this as a fundraising opportunity by running a sausage sizzle. Last federal election proved to be a very busy day with over 2,500 sausages sold. If you are able and willing to assist on the day, this would be very welcome.

Ahead of the federal election and the November state

election, parent members of the school council will be meeting with and writing to several MPs to seek funding for school improvements, mainly focused around the building and grounds. This includes traffic management, greenery and facilities in the surrounding streets, as well as onsite infrastructure such as the condition of the school grounds as well as longer term plans. As mentioned in the last school council write up, a draft Masterplan for school building and grounds development will be displayed during term 2 for community consultation. We will also have a display at our mid year community event "Saturnalia" on Saturday 18th June and we look forward to lots of conversations with you about this and other issues.

The bilingual committee continues to explore promotion of the school as a bilingual school and building of relationships with others interested in bilingual education, including with the three other Italian bilingual primary schools in Australia (Footscray which is newly established as an Italian bilingual school, one in Sydney and one in Canberra).

Just a reminder that Friday 3 June will be a curriculum day to enable the teaching staff to have a dedicated professional practice day. Our wonderful OSHC providers, Teamkids will be providing a service on that day.

If you would like to get involved in any of the above activities, one of the sub-committees, make a donation, or engage with the school council, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school's email.

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** Annaleise Ronzan
- ◆ **Bilingual** Romina Baltrame
- ◆ **OSHC** Oliver Mann

RECONCILIATION ACTION TEAM

Reconciliation Action Plan

Our Reconciliation Action Plan has been reviewed and some new actions have been included to our 2022 RAP.

"At the core of our vision for reconciliation at BSPS is an active commitment for our school community to connect and build ongoing relationships with the local Wurrundjeri Woi Wurrung community."

At BSPS there is Reconciliation Action Group, made up of staff and parents and we also have a Reconciliation Action Team (RAT), our students make up this group. The RAT meet weekly and the parent group meet termly with the purpose of ensuring that we are on track with the actions in our RAP. You can view our RAP on the school website.

Reconciliation Week is approaching, and the theme for this year is, "Be Brave. Make Change." This year we are asking everyone to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives – where they live, work, play and socialise.

National Reconciliation Week

27 May to 3 June is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

At school, we will continue to learn about our shared histories and cultures and acknowledge the significant days during Reconciliation Week.



On The 17th of May BSPS will support IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia) day by inviting all students to come dressed in rainbow!

The Inclusion Action Team will be selling pride support badges and all funds raised will be donated to rainbow youth. Bring a gold coin to get one.

Look forward to seeing you shining brightly on **May 17th**,

From the Inclusion Action Team.

THE INCLUSION ACTION INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE



**INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST
HOMOPHOBIA
AND
TRANSPHOBIA**

MAY 17TH

WEAR RAINBOW CLOTHES!

bring a gold coin for a rainbow badge

JOIN FOR A SCHOOL WIDE PHOTO AT 11.45AM ON THE COURT!

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO



**BE BRAVE.
MAKE CHANGE.**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022
27 MAY - 3 JUNE #NRW2022



INCLUSION ACTION TEAM

YEARS 1/2

Term Two: Learning in Year 1/2



Literacy

Scrittura/Writing

In the first few weeks of this term students have been busy writing, editing and sharing their poetry with their peers. We have just started our new 3 week cycle exploring writing sequential sentences to instruct or teach others how to make or do something. We are having fun learning new vocabulary and learning key words and sentence structures necessary for writing using the procedural text type.

Lettura/Reading

Students are busy learning about suffixes, prefixes, fluency, syllables, sounds in words, vocabulary and comprehension during our reading sessions in Italian and English.

Students are taking part in small guided reading groups to support their reading skills.

Mathematics

Matematica/Mathematics

Students have been developing strategies and playing number fluency games to support their understanding for adding numbers together. They are learning about doubling numbers, counting up from a given amount, part - part -whole numbers and applying addition strategies when completing a worded problem.

What are we learning?

- ♦ I can explain what addition is.
- ♦ I can choose tools that can help me solve problems.
- ♦ I can use efficient strategies to add numbers.

Some strategies include:

- ♦ I can count on to solve addition problems.
- ♦ I can use double number facts.
- ♦ I can use part-part-whole.

In our learning cycle beginning next week, we will be exploring 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes.

Scienze/Science

Last term students made their own constructions of things in our Community out of foil and playdough. This term in Scienze students are learning about the world's natural resources.

Humanities

In Humanities students are learning about Sustainability.

Students will explore how our local area has changed over the years, natural, constructed and managed environments, what actions we can take to sustain our environment and finally make connections to First Nations Perspectives. We will finish the term by getting our hands dirty and doing some planting of our own!

SEL

This term students will continue learning about character strengths and how our strengths can support us to move in a positive direction. They will learn how to develop healthy identities by managing emotions and achieving personal and collective goals. Students will identify what having empathy for others feels and looks like.

Daily Well Being discussions and mindfulness activities are also an important part of our SEL Program.



BOOK SHOPPING is now on Tuesday. Please remind your child to return the 5 reading books and reading book log each week. Each week your child will borrow 2 Italian books and 3 English books to read.

Excursion - Stay tuned for our upcoming excursion for this term once details are finalised.

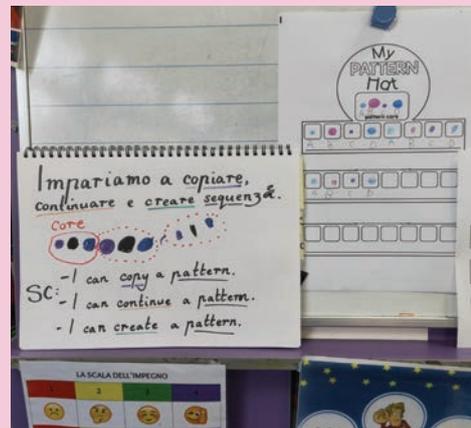
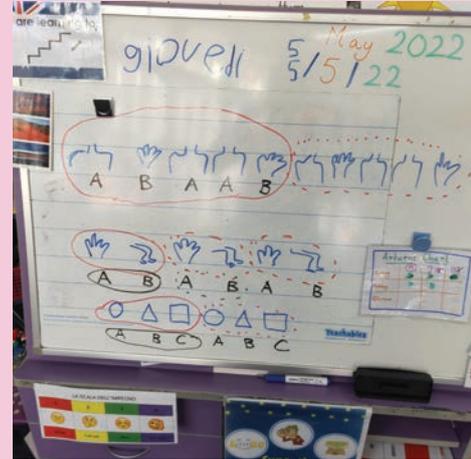
Grazie

The Year 1/2 Team

PERFORMING ARTS

In Performing Arts, we have been having lots of fun making machines using our bodies. We have improvised rhythmic sounds and different movements to produce elements of a machine. One person begins, and everyone else comes in at different places. Having sounds and movements link to each other means we need to work collaboratively to add to the energy of the machine.

In Foundation we have been learning about patterns/ sequence. We can now copy, continue, and create patterns and can even identify the core (the part that repeats over and over)! We have really enjoyed this unit and we have learnt that patterns are everywhere, even in our movements and in the environment around us.



Every day we practise the days of the week in both Italian and English. This is a picture of great teamwork, sounding out how to spell 'giovedì'.



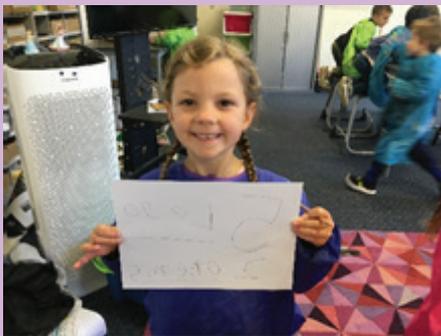
FOUNDATION



STEM

This semester, the Foundation students are taking part in a range of different activities surrounding the theme of water. These activities serve as an introduction to scientific method and scientific concepts such as displacement, density and buoyancy.

This week, the students tested rafts they made out of icy-pole sticks and glue. They counted how many animals and Lego people the rafts could carry before they started to sink. They found they could float more animals if they put a piece of bubble wrap under the raft. Next week, they are going to try and improve on their raft by making a boat that is hollow in the middle and is therefore less dense.



This semester, the Grade 1/2 students are learning how to code using the Junior Scratch Platform and robotics products such as Bee-bots and Sphero BOLT robots.

This week, they have been learning how to create coding 'sequences' (step-by-step instructions) which they are inputting into a Bee-bot using the different command buttons. They created a Pac-Man inspired game by making a maze, laying out tokens, and then coding the Bee-bot through the maze.



from little things,
big things

G R O W

Come and join us for plant-
ing and a general working
bee at BPS

9:30am to 11:30am
Sunday May 15th

If you can't get there but would like to
make a tax deductible contribution
for some plants please see the Volun-
tary Payment Form attached.

Contact James Henry on
0429 229 502 with queries

Hopefully see you there!



2019



2022



Payment Form 2022 - Please email or return completed form to the office

Student Details	
Student Name	
Student Year Level	
Category	Payment
Curriculum Contributions (<i>Suggested \$170</i>)	\$
Other Contributions (<i>Suggested amounts: \$150, \$200, \$250 or \$400</i>)	\$
Tax Deductible Contributions (<i>Building and/or Library Fund</i>)	\$
Total Payment	\$

How to make a payment- please email or return completed form to the office

At the office

- Eftpos
- Cash
- Credit Card

By Mail

- Fill out credit card details
- Send to: 56 Brunswick Road
 Brunswick East 3057



Electronic Payment

Direct Deposit
 BSB: 063 228 Acc No. 10018837

Name: Brunswick South Primary School

Enter description:
 Student name - Curr Conts, Build Fund or Lib Fund



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