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CALENDAR DATES

MAY

TUES 2 Ciao Down

SAT 6 Cooking Day

FRI 12 Mothers Day Stall

THUR 4 Open Day

TUES 9 Naplan

WED 10 Naplan

THUR 11 Italian Trip meeting

MON 8, 15, 22, 29 Grade 1/2 Swimming

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A MESSAGE FROM MARG

LOVE OF LEARNING

This week will be our first full week of school since starting back. As mentioned in my welcome letter, term 2 is when we focus on formal assessment and feedback. For students in grades 3 and 5 they will be involved in NAPLAN testing during week 4. Formal assessment and NAPLAN gives us a snapshot of student progress and how we are going as a school.

We need to be mindful that your child's performance in an assessment task or test does not define them or what they are capable of. At Brunswick South we are working to develop highly literate and numerate students, whilst working with parents and carers to build resilience, independence, creativity, critical thinking skills and empathy. All qualities crucial to giving our students the opportunity to succeed in life.

LEARNING LEGENDS

We have introduced an opportunity for students to share their learning whilst having afternoon tea! On Friday, twelve students from across the school met in the kitchen at recess where they shared something they learnt during the week with Sarah and myself. This was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate learning, encourage relationships that span age and grade level and promote interpersonal skills – turn taking, listening to others and speaking clearly. It was also an opportunity for questions and constructive feedback given to peers. "Learning Legends" is going to happen every Friday, and the names of the students selected will be published in the newsletter. Last week's learning legends were;

- ◆ Foundation - Isabel H and Henry
- ◆ 1/2 - Madj, Alexa, Jhonan and Knox
- ◆ 3/4 - Matthew, Merium, Madison and Seraphina
- ◆ 5/6 - Imogen and Bridie



LOST PROPERTY

There seems to be an extraordinarily large amount of lost property in the school. In order to return clothing, bottles and lunch boxes to their rightful owners, it is important that names are clearly marked on all items. At the end of each term, we contact Diabetes Australia to collect unclaimed clothing, so please ensure you check the lost property for jumpers, coats, hoodies etc before they are recycled. Items will be picked up by Diabetes Australia on 11th May 2017.

ASSEMBLY

A huge thank you to the grade 3/4 students for hosting assembly last week. The new time of Friday afternoon provides us with the opportunity to wrap up the week and share some news before heading off for the weekend.

WORK OF ART

The next time you are at the counter at the front office, take a look at the amazing work of art on the wall. Ha Paci, (River's mum) hand embroidered the BSPS school logo on fabric and had it framed. Ha sourced most of the cottons she used from Vietnam. Thank you for all the time and patience you put in to making this truly unique art piece.



FINALLY

I am in the very privileged position of being able to go into learning areas where I see and listen to students discussing ideas, sharing information and debating opinions. I have the opportunity to chat with students and I hear some very interesting and at times amusing comments and questions. Here is one I would like to share with you.

As the Foundation students were lining up ready to head home, one of them asked:

Are you still the Prime Minister Marg?

I look forward to the opportunity to share in the learning and lives of your children for another week!

Ciao!

Marg

YEARS 1/2



Grade 1/2 will be swimming every Monday for the next five weeks.

Please remember to pack your child's swim gear and a spare bag to put wet bathers into!

Thank you to the volunteers who came along on Monday. Please contact our parent carer, Jane Scammell, if you would like to help in the upcoming weeks.

Our swimming dates are as follows:

- ◆ 1st May
- ◆ 8th May
- ◆ 15th May
- ◆ 22nd May
- ◆ 29th May

The Foundation students are off to a great start after the holidays!

They have settled in well with classroom routines and are growing more confident with learning to do things independently!

We have enjoyed reading with the older kids during Read to Someone in the mornings, learning new ways to help us understand what we read. In Number, we are working on using different strategies to help count big numbers. We are super excited as we get closer and closer to 100 days of school. We are already up to 41 days! In Character Strength studies, we have started a unit on friendship and talked about being a good friend by sharing, playing safely and being kind to each other.

FOUNDATION



BSPS NOTICES

ITALIAN TRIP 2018 SAVE THE DATE!

Dear families and carers of current Grade 4/5 students,

We are off to Italy in September 2018!!

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 11 May 2017 at 6:00pm for an information evening.

We are still very much in the planning phase of this Trip. Lots of information will be addressed on the evening including the cost, and all parents and carers will have an opportunity to ask any questions, queries or concerns you may have, so please save your questions for the evening.

Please consider this as a viable and invaluable experience for your child.

Please email to;

brunswick.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
if you wish to attend.

GRAZIE

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YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION FORM UPDATE

Dear parents/carers,

Please note the error in the pre-printing of "Diamond Valley Secondary" appearing in the Designated Neighbourhood School for Year 7 section of the forms and accept my apologies for any confusion caused.

If you could please delete and insert the correct Neighbourhood School into this section, and ensure that three secondary schools are preferenced in the table below.

The VSN number will automatically be transferred between BSPS and prospective secondary schools, following

the successful application and acceptance of your child in that school.

Please note that forms are due on Friday 12th May, 2017

Kind regards,

Elke

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Buildings & Grounds Committee has enjoyed the school holiday break and resumes our school year with eyes on our 2017 plan. We have appointed a builder for the new access gate, the design and build of which is being completed prior to mid-May. The schools mosaic insignia will feature prominently on the gate, which will be positioned to align to the western footpath of Drummond Street.

*Our next working bee is coming up on Thursday May 11, from 07:30-11:30am. The focus will be on 'cleaning up' on the south side of the new building and the OSHC garden. We are looking for volunteers with gloves to give us an hour or two of their time. **Geoff is leading this – please text him on 0411114426 if you'd like to volunteer.***

Michael has been leading the development of a school master plan, which has documented the internal school site such as buildings, play areas, seating, etc. This is proving invaluable as we evaluate ideas for improvement.

We are currently completing plans to renovate the garden area on the western side of the main building. When complete we envisage it containing a new shaded seating area as well as a mini amphitheatre / performance space, along with some modular vegi-garden boxes. The goal is to increase the amount of use the school community gets from this area, both in school hours, over the whole week, and during festivals and events. Atalanti Dionysus is leading the project please seek her out if you have any thoughts / questions.

BSPS NOTICES

FUNDRAISING UPDATE!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Encouraged by the success of last year's Winter Solstice festival, we will once again hold the Solstice as the main BSPS event for 2017. A formal announcement & ways to get involved will be sent out to all BSPS families end of this week. We are getting creative and excited about the new ideas we will add to make this event another great success.

We will also continue to run smaller events throughout the year that encourage opportunities for families to get to know each other at the school and celebrate what makes Brunswick South special.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Volunteer at an event, Make or cook something for a stall, Come to a working bee, Help at Ciao down Tuesday, Attend a school event with friends/family, Help out at the library. For more info contact bspscaf@gmail.com

MOTHERS DAY STALL - DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Call out to any makers, bakers and creators of goodies that you can donate to the school for the Mothers Day stall.

Class by class the kids are brought to the Mother's day stall that has been beautifully laid out. Their faces light up with the excitement of counting out their coins and notes to buy a present independently for the mums, grandparents & carers.

We want to ensure we provide a big range of gifts for all the children. There will be the usual incredible cake stall (more info next week) but at this stage we are looking for other items. We will also need some volunteers on the day to help set up and serve.

Contact bspscaf@gmail.com or Bianca 0412 276 356 (mum of Luke grade 3 and Isabella grade 1). Thank you in advance.

COOKING DAY - CHUTNEY, RELISH & JAM MAKING

Once again we will be making use of the great BSPS kitchen facilities. Join us for a day of Chutney, relish and jam making.

Saturday 6th May from 10am onward.

Please contact Emma 0413090187 or emmasugg@gmail.com (mum of Isaac grade 4, and Ayla grade 1) to find out more info and book your spot. Limited to 15 people.

Do you have a cooking skill you want to share; speciality dishes, sausage making, etc. Contact bspscaf@gmail.com with your idea and we can set up more cooking day's.

EVENTS COMING UP...

TERM 2

- ◆ Tuesday 2nd May - Ciao Down Tuesday
- ◆ Saturday 6th May - Cooking Day 'Chutney, relish and jam making'
- ◆ Friday 12th May - Mothers day school event (Gift stall and afternoon tea in the art room from 2:30pm)
- ◆ Saturday 24th June - Winter Solstice Festival (Biggest event of the year! School indoor and outdoor events from 3pm - 8pm)

TERM 3

- ◆ August - Trivia Night - Saturday night event just for the grown ups - Date and venue TBC)
- ◆ September - Fathers Day school event
- ◆ October - School Performance



Chess Boards

At BPS we believe we all have potential to be good chess players. Lots of people who come to the lunchtime chess clubs are still building experience and confidence with the pawns-only or pawns-and-bishops games. As more people develop their chess skills there will be more and more opportunities to take your game further.



Chess is a great learning tool for analytical thinking, peer learning-and-teaching and even gratitude. Building on the popularity of chess at BPS, we will be purchasing some new sets for the school. The standard tournament chess sets will allow kids to focus on the game. No one likes to spend half their time finding the pieces, or have to squint to work out which tiny piece is which each turn. Getting some standard sets is a pretty exciting prospect.

This also presents a one-off opportunity for members of the school community to purchase tournament standard chess sets for yourself, family & friends, at \$30 per set. A set includes solid plastic chess pieces, roll-up vinyl mat "board" & a vinyl carry bag ~ basic, robust, practical.

Thirty dollars is half of what you would pay for a standard tournament chess set from anywhere else. It requires an order of over 30 chess sets to achieve this price. If our collective order significantly exceeds thirty boards, the school will benefit. If you think you might be interested, do your research, ask your friends if they want one, think about buying ahead for birthday presents, check what colours your kids want and get your order in on time.

Chess Set Order Form

Return completed form with payment to the office by Friday 5th of May - *last chance!*

Name:		Grade:	
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No. of chess sets at \$30 each:	
Total cost:	\$

Select colours: (school sets will be green)

Bag	<input type="checkbox"/> blue	<input type="checkbox"/> red	<input type="checkbox"/> black
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Squares on the chess board mat

<input type="checkbox"/> blue	<input type="checkbox"/> light red	<input type="checkbox"/> mauve	<input type="checkbox"/> orange
<input type="checkbox"/> royal blue	<input type="checkbox"/> red	<input type="checkbox"/> grey	<input type="checkbox"/> black

If you have any questions, contact Paula Rizzuto on 0412250773

PAYMENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> cash	<input type="checkbox"/> cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> Eftpos (in person at the front office)
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR SCHOOL



Try us out
at a Trial Week!

B2S Fitness is a unique fitness program that enables parents to fundraise for their school while spending active time with their kids, getting to know their community and getting fit.

Sessions are run at the school, by qualified Personal Trainers, at times tailored to meet the needs of busy parents and 10% of fees go straight back to the school fundraising account, adding average of over \$2000 a year to the bottom line!

WW.B2SF.COM.AU



How can I get involved?

- Like us on facebook and instagram
- Tell us what times you like to exercise!
- Tell us what type of exercise you enjoy!
- Book into a session and trial us out
- Encourage your friends to join you at a session (its easier with a mate!)
- Post about us in your facebook school and local community groups



EXCELLENCE CURIOSITY INTEGRITY COMMUNITY

Open Evening | Thursday 20 April 6.00pm - 7.30pm



We warmly invite prospective families to our **Coburg High School** showcase with school tours followed by a presentation by the Principal, Stewart Milner, and Year 7 Coordinator, Gary Vella, and opportunities to meet key transition staff.

Our open evening and showcase is specifically for prospective parents and students for 2018 enrolment. There is no need to register to attend the open evening

School tours for 2018 enrolment

In addition to our open evening, school tours will take place from 9.30am to 10.15am on the following dates:

- Thursday, 20 April
- Thursday, 4 May
- Tuesday, 9 May
- Thursday, 18 May
- Thursday, 1 June

To book a school tour, please contact us on **9353 1700**.

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OPEN DAY: Thursday 4th May
MORNING SESSION: 9:30am-11:00am
AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:45pm-3:15pm
EVENING INFORMATION
SESSION*: 6:00pm-7:00pm
BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL
SESSIONS @: trybooking.com/PFLY

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*Reserved for prospective 2018 Year 7 students and their families



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