

Dear BSPS community,

Welcome back to the fourth and final term for 2023! Despite being twelve weeks long, the days are flying, with the first week already under our belt.

### **3/4 Camp & Swimming**

There is great excitement in the 3/4 Learning Area this term with pending arrival of their camp to Anglesea (22-24 November). For some of our 3/4 students, this will be their first time on camp and an opportunity to experience outdoor activities, overcome challenges and spend time away from home with their peers and teachers.

There is a matched enthusiasm across all the cohorts with the news that we've combined all our swimming programs for all year levels at the end of this term. This is something we've had on our agenda for a while and aligns with a focus on water safety heading in to the summer holidays, a period where many of us venture into the sea, rivers and pools. Event information and exact dates for each learning area will be released shortly.

### **Staffing Update & Foundation Transition**

This term, we welcome back Maree from leave. Eileen, Nancy and Sarah B will be returning from their leave over the next couple of weeks and Sarah P is due to return to BSPS for some casual work between now and the end of the year.

Our workforce planning for next year is now underway. This includes advertising positions, running selection panels and forming our teaching teams for 2024. To help us with this planning, if you are yet to confirm sibling enrolments, they are now overdue. Please give the office a call to complete the process. Likewise, if there are any families who know they will be leaving BSPS in 2024 we ask you to let us know now.

On Friday 20 October we will welcome our new cohort of Foundation students for their first transition session. We currently have 47 enrolments for our 2024 cohort. We will engage guest speakers who present to families and help prepare everyone for a smooth transition to school life.

### **BSPS Inaugural Spring Festa**

The planning has revved up this week and preparations are well underway for our Inaugural Spring Festa! Thank you to those families who have confirmed their volunteering requests and helped us ensure the day runs smoothly for all. We've been overwhelmed with donations and are still seeking some additional chocolate blocks, bags of jaffas, (filled) bottles for the mystery bottle competition and soft toys and books in good condition for the second-hand stall. If you can help, please leave your donations at the office.

Additionally, BSPS has been listed as a polling venue on Saturday 14 October by the Australian Electoral Commission. We are planning to keep the polling area separate from our Festa celebrations, but it's a great opportunity to cast your vote before kicking off the celebrations from 3pm!

## **An Evening on the Green**

On Friday 17 November, the Instrumental Music Teachers will be holding "An Evening on the Green" from 6pm through to sunset. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young musicians to gain some valuable performance experience and enjoy the support of their families and loved ones.

Please make a note of the date and we will send out further information shortly.

## **Working Bees**

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the two working bees we have held so far this year and our Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee for their unrivalled enthusiasm in getting these up and running again post-COVID.

For anyone who has missed out... or just can't get enough, we are holding another working bee from **3-5pm on Friday 20 October**. At this working bee we will continue to plant along the Northern Boundary (West of the Brunswick Road entry) with more creepers and some nature-play elements. Come if you can and I hear there are plans to meet at the Railway Hotel for dinner afterwards!

## **Sun Protective Clothing**

Term 4 marks the beginning of another Sun Smart term and in line with the school's Sun Smart Policy we recommended that from September onwards, students wear sun-protective clothing such as:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts

At recess and lunch times from September to April, all students must wear a hat when playing outside. Students are required to wear a school hat or another hat style that protects the face, neck and ears when outdoors, for example broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket. Students who are not wearing appropriate protective clothing or a hat will be asked to play in the shade or in a suitable area protected from the sun.

Even though we've still had some cooler weather this week, the UV index is still higher this time of year. Please ensure your child brings their hat to school each day. New ones can be purchased from the office for \$20.

Thanks for a smooth start to the final term,

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## Term 4 Calendar:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> WC: 2 October	Professional Practice Day – No students required at school		3/4 IMAX Excursion		
<b>Week 2</b> WC: 9 October					<b>Saturday 14 October: SPRING FESTA</b>
<b>Week 3</b> WC: 16 October	Assembly – Foundation hosting			1/2 Melbourne Museum Excursion	Foundation Transition Working Bee (3-5pm)
<b>Week 4</b> WC: 23 October		Art Incursion	Art Incursion	Art Incursion	World Teachers' Day! Foundation Transition
<b>Week 5</b> WC: 30 October	Assembly – 1/2 hosting				
<b>Week 6</b> WC: 6 November	Curriculum Day – No school	Melbourne Cup Day – No school			Foundation Transition
<b>Week 7</b> WC: 13 November			Foundation Zoo Excursion		Foundation Transition
<b>Week 8</b> WC: 20 November	Assembly – 3/4 hosting Foundation swimming	Foundation swimming	Foundation swimming 3/4 Camp	Foundation swimming 3/4 Camp	Foundation swimming 3/4 Camp
<b>Week 9</b> WC: 27 November	3/4 swimming	3/4 swimming	3/4 swimming	3/4 swimming	3/4 swimming Colour Run
<b>Week 10</b> WC: 4 December	Assembly – 5/6 hosting 5/6 swimming	5/6 swimming	5/6 swimming Year 6 Graduation	5/6 swimming	5/6 swimming
<b>Week 11</b> WC: 11 December	1/2 swimming	1/2 swimming	1/2 swimming Semester 2 Reports live on Compass	1/2 swimming	1/2 swimming Year 6 Big Day Out
<b>Week 12</b> WC: 18 December			Assembly – Year 6 hosting Last day of Term 4 – 1.30pm finish		