

Dear BPS families,

Term 4; the final term for 2018. Eleven weeks remaining before our grade six students heading off to secondary school next year and eleven weeks left of Foundation for our youngest students at BPS.

Welcome back to everyone and a special *ben tornati* to the staff and students who travelled to Italy during the school holidays. Our "inaugural grade 5/6 Italy trip". A huge thank you to Trevor, Ivana, Aydan and Nancy for accompanying the 13 students on what sounded like an amazing adventure. Most have returned with a few continuing their travels with family, and Trevor extending his time away for two more weeks. We will see him back on deck on **Monday 22nd October**. During Trevor's absence, I will be Acting Principal.

Sun smart

This term is a Sun Smart term, where students will need to wear a hat at lunch time, recess and when outside during any class activity. Students who don't have a hat during the break times will stay in the designated shaded areas or be directed to lunch clubs. Students are also encouraged to wear sunscreen to school. As indicated in our Sun Smart policy, teachers aren't allowed to apply sunscreen, so sunscreen needs to be applied before school. School hats can be purchased at the front office.

Swimming

The grade 1/2's begin their swimming program on Monday 15th October. They will be involved in an eight day program at the Northcote Aquatic Centre.

Music Update

We are thrilled to announce that this term we will have a cello teacher starting with the music program. Clara Schutz is a highly accomplished and experienced cello teacher with extensive performing and teaching experience in Australia and the UK (her CV was too long for this email but highlights will be included in next terms newsletter!). Living locally, she is delighted to join the music program at Brunswick South. Cellos will be available to hire for \$40 per term. You can contact Clara directly on 0401 922612.

Important Dates

Monday 15 th – Thursday 25 th October	1/2 swimming program
Friday 19 th October	1/2 hosting assembly
Thursday 25 th October & Friday 26 th October	5/6 excursion
Friday 26 th October	First Foundation 2019 Transition Session
Tuesday 30 th October	School Council
Friday 2 nd November	Second Foundation 2019 Transition Session
Monday 5 th November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 6 th November	Melbourne Cup Day

For those families planning ahead for 2019, school resumes for students in **grades 1 to 6** on **Thursday 31st** and **Foundation students for 2019 start on Monday 4th February**.

Safety

Finally for this week, a couple of quick, general Safety Reminders that I ask be adhered to. These few requests are important for the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

- Students are supervised by staff from 8:45am until 3:45pm each day. To safeguard and maintain an appropriate Duty of Care for your children and to assist the Camp Australia OSHC program, students and families are asked to abide by our 'Access to School Grounds' Policy' (See A-Z on our website). *Please note that there is an ongoing invitation for parents to stay for a chat and a coffee or tea in the staff room every morning between 9 -10.00am – come along and see our brand new staff space.*
- If you are entering the school grounds during the school day, please report to the Office in the main building immediately upon arrival.
- Before entering the school grounds all students and parents should dismount from their bikes or scooters.
- Dogs in the school yard should be on a leash and controlled by an adult at all times and in accordance with our 'Dogs in School Policy' we ask that all dogs remain on the asphalt areas.

Looking forward to another great term!

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