

Welcome back to Term 2!

As always, last week everyone returned to school recharged and energised for the new term ahead! We had a Curriculum Day on Monday and staff used this time for professional learning about the Mental Health in Primary Schools program that our school is involved in. The day was led by Caro, Aimee and Marg with some early discussions about how we can best support our students at BSPS and their mental health and wellbeing. The staff have immediately applied aspects of the professional learning and have looked at how to strengthen and prioritise the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum delivered at BSPS. Our kids haven't missed a beat and jumped right into their learning from the first session back on Wednesday, ready to build on the momentum from last term.

Staffing Update

We welcome some new and not-so-new faces to BSPS this term. Our new Italian Language Assistants, **Caterina Badano** and **Federico Pizzi**, have joined the team this week and are currently staying with some of our BSPS families while they find permanent accommodation. Kindly provided by Co.As.It, our Language Assistants play an important part in supporting bilingual education at our school and also provide an authentic opportunity for our students to use the language. We also welcome back **Simone Baio** and **Sarah Burdak** from family leave and **Belinda Colosimo-Minniti**, who will teach in the art room this term.

Italian Day

What an incredible success Italian Day was on Friday! Jill, from Big Pocket led our spectacular pasta workshop, but making pasta was only part of the whole experience that our kids enjoyed! A trained teacher, Jill took us on a journey that incorporated culture, music and comedy, as well as the chance to take home a yummy meal. A huge GRAZIE MILLE to Nancy, Mary and the team of teachers who worked together to make this event a truly collaborative one.

Italian Students

Since 2017, we have been working on a project with Professor Matthew Absalom from The University of Melbourne, Italian Faculty. This year, we have a group of first year Italian students undertaking a placement at BSPS. These students specialise in various fields across literacy, mathematics and science and at any given time we will have a pair of students working with a teacher to support our students in Italian. This is a wonderful opportunity for our own students to see that learning Italian can continue after BSPS in very meaningful ways and, in the case of our senior school, some students who are not too much older than them! This also offers our students opportunities to hear Italian spoken with various nuances and capabilities and in turn to express themselves with other people in the target language.

Winter Solstice

Planning for **Winter Solstice Festival** is just beginning this year after a few changes with our Community and Fundraising Sub Committee. The event will keep with our vibe for community events at BSPS, on a slightly smaller scale this year. **Solstice Lite**, will encompass everyone's favourite things about the event – our community atmosphere, fun activities and great food and entertainment. The Winter Solstice Festival is usually our biggest fundraiser for the year, but most importantly it is our biggest community event and one where we have the privilege of bringing the local community into our school. A 'save the date' will come out very shortly – watch this space!

Thank you for a smooth start to Term 2,

Trevor.

Term 2 Calendar

Wednesday 26 April	First day of Term 2
Friday 30 April	Italian Day
Monday 8 May	Assembly (Years 5 & 6 hosting)
Wednesday 10 May	District Cross Country
Monday 15 May	Dental Van
Wednesday 17 May	IDAHOBIT Day
Friday 19 May	'Next Stage' Drama High-Ability Session
Monday 22 May	Assembly (Years 3 & 4 hosting)
Wednesday 24 May	National Simultaneous Storytime – 11am
Friday 26 May	3/4 Botanical Gardens High Ability Session
Friday 26 May	National Sorry Day
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	Reconciliation Week
Wednesday 31 May	Years 3-6 Wurundjeri Education Incursion
Wednesday 31 May	Divisional Cross Country
Friday 2 June	5/6 Biomed High Ability Incursion
Monday 5 June	Assembly (Years 1 & 2 hosting)
Friday 9 June	Years F-2 Didjeribone Incursion
Monday 12 June	King's Birthday – Public Holiday
Friday 23 June	End of term assembly (Foundation hosting)
Friday 23 June	Last day of Term – 2.30pm dismissal