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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.*

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NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR DATES

AUGUST

Mon 14 Science Day

Mon 21-Fri 25 Book Week

'Read, Grow, Inspire'

Mon 21 Mitch Tambo

First Nations History & Performance

Mon 28 Big Bug Bake Off

Afternoon Tea

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 7 Year 6

Secondary School Transition Workshop

Fri 15 End of Term 2.30 Dismissal

Friday 15 September

End of Term 3

2.30pm Dismissal

ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 14 August 9am Years 1/2 Hosting

Mon 4 September 9am Years 3/4 Hosting

Fri 15 September 2.00pm Years 5/6 Hosting

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LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

The concept of celebrating 100 days of school for our Foundation students is a relatively new one in the education space, but an acknowledgement of a significant milestone in the lives of our youngest learners is important.

Spending some time in the Foundation room this week, I've been stunned by the learning and progress our students are making –the 100 day mark signals a big shift – academically, emotionally and socially! Our kids in Foundation are readers, writers, mathematicians and problem solvers. If they've come so far in just 100 days, then I can't wait to see how much they grow over the next 100.

As always, the special day is marked with celebrations, special activities and the chance to dress up. Grazie mille to the Foundation team for putting together such a special and memorable day.

Parent Opinion

This term we are busy collecting data from students and staff about their attitudes and opinions of our school. Our Years 4-6 students have recently completed the 'Students Attitudes to School Survey' and our staff have recently undertaken the annual 'Staff Opinion Survey'.

Shortly, all families will also be invited to complete the 'Parent Opinion Survey'. The information from this feedback helps us gauge our progress toward the goals and targets in our School Strategic Plan and identify different areas of focus for us as a school. As an example, some of the work with the introduction of our 'Health and Wellbeing' specialist subject came about from the responses from the student survey in 2021 and 2022! We are also planning some adjustments to our reporting process for next year in response to feedback we had from families in our Parent Opinion survey.

Please take a short moment to complete the survey. We will distribute further details to families on Compass early next week.

Amici Insieme

We recently announced the launch of our newest initiative at BSPS, Amici Insieme. This is a Peer Support program that will draw on the strength of our cross-aged groups that we usually only implement on Italian Day. In Week 7, we will timetable these sessions once per week and our Years 5 & 6 students will take on a direct leadership role in the planning, facilitating and running the

sessions, with the support of our teachers.

This week Caro, Giada, Chiara, Anna and Aydan spent two days training the 5/6 students as leaders of the program. During the cross age sessions, our students will lead the sessions and deliver aspects of the Social and Emotional Learning curriculum. They will be supported by teachers and school staff and have the opportunity to build their confidence and understanding, while strengthening peer connections across the school.

I can't wait to see how the implementation of this approach goes and how we can successfully evolve it into another positive learning experience for our students.

Student Led Conferences

Our gratitude goes out to everyone for the work that went to prepare for our Student Led Conferences last week! There is always such a buzz from students, families and staff after the event.

I don't take it for granted that our students are 'active learners' at BSPS right from day one. That our students can talk about their learning, their strengths and opportunities for further growth is such a testimony to the hard work of all of us and each year they are able to do so with more confidence, certainty and clarity.

What am I up to?

In my role, I have the privileged position to lead our school and support our community. I also get the opportunity to contribute to the strength of our education system by working with other schools and the Department of Education.

Throughout August, I have a couple of opportunities to do this. I am supporting two schools (Goonawarra Primary School and Victorian School of Languages - VSL) with their school review as a challenge partner. I am also a member of the Bilingual Principals' Network Executive and work with this team to support the leadership of other bilingual schools.

My experience in schools has always highlighted to me that it is so easy to get caught up in what happens inside our own school – sometimes leading to insular thinking. The opportunity to build strong networks, to learn from and with other schools and the chance to open our eyes to new and fresh perspectives can only benefit all students who are part of our public education system.

Our school is in the fortunate place to have a strong leadership team and established processes and systems. It means I can undertake this work with minimal disruption to the school and provide the opportunity for our leadership team to step up in my absence. I'll keep you posted with my learnings!

Have a fantastic weekend!

Trevor.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met on Tuesday the 1st of August.

During the July school holidays, road works were completed by Merribek Council (thank you Merribek!), along the Rathdowne St, Brunswick Rd corner to improve the safety of children crossing Rathdowne St and reduce large vehicle traffic using this street.

Many thanks Dan Ziffer, our treasurer for his tireless advocacy with Merribek council – we are calling the installation the “Ziffer buffer” in his honour!

School Council continues to discuss options for furthering Italian language learning at high school with several local high schools. Council will continue to look for opportunities to progress this issue.

Upcoming events include the Spring Festival on Saturday 14 October and a Music evening on the green for Instrumental Music Student and their families – all are welcome.

Madeleine Aikenhead
School Council President



We have had a lot of questions about how students are selected for the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Program (sometimes referred to as the High Ability Program or Student Excellence Program).

The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Program is a funded enrichment program run by the Department of Education. The series offers a range of different activities that are designed to extend and enrich students in their areas of strength. Students selected to participate in the program are usually at least one year ahead in the curriculum, demonstrated in the assessments they complete, NAPLAN results or Victorian Curriculum level shown on reports. Students can also be selected in a less formal way, for instance by the verbal or demonstrated contributions they make during class.

When we have any extra places in a particular event or activity, we may allocate them to students who have demonstrated a keen interest in the subject area. Unfortunately, we are not able to give a spot to every child who has an interest in that area, so sometimes students will miss out.

Most of the opportunities available in the program are more suited to Year 5/6 students, so we are not able to offer as many opportunities to our Year 3/4 high ability students. We have recently introduced an internal writing program for some of our writers in Year 3/4 and are looking at opportunities for Year 3/4 students in mathematics.

Our classroom teachers always plan for a range of abilities in their classroom and include extension as part of the lesson planning process. Our aim is to ensure every child at BSPS receives the appropriate level of challenge in their learning at school.

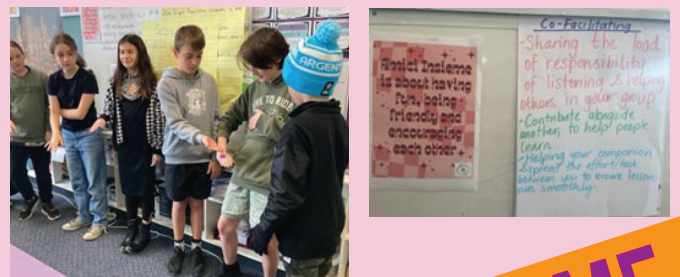
VICTORIAN CHALLENGE AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Food, food, glorious food! On the menu in Health and Wellbeing for week 3 and 4 we have had rainbow vegetable sushi and black bean tacos! Safe to say it's 'bean' a delicious and fun time! We all worked together to create healthy and tasty food, while following kitchen and food safety rules. Some of the 5/6 's also supported the junior school in the kitchen and did an incredible job! Compassion and Sense of Possibility were clearly visible. Here are some moments of the master chefs in the kitchen...

Year 5/6 completed their 2 day leadership training for Amici Insieme this week.

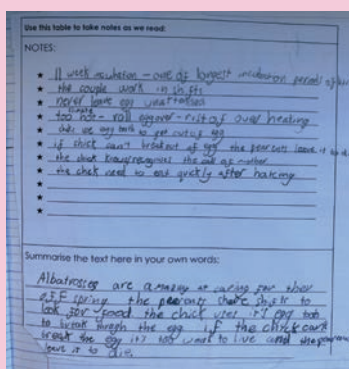
This training provided opportunities to understand the importance of empathy, build positive relationships, communicate effectively, practise leadership skills, and work collaboratively to solve problems. In Week 7, the leaders will run their first session with their group. Each group will have 8 - 10 students from prep through to year 5. The sessions will be social and emotional lessons that focus on connecting, making friends, encouraging each other and having fun. We are excited to see these leaders continue to contribute to building an inclusive and supportive environment across our whole school! Here were a few snapshots of the leaders working together throughout the training...



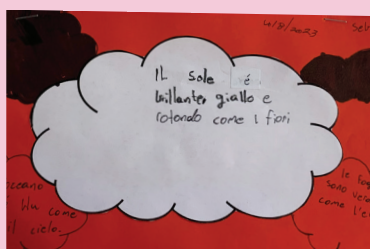
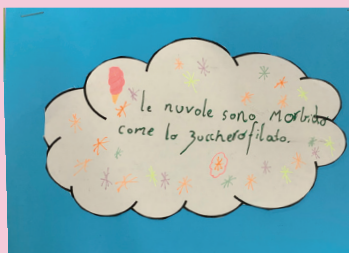
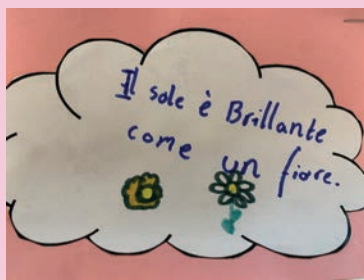
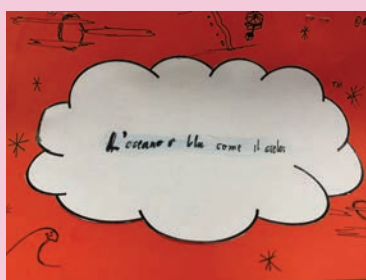
AMICI INSIEME YEARS 5/6

YEARS 3/4

In Reading the Year 3/4 students, have been learning to summarise! We have been reading and watching texts to find key words and then paraphrasing to communicate the main idea of the text. Last week, we watched a video about the Royal Albatross colony at Taiaroa Head in New Zealand. Check out Loukas' summary!



In Scrittura, we have been learning to use lots of poetic devices, such as similes and alliteration. As the term goes on, we will use these devices to pen some powerful poetry! Here are some of the similes we have come up with so far...



This term, **Chemistry Club** began with a bang! Students did the mentos and coke experiment and observed an EXPLOSIVE reaction.



CHEMISTRY CLUB

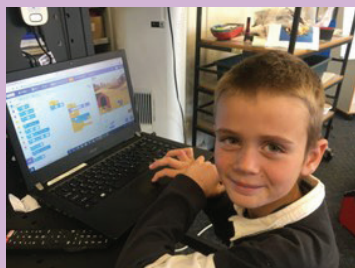
STEM

This term, the Year 5/6 students are taking part in a range of experiments designed to develop a greater understanding of the composition of different foods and how foods are manipulated to create particular effects.

Last week, they explored the super sustainable and nutritious superfood, Kelp. They learned about the benefits of kelp farms (as opposed to conventional farms) and made a Japanese style Seaweed salad. This week they are commencing the much anticipated, 'Chocolate Competition'. They have started developing a brand for a block of chocolate and will delve into a bit of chocolate making in the coming weeks.



This term, the Grade 3/4 students are investigating different forces, with a focus on non-contact forces such as magnetic force, and contact forces such as pushing and pulling. The students have made a gravity defying magnetic sculpture and designed rockets that are thrust into the air by gases (created by a dissolving tablet) that push their way out of a film canister (pushing the rest of the rocket in the other direction) .



ENVIRONMENT ACTION TEAM

Wonderful Waste Free Wednesday

The environment action team has started a Waste Free Wednesday. We are doing this to reduce waste in the B.S.P.S community.

We are asking you to not put plastic or any other non-reusable packaging in your child's lunchbox.


Thank you for helping us look after the environment.

Seamus, Isabel and Marcel (Grade 3/4)






Big Bug Bake Off!



Submit a sweet or savoury yummy
buggy baked dish into our Big Bug
Bake Off

Prizes will be awarded to the best
savory baked dish, the best sweet
baked dish, and the best looking dish



When: submit by 12 pm on Monday
August the 28th. The winners will be
announced at the Big Bug Bake Off
afternoon Tea at
3:45 - 5pm, August 28



COMMUNITY NOTICES



"The Veneto Youth Choir is performing at the Bali international Choir Festival and then throughout Australia. The combined choir of "Gioventu` in Cantata Marostica"" and "Giovani Voci Bassano" will sing popular Italian and English songs with also new age and religious lyrics at their performance at the Veneto club. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to enjoy a well-known and experienced Italian youth choir.

Tickets are limited and bookings can be made at the reception of the Veneto Club (0309507111) or online at: www.trybooking.com/CJLWX

Additional information can be found at

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THUR · 3 AUG

Let's get fruity

14 - 18 AUG

WORLD SCIENCE WEEK

FRI · 4 AUG

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TUE · 15 AUG

Time to Chill

21 - 25 AUG

World Book Week

FRI · 25 AUG

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4 - 5 SEPT

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SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2023

1 - 7 PM

CULLODEN STREET, BRUNSWICK WEST

Get ready for the ultimate BPS spring celebration, the ...

SPRING FESTA

Our Spring Festa is the place to be for foodies, and anyone who loves a good time. With a variety of rides and activities, delicious food options and exciting entertainment, there's something for everyone!

Saturday
14 October 2023
3pm - 7pm

BPS Spring Festa - *the festival that brings people together*



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