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CALENDAR DATES

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 7 Year 6

Secondary School Transition Workshop

Fri 15 End of Term 2.30 Dismissal

OCTOBER

Mon 2 Professional Practice Day

Student Free Day No School

Tues 3 First of Term 4

Sat 14 SPRING FESTA 3-7PM

Friday 15 September

End of Term 3

2.30pm Dismissal

ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 4 September 9am Years 3/4 Hosting

Fri 15 September 2.00pm Years 5/6 Hosting

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

I don't think we've ever had to delay a newsletter due to having too many events on and wanting to capture everything in the same edition – but here we are!!

Mitch Tambo

Last week was a busy one at BSPS and it kick started with a performance from Mitch Tambo on Monday morning. Mitch got us up on our feet, dancing and singing along and wrapped his performance up with his version of Great Southern Land. I know the kids had a great time, but I suspect the adults may have enjoyed the finale even more. It was a great way to set the scene for a busy week. Grazie to Marg for organising for Mitch to come out to our school.

Amici Insieme (Peer Support Program)

The excitement on Monday didn't stop there. After lunch we launched Amici Insieme and handed over the reigns to our 5/6 students to lead our cross-aged learning groups. The sessions all ran very smoothly and our leaders took to their new roles with confidence, professionalism and just a little bit of nervous energy. It's been great to see the new connections building across our school and even witness some moments outside in the yard where these connections have been acknowledged –we recently overheard the comment "I know him, he's in my Amici Insieme group!"

Thank you Giada and Caro for the work that has gone into planning for these sessions and our wonderful 5/6 students for so diligently leading their peers.

Book Week

Did you know that Book Week has been around since 1945? The week brings children and books together across Australia and celebrates children's books by Australian authors and illustrators.

A few activities helped us get into the Book Week spirit – the Shelfie competition, the classroom activities pack and (of course) the annual Book Week parade. Nancy, Laura, Simonetta, Ivana and Sarah all did a fantastic job of putting together the special events and activities. If you get the chance, pop in and check out our 'Shelfie' wall in the office.

Big Bug Bake-off

There's been some baking in the BSPS community this weekend and it's with ingredients some of

us never imagined we'd be using. Crickets... ants... mealworms.... **The Big Bug Bake-off** was held today and wrapped up the Science Week celebrations. More than just a chance to enjoy some quirky treats, The Big Bug Bake-Off helps us to consider ways we can utilise alternative and sustainable food sources. The afternoon was a resounding success and I really loved the unique names people gave their creations – 'Buglava' and 'Antzacs' were among my favourites! The brainchild of Eileen, this event will be a regular one on the school calendar I'm sure.

The fun isn't over yet.. this week our 5/6 students are out on an excursion to the Planetarium, the 1/2 students are having an author visit from Elizabeth Honey and our Father's Day and Special Person's Day Stall is being held this Friday morning.

Enjoy the final few weeks of term and the transition to some longer (and milder) days!

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Professional Practice Day

The Department of Education (DE) has recommended that schools hold one of the two Professional Practice Days for all staff on a common day. For BSPS, this will take place on the first day of Term 4 (Monday 2 October). Students will not be required at school and TeamKids will provide a program on this day.

Mitch Tambo



BOOK WEEK

Hooked on books!

Last week marked the biggest event on every school's calendar: Book Week!

This year's theme was Read, Grow, Inspire, and focused on how stories can plant the seed of inspiration for children to express their own creativity. In this manner, children are almost like plants and literature is the sun, the soil, and the water. With good literature, young people can grow and flourish.

The whole school fully embraced this theme, with students and staff participating in a series of interesting and inspiring activities that celebrated all things literature and ignited a passion among our next generation of storytellers.

Throughout the week, students created their own bookmarks, redesigned the front cover of their favourite book, and explored the shortlisted titles for the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year Awards. Beyond the classroom, children of all ages brought in their most beloved book to take a #shelfie in our specially designed photo booth, hand painted by Year 6 students Michelle, Isabel and Elise. The polaroids will be proudly showcased outside the office for the rest of the term, then students will have the chance to take their shelfie home!



The entire week culminated in the highly-anticipated parade in which students and teachers showcased their book-themed costumes. EVERYONE came dressed to impress, and there was lots of competition for the awards on offer. The winners were:

- ◆ Best Group Costume: Alice in Wonderland – Sunday, Thea, Lucia, Vivi, Georgia, Dot, Rocco, Coco and Rose (1/2)
- ◆ Best Homemade Costume: Adnan (3/4)
- ◆ Best Accessory: Nico (1/2)
- ◆ Best Costume Foundation: Ricardo
- ◆ Best Costume Year 1/2: Anthony
- ◆ Best Costume Year 3/4: Pernille
- ◆ Best Costume Year 5/6: Francesca
- ◆ Best Teacher Costume: Caro (Health & Wellbeing)
- ◆ Best Costume – Student Choice: Mary (Foundation)

A ticket was also drawn out of the Mad Hatter's hat for the #shelfie raffle. Students who got snapped with a book from one of the following categories were in the running for the prize: First Nation author, LGBTQIA+ author, classic author, book turned into a movie, Italian author and non-fiction book. The lucky winner was Minka (3/4) with her non-fiction book Animal BFFs by Sophie Corrigan.

Students were asked to bring a gold coin donation to the parade, with all proceeds going to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. In true BPS spirit, there was a great show of generosity on the day and any students who missed out will have the opportunity to bring their coin to the office this week.



SCIENCE WEEK

BIG BUG BAKE OFF.....WOW!

Last night we celebrated the end of Science Week with our Big Bug Bake Off.





I would like to congratulate all of the Year 5/6 students in my Insectivores Team. They all did such an amazing job promoting the bake off and hosting the afternoon tea. Well done team!



I would also like to thank our sponsors who provided all of the prizes for the event, especially **Circle Harvest**, who provided delicious buggy prizes and discounted cricket meal, ants, roasted crickets and roasted mealworms.

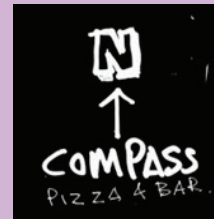


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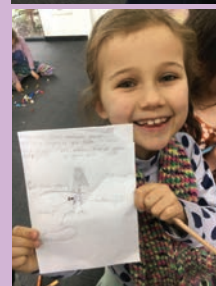
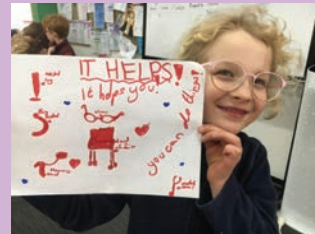


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SCIENCE WEEK

National Science Week August 14 - 21

This year's theme for Science week was Innovation: Powering Future Industries.

To celebrate Science Week, our little scientists received a visit from a Biomedical Engineer, Dr Farrugia, from The University of Melbourne, who came in to teach us about what a Biomedical Engineer does and share some of the inventions and innovations biomedical engineers have developed to help people who are injured or sick. The students were amazed to learn about the development of the bionic eye and different innovations such as 3-D-printed prosthetic hands. They then went off to draw, or construct out of Lego, something a Biomedical Engineer might design. Several students also came up with their own designs such as a nose insert to help people who have lost their sense of smell.

FOUNDATION

Science Week ignited our curiosity in Foundation and we started with a bang eating crickets!

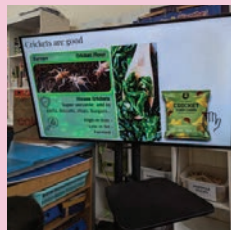


Well, cricket corn chips to be exact, which we all agreed were delicious!

Katlyn and Orton, two Year 5/6 students, gave us a presentation on the benefits of eating insects.

We learnt that they are high in protein and minerals, and are a sustainable food source.

We were so inspired that some of us have decided to participate in the **Big Bug Bake Off Competition** coming up next week.



We continued our exploration with a presentation by Biomedical Engineer, Brooke Farrugia.



She told us about the amazing innovations that have been created to help people with disabilities. We learnt that children around the world who are missing hands, are now able to pick up things with incredible lego technology!

We created our own amazing innovations using lego and drew designs. Some of our ideas included special glasses, wheelchairs, and carts to help people with various needs. Who knows if we make them a reality one day when we grow up!



Years 1/2 Shadow Puppet Incursion

Journalists: Gruppo SMERALDO Term 3

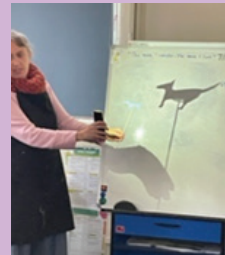
On Monday 7th August and Tuesday 8th August, we had Sarah, a puppeteer and former parent, visit us to teach us about Shadow puppets. She taught us about light/luce, shadows/ombre and how to make shadow puppets/ marionette.

Prima, Sarah ha spiegato come creare un 'shadow puppet', stating that it is important to make a shadow puppet on its side so that it is clearer to identify if it is a persona, animale, oggetto or posto. Per esempio, if you make a dog on its side, it looks like a dog, but if you make it front on, it doesn't look like a dog. Poi, the size of the shadow puppet is also very important as if it is too big, it will just show a black space instead of the shadow. The place and shape of the shadow puppet also makes the audience understand what the setting is and what the characters are.

Alla fine, we can use our phone torch or an 'ancient' machine called an overhead projector to create shadow puppet shadows. The light needs to be facing in the right direction so that it projects a clear shadow.

Fun fact: A skewer in Puppetry is called a rod.

Grazie mille, Sarah per il tuo aiuto e conoscenza/ knowledge!



YEARS 1/2

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

In Health, we focused on the theme of National Action Against Bullying for 2023 which was 'Growing Connections'. We made a chain of our connections by thinking about who or what in our friends, family, school and community we are connected to and wrote or drew them onto a slip of paper and then connected them in a chain. We saw our chain grow and grow!

"When someone has many connections to people and places, they feel safe and happy. The more connections they have, the better they are at dealing with hard times in their life. Having people to talk to, or to ask for help, are great ways to help stop bullying."



Bullying. No Way! Day on 18/8/23

This year for National Day of Action Against Bullying, BSPS teachers were on the lookout for students to **catch them being kind**. Anyone seen (or heard) being kind / showing our school values over the week, got a slip to enter into a draw. Safe to say, there were a lot of names in that box by Friday. Marg drew a name from each learning area and each student got a Compassion school values badge and a Freddo!

Thanks to all the students who show kindness every day at BSPS!

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Lorenzo (Foundation)
- ◆ Amy (Year 4)
- ◆ Safi (Year 2)
- ◆ Olive (Year 5)



The Inclusion Action Team wanted to also encourage this year's theme 'Growing Connections'! They hosted organised games at lunch on Friday for the junior school. It was great to see students having fun and making new friends.



Amici Insieme!

BSPS launched Amici Insieme this week. It was incredible to see the 5/6 students step up to the challenge of leading a 30 min session with a group from across all grades. The skills the peer leaders are learning are Group Management, Communication, Empathy, Problem Solving, Active Listening, Decision Making, Assertiveness and Instruction Giving. All the students will be learning how to play fairly, accept the changing nature of friendships, support each other and acknowledge that they may have a variety of friends. It was really special to see students from all grades mix with each other to foster those growing connections. Amici Insieme will be running every Monday for the next 8 weeks.



AMICI INSIEME

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