

TERM  
THREE



# Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

*imparare insieme ♦ creare insieme ♦ vivere insieme*

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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.*

## ASSEMBLY DATES

- Mon 26 August 9am YR 3/4 Hosting
- Mon 9 September 9am Foundation Hosting
- Fri 20 September 2pm YR 1/2 Hosting

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## Student Led Conferences

Tuesday 27 August

12.00pm Finish

## CALENDAR DATES

### AUGUST

Fri 16 Bullying No Way Day

Mon 19 Book Week

Tues 27 Student Led Conferences

1-7pm

Students dismissed at 12pm

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs 13 R U Ok Day

Fri 20 Last Day of Term 3



# LE NOTIZIE DI KRISTIE

*Our gratitude goes out to the many families who generously donated non-perishable food items for the Food Bank Food Drive. It was a great feeling to drop these contributions off to the warehouse on behalf of our school community. Simple opportunities like this are a great way to discuss the importance of philanthropy with our young people and the little ways we can all pitch in and help those less fortunate than ourselves.*

## Student-led conferences

As you know, our Student Led Conferences for Term 3 will be held on **Tuesday 27th August** and the bookings have been rolling in which is great to see. To accommodate this important opportunity for our parents and carers to engage with their child's progress at school, students will be dismissed at 12pm. The Conferences place students at the centre of the conversation, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility over their learning. By participating in these conferences, parents and carers gain a better understanding of their child's academic and personal development through the perspective of their child.

Students are proudly preparing their work samples to share with their special person and thinking about how they'll explain their particular character strengths. I look forward to seeing many of you on the day!

## NAPLAN news

We're very excited about this year's NAPLAN results, with an initial review of this data showing very pleasing improvements in a range of measures. We're delighted to have exceeded our 2024 AIP targets in some cases. For example, Year 5 Numeracy: to increase the percentage of students "exceeding" from 11% in 2023 to 16%; but we actually achieved an impressive 29%!

NAPLAN is just one of a suite of assessment and tracking tools used in schools and we view this in the broader context of student growth and achievement. It is a useful tool in tracking the progress of individual students over time, as well as at a year level and whole school cohort level, helping us to ensure that every child receives the support they need to succeed.

We'd like to congratulate our Year 3 and 5s on giving it a go and doing their best during the NAPLAN assessments.

## A special guest

We were pleased to welcome Dr Tim Read, Greens MP for Brunswick, to our school last week. He facilitated a lively Q&A session with our 3/4 students, who are in the midst of learning about the role governments play in society. Tim fielded a range of questions (many in Italian!) from our students on everything from active transport in our area to his background as a doctor and his motivation to become a politician. Tim and I popped into other learning areas during his visit, and he was very impressed with the focus and concentration of students and commented on all the smiling faces, which was lovely.

## Sustainability Trail

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our exciting Sustainability Trail event this week! It really was a delight to see our students so confidently and happily explaining their work and their learning to both familiar and unfamiliar faces, and the sense of community as parents, carers, grandparents and siblings explored the trail. Huge thanks to Eileen, Noel and Jenni for coordinating this memorable opportunity for our students.

*Until next time,*

*Kristie*



In addition to our fortnightly newsletter, did you know that parents, carers, grandparents and friends can check out the day to day goings on and happenings at Brunswick South via our Facebook and Instagram pages? All 'official' communication from the school will continue to be distributed via Compass.



# Book Week 2024



Book week is fast approaching, so here's all the information you'll need to help your child prepare for this fun and long-awaited event!

**Dates:** Monday 19th August – Friday 23rd August

**2024 Theme:** Reading is Magic (<https://cbca.org.au/>)

**Book Week Activities @ BSPS**

**In class:**

During the week, students will read some of the The Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books and participate in fun and engaging activities. Click here to view the [2024 CBCA shortlisted books](#).



**Book Week Parade (Dress Up):**

Our annual **Book Week Parade** will be held on **Monday 19th August** at **9:15am**. Parents and carers are welcome to stay to celebrate this event!

This year we will be collecting **a gold coin donation** from every child who dresses up. Proceeds will be donated to the [Indigenous Literacy Foundation](#). Thanks for your support!

**Dress Up Categories- Prizes:**

This year prizes will be awarded for the best dress ups! Here are the categories for the Book Week Parade (one prize for each):

- ◆ **Best Group Dress-up**
- ◆ **Foundation Prize**
- ◆ **Year 1/2 Prize**
- ◆ **Year 3/4 Prize**
- ◆ **Year 5/6 Prize**



**Shelfie Photo Booth**

This year our popular Shelfie Booth will return in a different format. The booth will be set up for the community to take photos of their children with their favourite books.

Times and days: Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am to 9.00am and from 3.30 to 4.00pm. Children must be in their lines



**Let the Count Down Begin!**

The Children's Book Council of Australia will announce the Book of the Year Award on Friday 16th August at 12 noon!

Stay tuned for more information over the coming weeks!

**Grazie mille,**

**The Literacy PLC**

# YEARS 5/6

## Units Of Work by Tanisha

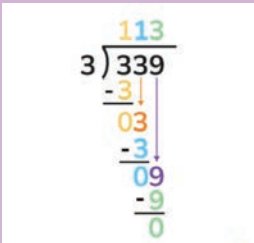
In Science, we have been learning about biology and how plants survive in different habitats. Last week, we started an experiment to test what plants need to grow. We planted bean seeds into three different pots. The first pot will receive sunlight and water, the second pot will receive darkness and water, and the third pot will receive sunlight and demineralised water. We have hypothesized which plants will die first and why. Stay tuned for the results!



In Humanities, we have been learning about Social Justice and, in particular, the rights of the child. Did you know that some countries sign a paper to follow the rules that it says on the paper?

## Maths/Matematica by Lily

In Maths/Matematica, we have been practicing long division. This is the long division strategy that works for a lot of us:



A lot of different strategies were put to the test (repeated subtractions, groups of, etc...) but this one was the most efficient.

Do you know the division vocabulary?

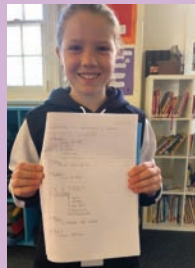
Dividend ÷ divisor = quotient

An interesting rule: You cannot divide by zero!

Did you know? The relationship between multiplication and division is they are the opposite practise so they work together well!

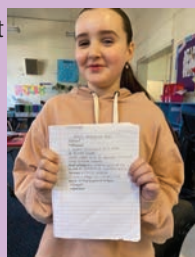
## Reading/Lettura by Flora

In Reading and Lettura we have been reading poems and learning how to analyse them. We have learnt lots about figurative language in poems, for example rhyme, similes, metaphors, alliteration, personification and more, but also the topic, main idea, structure and the point of view.



## Writing/Scrittura by Flora

In Writing and Scrittura we have been writing poems to submit to the Poem Forest competition. The Poem Forest competition is a poetry competition for students around Australia that want to enter their poem about nature for a chance to win up to \$5,000 worth of prizes! We have also been writing poetry to evoke emotions by including lots of figurative language.



## The Amazing Time Tim Read came to 3/4.

This text will capture the super exciting time Greens MP Tim Read came upstairs to 3/4 to answer some of our very interesting questions. Read on to find out about the exciting time!!!!

So it all started because in Unit of work we have been learning about Rules and Laws (one thing we learnt was that rules are made by a group of people and laws are made by the government) and Kristie being the amazing principal she is she thought that it would be a great idea if she brought in the MP of the Greens, the guy in parliament Tim Read (I think that that deserves a round of applause).

When Tim came in we got started straight away, asking him our very interesting questions. Some of our questions were: What were you most proud of in your doctor career? (before being an MP of the Greens he was a doctor), what is your favorite fruit? and what are you most proud of in parliament?

At the end Tim answered his last question and then left to go talk to another class, it was sad when he left but we did learn so so much (and I got to sit in the front row)

Extra information : Tim Read can speak Italian which is great for one of our new students, Jordan, because he only came from Italy this year.

That's the end thank you for listening about the amazing time Tim Read came. Bye!!!!

By Sara Licciardello



# YEARS 3/4

# ITALIAN



## **Pranzo Italiano Club- NEW LUNCHTIME CLUB**

Our newest lunchtime club is called **Pranzo Italiano Club!**

Grazie mille to our dedicated and creative School Council Italian Bilingual Subcommittee members who have come up with this wonderful idea!

This club will foster a love of Italian cooking/baking, culture, traditions, and eating!

These parents/guardians will volunteer their time to run this club on the final Monday of each month.

The first **Pranzo Italiano Club** will be held on **Monday 26th August**.

All students will participate in this club, in their AMICI INSIEME groups.

Gruppi 1-5 will be first. Students will be reminded by their teachers.

We look forward to imparare insieme, creare insieme, vivere insieme, and pranzare insieme!

### **Reminders:**

This club is not a lunch replacement. Students will still eat their own lunch before going to Pranzo Italiano Club.

Food allergies and intolerances will be catered for. If you have not yet informed the Office of your child's food allergy/intolerance, please do so as soon as possible. Grazie!



## **Zecchino D'Oro Choir**

The Zecchino D'oro Choir Event is fast approaching, with shows running on October 5th and 6th at the Melbourne Italian Festa – MIF24 (Royal Exhibition Building)! The BSPS Zecchino D'oro Choir has been rehearsing with myself and Oliver Mann, for five weeks and they are sounding incredibly melodic and harmonious.

During this time, the Musical Director and presenter of the event, Gisella Cozzo, visited our school from Italy, and participated in one of our rehearsals. She met the students and worked with them to improve their singing and performance skills.

At Brunswick South Primary school, we believe that we all have potential, and we are committed to nurturing our students' love of music through our Italian bilingual program.

Participation in this choir performance has offered a range of benefits to our students including:

1. **Musical Education:** Through singing in a choir, children learn about vocal techniques and develop a deeper appreciation for different genres of music.
2. **Teamwork and Collaboration:** Being a part of the choir fosters a sense of teamwork and teaches children the importance of working together towards a common goal.
3. **Confidence Building:** Performing in front of an audience helps boost self-confidence, which are invaluable life skills.
4. **Cultural Enrichment:** Exploring various Italian musical styles and traditions enriches children's cultural awareness and understanding.
5. **Fun and Enjoyment:** Above all, participation in the choir is a fun and enjoyable experience, providing children with fond memories and a sense of accomplishment.

We are extremely proud of our students' Olympian "I can" mindset and wish them un grande in bocca al lupo!

We would love to see you all there, so come along to the Melbourne Italian Festa – MIF24 (Royal Exhibition Building) on October 5th and 6th to show your support!

**Grazie mille,**

**Nancy**

**Bilingual Program Leader**

# PERFORMING ARTS

EVERYONE BELONGS

Bullying No Way  
National week of action  
12-16 August 2024

This week is Bullying, No Way Week. The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone belongs'.

When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness.

Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued. At BSPS this week we are all learning about different ways to stop bullying and embrace kindness by; daily messages and videos, class social emotional lessons and a bit of detective work by our teachers. Teachers are on the lookout for any acts of kindness so we can hand out our 'Caught Being Kind' slips to unsuspecting students!

On Friday, the whole school will meet for lunch together under the shade sail and teachers will draw students from the box of 'Caught Being Kind' slips and they will receive a school values badge for COMPASSION and a Freddo!



## Creiamo delle scene in Performing Arts

In our Performing Arts class, students have been diving into the exciting world of Exaggeration, with a special focus on Caricature. It's always a thrill to witness the larger-than-life characters that emerge from their imaginations!

The lessons have been filled with creativity, laughter, and plenty of theatrical flair. Students are exploring how exaggeration can bring characters to life in bold and unexpected ways, resulting in some truly memorable performances. Each session is a testament to their growing confidence and artistic expression, as they embrace the fun and challenge of creating something uniquely their own.



BSPS is helping shift the narrative on Homelessness! Last week was Homelessness Week and we managed to donate a car boot full of food to FoodBank Emergency Drive last weekend. We also raised \$60 for StreetSmart. Thanks to everyone who donated! StreetSmart has provided us with awesome classroom resources that have helped us bust myths around Homelessness.

The Year 3/4's even made a star appearance on the StreetSmart blog! Check it out here: <https://streetsmartaustralia.org/teachers-and-students-help-shift-the-narrative-on-homelessness/>

## From the students...

"I used to think that homelessness was just on the streets, now I know it's not."

"I used to think about homelessness that we had enough houses, and now I think that there's like a billion houses more to build."

"It amazed me how many people are homeless in Australia."

Students Issac, Wes, and Zoe

"These have been really valuable lessons that resulted in some deeply profound conversations about stereotypes, empathy, social justice and respect for others. We noticed our students having these lightbulb moments of 'wow - I didn't know that' and 'oh, I wonder why I thought that!'."

Carolyn, Brunswick South Primary School educator (VIC)

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

# STEM

## What we did in STEM

In STEM in the last two terms, we have been making bee friendly gardens and a bee hotel. First we started adding more soil and started to dig up the ground to add air to the soil, then we made bunting to go around the garden. Then we made mud bricks and after that we planted plants. The reason we did this is that native bees are competing for flowers and homes.

In the first session we started to make a garden, we first put in the garden stakes then put string around the outside then before pulling out the soil and then watered the ground and put the soil back. Some kids dug up the ground looking for grubs to protect the plants.

On the second session, we designed a bee hotel so they could live. We studied some of the bees habits and picked 2-3 bees so we could make a personalised bee hotel. Did you know that most bees like to live solitary lives meaning most of them live alone?

Some types of bees are:



European honey bee

Teddy Bear bee

Western honey bee



Leioproctus

Amegilla cingulata

Carpenter bee

On the third session we went out to Gnome Village to make mud bricks. The reason we were making mud bricks was for making the bee hotel. First we cut the tops of milk cartons to make the mold then we made a mixture of sand and water. We had to make the mixture perfect otherwise it would be too hard or soft. We put the mixture in the milk carton and we poked holes in them.

Next we started planting plants for the garden. We had a variety of plants. We had a lot of native plants. When the bee lands on the flower, it gets rid of the positive electric charge and bees can sense the magnetic field so they know what flowers have been visited.

Thank you for reading our text on what we have been doing in STEM these last two terms.

## CREDITS:

Harry.S, Mateo.R, Massi.D, Sam.B and Clem.H

This term, the **Year 3/4** students are learning about STEM inventions that help reduce climate change, habitat destruction and pollution.

Recently, they have been learning about thermal solar energy. They made a solar hotwater system out of narrow black piping and left it in the sun to see how much it would heat up. One group managed to get their water to heat up 15 degrees in 1 hour, which was pretty good considering it was 12 degrees outside.

The students also made a solar oven and attempted to melt a piece of chocolate in it. The sun kept moving (one of the challenges of solar energy!) but we got there in the end.

Next week, the students will make bioplastic out of cornflour. We will place a few pieces aside so we can measure how long the bioplastic takes to degrade.

Last week, the **Year 5/6** students explored how they can use their native bee attracting garden to promote the cause of bees to the broader community. They decided to make a series of signs and noticeboards containing information on Victoria's native bees and things people can do to help them. They also decided to make a website and some pamphlets on our local bees and start constructing a seed library so locals can exchange seeds.

We also started building some bee hotels out of the materials we salvaged from the recent clean-out of our school storage container. We are using the lino left over from the staffroom toilet renovation for our roofs, and old drama props and a retired pie warmer for our structures. The bee hotels will be filled with mud bricks (for burrowing bees) and cane and hardwood hollows (for bees who nest in bark, decaying wood and hollow plant stems).



# SUSTAINABILITY TRAIL

I would like to send out a big thank you to all the parents who attended the Sustainability Trail on Monday afternoon. Our 'Sustainability Ambassadors' really appreciated having the opportunity to showcase the actions they are taking to make our school more sustainable.



## PARENTS BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Congratulations to our amazing parents who performed at the Northcote Social Club on Thursday 8 August.

Our school's parent band participated with 8 other local primary schools including Northcote Primary, Brunswick East Primary, North Melbourne Primary, Westgarth Primary, Fairfield Primary, Wales Street Primary, Preston South Primary & Ivanhoe East Primary.

**You all ROCK!**



## BOITE SCHOOLS CHORUS 2024

On Thursday August 8th the BSPS Choir took part in a 240-voice choir at the Melbourne Town Hall as part of the annual Boite Schools Chorus. Students performed a program of songs based around the theme of Climate Change, singing in eight different languages. What a wonderful job the BSPS Choir did! The air came alive with music - Congratulations to all of the BSPS Choir singers, we are so proud of the work you do. A big thanks to Cordelia, Peta and especially Asha Nicholas.

### *Kirilie & Oliver*

Maja - (Minka and Teo's mum)

... this Boite Choir experience at the Melb Town Hall! I was so impressed, they did so well, it was just beautiful! Thank YOU for all the additional time, energy and work you invested in having the kids prepared for this event - she'll never forget it! So cool!!

Jyoti (Avani and Espe's mum)

It was such a wonderful experience for all of them, and something I'm sure they'll all hold for a long time.

Also, so amazing seeing how much they have improved and how much more confident they have become.



# BSPS NOTICES



## BRUNSWICK SOUTH TEAMKIDS **NEWSLETTER**



### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

#### Team Kids Olympics

Our Team Kids Olympics has kicked off at our service! Hosting a Children's Olympics is an exciting way to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and healthy competition among kids. With a diverse range of activities, from traditional track and field events to fun games like races and obstacle courses, there's something for everyone. This event fosters team spirit, inclusivity, and enjoyment, ensuring every child feels included and valued.


We are so proud of our TK Olympians and the high level of engagement we have had so far!

#### **Attention:**


Team Kids will be providing care to children on Tuesday August 27 from 12pm for the student led conferences!

### IMPORTANT DATES



 **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
National Science Week

 **Tuesday 27 August**  
Student led conferences

 **Friday 30 August**  
BSPS Father's/ Special Persons Day

### TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: **3 & 4**



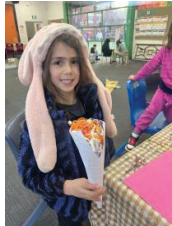
**MONDAY**  
Team Kids Olympics Club

**TUESDAY**  
Team Kids Olympics Club

**WEDNESDAY**  
Team Kids Olympics Club

**THURSDAY**  
Team Kids Olympics Club

**FRIDAY**  
Team Kids Olympics Club





## Supporting young people with transition from primary to secondary school

### A free online webinar for Parents and Carers

**headspace Schools & Communities would like to invite you to attend a Mental Health Education session for Parents and Carers.**

This session will cover:

- Mental health and wellbeing in adolescence
- How to have conversations with young people about their mental health and wellbeing
- Noticing signs that a young person might be going through a tough time and struggling with their transition out of school
- Identifying strategies to connect and communicate with young people
- Increasing knowledge about how to support them during this transition period and where to access professional support.

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**When:**

- Session 1: Tues 3 Sept, 6 - 7PM AEST
- Session 2: Thur 5 Sept, 8 - 9PM AEST

**How to register:**

**Click [here](#)** or scan the QR Code below to register by selecting your preferred date and time through Eventbrite.



After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar.

**Need more information?**

Email us: [MHEP@headspace.org.au](mailto:MHEP@headspace.org.au)



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## BRUNSWICK SOUTH PRIMARY ADVANCED PROGRAM

### MID-TERM NOTICE:

Join us each Thursday for the final half of Term 3  
from 3:30 - 4:30 PM

We focus on developing the fundamentals of soccer  
in a fun and active way!




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THU 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
7:30-8:30PM



**DR ZACH GREIG**  
THE STAND UP PROJECT

Dr. Zach Greig holds a PhD in Community Empowerment, and has nearly 20 years of experience researching and working with community members. He founded The Stand Up Project (SUP) in 2019 – a student leadership program designed to reduce discrimination, harassment, and bullying. Dr. Greig helps to foster positive social change through Upstander Training, which empowers young people to stand up for themselves and others.

[thestandupproject.com](http://thestandupproject.com)

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- THE SOCIAL PHENOMENA BEHIND BULLYING**  
Gain insight into underlying social factors that contribute to poor behaviour and bullying in schools, moving beyond simply labelling specific children as 'the problem'.
- EMPOWERING STUDENT SOLUTIONS**  
Discover practical strategies to allow children to identify issues affecting them, and actively develop their own impactful solutions to prevent and respond to poor behaviours.
- EFFECTIVE BULLYING RESPONSES**  
Learn to engage and support children who are either experiencing or witnessing bullying, equipping yourself with the tools needed to create positive social change.

“SUP's student leadership and empowerment model is an important part of the solution in addressing poor behaviour in schools.”  
Principal

“Dr. Zach Greig has created a truly ground-breaking and impactful program. His approach and guidance are so simple, but make so much sense.”  
Sam Hoath, TeamKids Founding Director

“The Stand Up Project is amazing, I can't wait to teach others how to be an Upstander.”  
Grade 6 Student

**FREE SESSION**



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