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Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 7 Nov 9am Yrs 3/4 Hosting
Mon 21 Nov 9am Yrs 1/2 Hosting
Mon 5 Dec 9am Foundation

Monday 31 October
Curriculum Day

CALENDAR DATES

OCTOBER

Tues 25 School Council Meeting
Wed 26 Foundation Swimming
Wed 26 - Fri 28 Yrs 3/4 Mt Evelyn Camp
Fri 28 Foundation Transition Session 2
Mon 31 Curriculum Day No School

NOVEMBER

Tues 1 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wed 2 Foundation Swimming
Fri 4 "An Evening On The Green"
Instrumental Music Concert
Mon 7 Mission to Mars Yrs 5/6 Excursion

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

Today we are welcoming our new Foundation students for 2023 for their first transition session at school. It's hard to believe we are at that stage of the year already and, for the first time since 2019, we can run our transition program in person for our students and parents and carers!

Starting school is such a significant milestone for our young people. For those who have been in our school community for a little while, cast your mind back to when you went through the process of undertaking school tours, preparing your child for the transition to school and began to form friendships and connections with families and staff from BPS. We do have a vibrant and welcoming community and I know everyone will do their part to make our new students and families feel welcome.

Student Absences

Now that COVID-19 restrictions have changed and we look towards the last part of the school year, our focus on student attendance and late arrivals has been reinvigorated. We know that if our kids are not attending school, no matter how great the learning program is, they are not going to learn consistently. Regular school attendance enables students to maximise their full educational potential and to actively be involved in and engage with their own learning. It's wonderful that the majority of our students at BPS have great attendance and regularly attend school on time, but it's important that we review and reflect on this data so we can celebrate success and work to identify particular students for whom attendance is an issue.

You can help us with this by preparing your child for school each day. Some little things can make a big difference; making a timetable for the week, setting designated times to get ready for school each morning, packing bags the night before to help mornings run a little smoother and celebrating successes and wins if your child is sometimes reluctant to attend school. Predictable routines help children to feel safe and understand what is expected of them.

There is no set point at which absence becomes a concern; however, the following categories can help to identify patterns of absence:

- ◆ **Regular attendees: miss less than 10 days a year (less than 5% attendance)**
- ◆ **Risk of chronic absence: miss between 10 and 19 days a year (5-10% attendance)**
- ◆ **Chronically absent: miss 20+ days (10%+ attendance; average 1 day per fortnight)**

Our Leadership team has been looking through attendance data on Compass and this year tells an interesting story for us. COVID-19, illnesses and a flurry of extended family holidays have significantly impacted our data. It's a great time of year to jump on Compass, check your child's attendance and (if required) look to using the remainder of 2022 to begin building some positive school attendance habits.

If you need any support, information or advice on improving your child's attendance, please reach out to your child's teachers and help us out by ensuring any unexplained absences on Compass are followed up with an attendance note.

3/4 Camp

Next week, we have our 3/4 students and some staff heading off to their camp at Mt. Evelyn. All the students are excitedly preparing for this event, but in particular our Year 3s, who are off on their first overnight adventure with their classmates and teachers. Organising camps takes considerable time, energy and effort and we are very grateful to Eamon for coordinating this work and doing much of the organisation.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader

Our indicative budget for 2023 came through earlier this term and we are delighted that the Department of Education and Training has provided funding for schools in our network to appoint a Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader. The main responsibility of this leader is to work across our school to implement whole-school approaches to mental health and wellbeing for students, staff and families based on the unique needs of our community. This will include building the capacity of school staff to identify and support individuals and groups of students, creating a clear referral pathway for students identified as requiring support and coordinating internal and external mental health supports for students.

This program is being rolled out with all schools in our network and a range of Professional Learning opportunities will help us to further enhance our ability to support the range of individual needs we have at BPS.

Tutor Learning Initiative

We also welcomed the recent news that the Tutor Learning Initiative will be funded for a further twelve months. The model we have developed at BPS has had a significant impact on 'catching up'

some of the learning missed over the last couple of year. Maree, Toby and Jo all work with students and staff across our school to implement this program in ways that best meet the needs of the cohort and we welcome the chance to continue this work in 2023.

Regional Athletics

A huge congratulations to **Katelyn Lumsden** and **Darien Koomans** who represented the school in the Regional Athletics last week.

School Council – Casual Vacancy

We had a casual vacancy on School Council arise last term and put out an expression of interest to the community. A huge grazie mille to the parents who volunteered to fill the role for the remainder of the tenure. Congratulations to Kylie Doust who was appointed to the position. Kylie will take over the Community and Fundraising Sub Committee convener role.

An Evening on the Green

On Friday 4 November, the BPS music community will be holding "An Evening on the Green" from 6pm through to sunset. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young musicians to gain some valuable performance experience and enjoy the support of their families and loved ones. More information can be found on Compass.

*Have a fantastic weekend,
Trevor.*

The RSE program began this week in 5/6 and 1/2, and feedback from staff and students indicates that it was well received.

Aydan is facilitating the Relationships and Sexuality Education sessions, along with teachers in the learning areas.

The content in this program is being guided by the [Victorian Curriculum](#) for Health and [Personal and Social Capability](#), [UNESCO's International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education](#) and Sexual Health Victoria's many amazing resources.

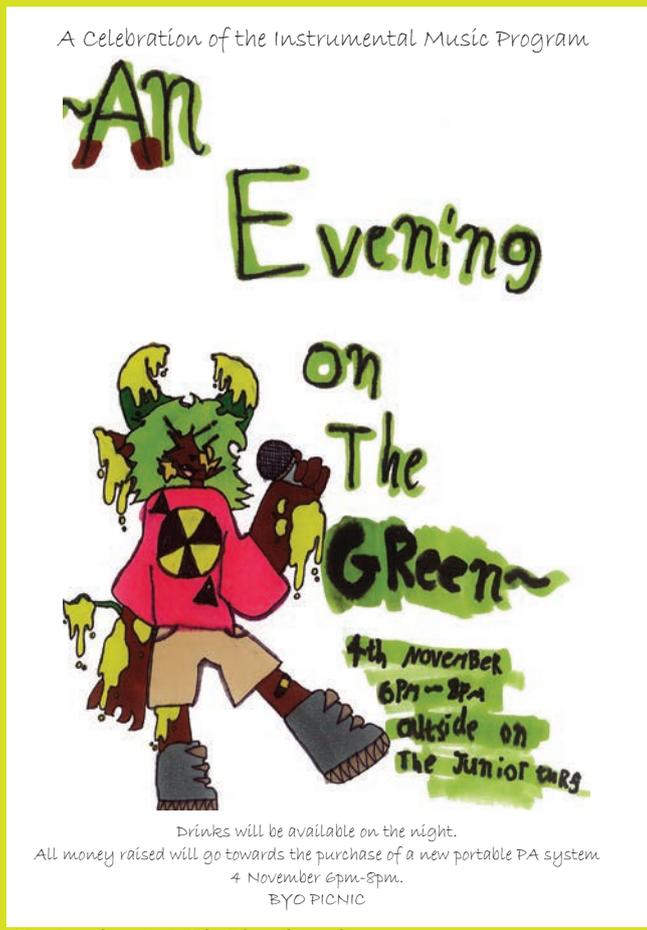
The research on RSE is clear. It is vital that students have an age appropriate, comprehensive RSE program as part of their schooling, to help them with making safe, healthy and respectful choices as they move forward in life.

In a world that can deliver many mixed and conflicting messages regarding relationships, sex and gender, clear factual information delivered in a positive, open environment is vital for the healthy growth of our young people.

Aydan and teachers make the sessions (and our classrooms in general) places where students feel comfortable to discuss and ask questions to seek the information that is specific to them.

*When talking about bodies or puberty changes, we often talk about what is 'typical' for girls/women/females or boys/men/males, but it is important to note that bodies are never typical, and information will not be true for all people and all bodies - particularly non-binary, gender fluid, transgender and intersex people.

The RSE program will be delivered on Tuesday's and all learning areas from Foundation to 6 will be involved.



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An Evening on The Green

4th November
6pm - 8pm
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Poster by: Astrid Aikenhead



RSE PROGRAM

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This term in Mathematics/Matematica we have been learning to collect, record and interpret data. We had a lot of fun asking our peers questions and recording their answers. We learnt that it's ok if we like different things! We now know how to use tally marks and we spot them everywhere... even on the fabric of the bus seats on our way to swimming!

We love data!



FOUNDATION SWIMMING PROGRAM

One week down and Foundation is definitely making a splash in and out of the pool!

Our very first swimming lesson was a huge success, with smooth transitions to and from the venue and everyone remembering their undies for after! We are having so much fun in the water and look forward to reporting back on the progress we will undoubtedly make over the next 7 weeks.



WRITING/ SCRITTURA

Can you believe it, we are all writers in Foundation! This term we are learning to improve our work using our 'Bump-it-up!' wall as a guide.

It has been very successful and we are continually practicing writing stories that include a bold beginning, mega middle, and an exciting end, with lots of sight words thrown in the mix. Below is a wonderful story written by Mia in one of our Scrittura lessons.



SCOTCH COLLEGE READ TO SOMEONE FOUNDATION INCURSION

On Wednesday 19th October Year 10 students studying Italian, visited the Foundation students for a wonderful bilingual Read to Someone experience! Grazie mille to all the teachers and students for sharing their love of learning Italian and reading and for all our new Italian texts!

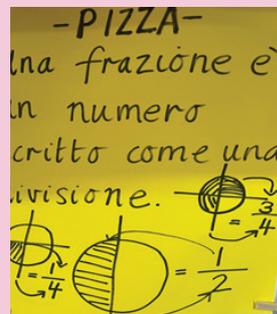


YEARS 1/2

This week we began our unit on relationships and sexuality education. We started by naming the typical body parts we know, what they do and how they change. We also identified the body parts that are public and private.



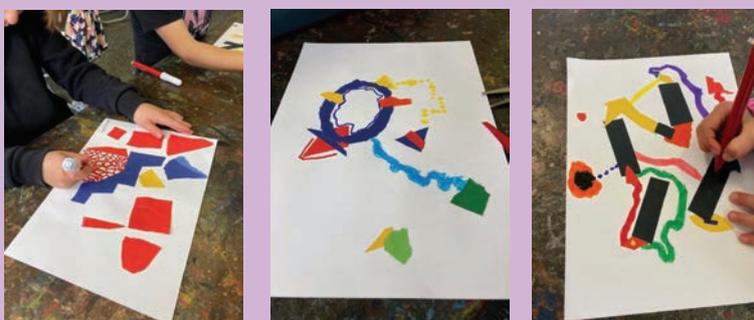
In maths we have been learning about fractions! We have explored making different fractions in a variety of ways and have learned about how they are different to whole numbers. As always, we have been explaining our thinking after we have tackled a problem



YEARS 1/2

ART

Exploring Joan Miro's symbols and creating a mixed media work with **Foundation** students and a small plasticine sculpture with **Year 1/2**



In the first few weeks of PE, the students have been skipping as much as they can. The way the juniors of the school have given skipping a go and persisted with it is wonderful to see. Thank you as well to those students and families who have raised some money for the Heart Foundation. We have already raised over \$3,000 which is an outstanding achievement.

As we move further into the term, the students will be exploring sports and skills that involve hitting a ball or object with a racket, bat, or body part. Sports such as cricket, tennis, tee-ball, and hockey will be modified to make them accessible to all students as we continue to develop our hand-eye coordination skills.

Can we also please make sure students have a hat each day at school.



A huge congratulations to **Katelyn Lumsden** and **Darien Koomans** who represented the school in the Regional Athletics last week. Katelyn competed in the triple jump and Darien competed in the 100m and 200m sprints. Well done on such a great achievement!

PE

STEM

This term, the 1/2 students are completing a unit on plants. They are growing seedlings, propagating succulents and making mini green-houses, worm viewers and plant pots from materials found in recycling bins. The seedlings they grow, and pots they make, will be sold at a stall to raise money for a charity.

Last week, we planted tomato and basil seeds. This week, we planted marigold and sunflower seeds as these flowers attract the bees. We also made some greenhouses to try and accelerate the germination process.

Thanks so much Noel, Jenny and Liz for sharing your expansive knowledge of gardening with us and supporting us to produce all the stock we need for our stall! We couldn't do it without you!

In Term 4, the Foundation students are exploring basic coding and how plants grow and reproduce.

Last week, we planted sunflower seeds. We were very excited to see them sprout up and shed their old seed casings. We noticed that the seeds in the black pots sprouted before the seeds in the white pots. We think this is because the black pots absorb more heat than the white pots, keeping the little seeds much warmer.

This week, we are learning how to code our class robots, the Bee-bots. The bee-bot can remember commands such as forward, backwards, left and right. We set up obstacles and programmed the Bee Bot to maneuver around them on the way to its destination, a flower. Next week, we will get the Bee-bot to bring nectar back to the hive and also distribute a bit of pollen.



PERFORMING ARTS

We are on a journey of dance in Performing Arts . We are loving exploring different ways to express ourselves.



PERFORMING ARTS

BSPS NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS CATHERINE

Past Brunswick South Primary School student Catherine Turnbull, has been announced as the Dance & Drama Captain for 2022 - 2023. The Dance & Drama Captain is responsible for supporting all College performances and events and providing opportunities for students to engage in the College's performing arts programs.

Well done Catherine.



FETE COLLECTIVE

Thank you Jean-Pierre for your participation in the fete collective and many thanks to the Friendly Moving Men for their ongoing support of the School Fete Collective.

The School Fete Collective is an association of local schools to share equipment for School Fetes and other events so that each school doesn't have to buy or hire the same equipment.

The Friendly Moving Men have been supporting the association for many years with the transport of all these items.



COMBINED SCHOOLS CHOIR

Oliver, Instrumental Music Singing Teacher and choir leader, is looking for expressions of interest from parents/ carers for their children to take part in a forthcoming choral performance:

Local schools will sometimes meet up with one another to take each other on head-to-head on the sports field but the music programs of Brunswick South PS, Princes Hill PS and Clifton Hill PS have come up with the wonderful idea of a combined-schools choir to perform once at each school throughout a year to share the experience of singing together.

The first performance has been set for Sunday November 13th, 11am at the Princes Hill Primary School Bazaar, and I would like to get an indication from parents/carers of who would like to take part. Families would need to be able to bring their children and remain on-site for the performance which would take an hour from start to finish.

Brunswick South PS look forward to having the Combined Schools Choir visit in 2023.

LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Lunch time clubs are going strong. A group of 5/6 students expressed their interest in Dungeons and Dragons. They meet on Wednesday lunchtime



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YOGA SESSIONS FOR BSPS PARENTS

"However powerful or disturbing something may appear to be, it is our reaction to it that determines its effects".

This Term 4, coming to you in a Yoga studio near BSPS:

Yoga for Parents. YES YOU!

Living busy lives, always on the go, emotionally available for all, but no time for your self..?

These Yoga classes are designed for us busy bees, to help us tune in to our bodies, our breath and our mind. To feel grounded and balanced.

This is a 10-week 'Morning Yoga' series. (can also be attended as single classes).

Classes are on Mondays and Fridays,
6am to 7am.

Located near Ceres, at:

130C Nicholson St, Brunswick East.

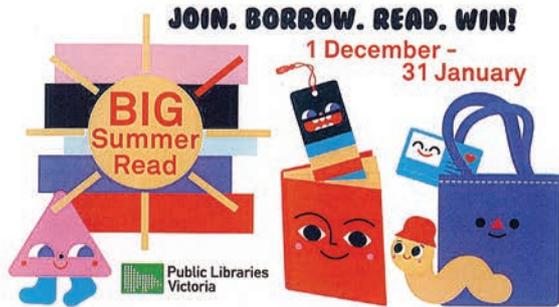
NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

No flexibility & no equipment needed. This is empowerment Yoga and all levels are welcome.

Cost for a class is 20 dollars

If any questions, please PM me or call Imad on: 0455198388

If you received this invite through BSPS, then use



The BIG Summer Read is back!

The BIG Summer Read is a Victorian statewide summer reading campaign for children and young people. It is a collaborative Public Libraries Victoria initiative, developed to raise awareness and ensure ALL Victorian children have access to the resources they need to maintain literacy skills over the summer school holidays.

The BIG Summer Read is open to anyone aged 0-18. It aims to encourage children to read for pleasure and addresses the issue of the 'summer slide' - the loss of literacy experienced over the long summer break if children are not exposed to books or reading.

The campaign consists of a reading challenge on the PLV Beanstack website and app, which children and young people can complete to go in the running to win prizes.

For more information, chat to your local library or visit <https://www.plv.org.au/projects/big-summer-read/>

There's only FOUR DAYS left to sign up for this AMAZING offer!

We've teamed up with 28 by Sam Wood to offer all families a two-month subscription plan to 28 by Sam Wood for \$99.

In return, every family that signs up will receive a \$100 Visa gift card.

PLUS, they'll go into the draw to WIN 1 of 10 GOLDEN TICKETS to SUMMER at TeamKids (two days of free care).

This incredible offer is LIVE but won't be around for much longer, so please send this through to your families again as a reminder, so they can join in on the FUN!

- The link to sign up is here: <https://app.28bysamwood.com/offer/teamkids>

Please note: this offer will be available until 11:59PM on Sunday, 23rd October.

TEAM UP WITH
28 BY SAM WOOD
& TEAMKIDS

Join now and get 2-months for \$99
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\$100 Gift card



There are a number of students from 5th Brunswick Scouts currently at BSPS who are coordinating the final fundraiser for the year.



Support our Mango Fundraiser!



If you *love mangoes*, then here's your chance to indulge in fresh, juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support the 5th Brunswick Scouts' fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest, ready for collection from the Weston Street (Brunswick) Scout Hall in early December.

Cost per tray is: **\$28** (approximately 7kg)

Order mangoes: <https://www.trybooking.com.CDABY> (or scan the QR code above)

Place your order by: **23 October 2022**

For further information contact: Lara – 0411 644 963
Money raised will be used to purchase essential Scouting equipment

