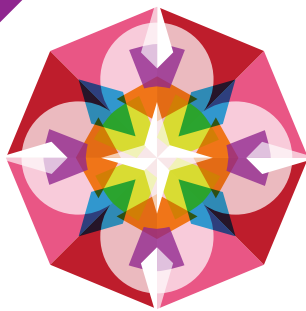


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our values –
the moral fibre which
guides our culture
CONSTANT LEARNING
MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY
COMPASSION
SENSE OF POSSIBILITY

*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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CALENDAR DATES

OCTOBER

Fri 27 World Teachers Day

NOVEMBER

Mon 6 Curriculum Day No School

Tues 7 Melbourne Cup Day No School

Fri 10 Foundation Transtion

Wed 15 Foundation Zoo Excursion

Fri 17 Foundation Transtion

Wed 22-24 YR 3/3 Camp

Wednesday 20 December

Last Day of the Year

1.30pm Dismissal

ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 30 Oct 9am YR 1/2 Hosting

Mon 20 Nov 9am YR 3/4 Hosting

Mon 10 Dec YR 5/6 Hosting

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LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

Spring Festa ...What a fantastic community event! We couldn't have ordered better weather and, even though we were threatened with wind and rain right up until Saturday afternoon, a few gusts didn't dampen our spirits. It was wonderful to see a fantastic turnout from our school community, former students, future families and even some neighbours popping in after voting in the referendum.

Our inaugural Spring Festa encapsulated everything wonderful about our school community and a spring day provided the perfect backdrop.

Highlights of the event were, without a doubt, the musical performances from our students, the rides and the stalls and the band. The Jazzonauts provided a perfect soundtrack for a chilled Saturday afternoon in the sun and funnily enough are made up of many current and former BPS staff. The day exceeded all expectations and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

GRAZIE

- ♦ We know that events of this scale require thorough, careful and extensive coordination and planning. The organising committee this year was led by our own crew, Mary Glendza and Sanae Arnava (Event Planner Extraordinaires), who did an outstanding job of bringing everything together – down to the finest detail. The planning has been going on behind the scenes for about six months and both Mary and Sanae exceeded the brief to create an outstanding community event that brought us all together.



- ♦ We were very generously supported by some key parents who helped bring everything together at the final hour, in particular Jean-Pierre Masclef and Gianna Donnini. The many hours of preparing, cooking, moving, collecting and planning were crucial in the execution of such a large scale event.
- ♦ To all our parent and carer volunteers, who supervised stalls, served food, made popcorn, spun fairy floss, spruiked tickets, sold plants, bumped in and out – GRAZIE MILLE. (Special mention to a

group of overzealous popcorn makers – you know who you are...)

- ♦ The creative preparations for Spring Festa originated with the students in our student Fundraising Action Team. The group worked with Mary and Sanae in the lead up to the event and led the marketing and promotional elements. They also chose many of the stalls and activities they thought our community would like. The enthusiasm of this crew is unmatched and I am certain many of the team will go on to careers in events management in the future.



- ♦ Jean-Pierre and our School Council added another level of commitment to the day and organised and ran a referendum BBQ for those coming to the school to cast their votes. It was difficult to turn down an opportunity to fundraise for the school and, thankfully, our School Council stepped up to the plate to keep the hungry voters fed.
- ♦ To the countless others involved in various ways leading up to and on the day of the event – GRAZIE. We couldn't even begin to name all the volunteers and supporters, but please accept our gratitude - the success of the event speaks for itself.

With a few final expenses rolling in, we will update you on our final results in the next newsletter.

The Voice Referendum

As you know, BPS was a polling site on Saturday and many within our community visited to cast their vote in the referendum. This referendum is the first that Australia has had in over two decades and highlights the importance of referendums to our democratic system of government. We know that in a democracy, it's important that people can express their opinions on key issues, especially those of great national importance.

The Premier and the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples put out a joint statement on Voice this week that I encourage you to read.

For many people, this referendum has been – and will continue to be – a sensitive topic with deep, personal meaning and it is important that we continue to engage with each other in a respectful and considerate way.

There will be different responses to this outcome, including disappointment or distress for many students, staff and communities. Our school is positioned to support any group or individual who may need it – please reach out directly should you need anything.

Events in the Middle East

Many in our school community have also been impacted by the devastating events in the Middle East and disturbed by the events depicted in media footage and images.

This time is particularly distressing for staff, students, families and carers who have family and friends in Israel and Gaza.

Please be assured that all staff are aware of the extreme emotional toll on many in our community at this time and we encourage you to reach out should you or any of your family require any additional support.

The Department of Education is monitoring the situation from a school security perspective and have advised there is no further action we need to take at this stage.

We are also aware that extremely distressing scenes from the conflict may be posted online. Please continue to monitor your child's internet and device usage and reach out to us should you require any support or advice.

Dogs in Schools

Last week, we were informed about some interactions in the school grounds between dogs which was a cause for concern for some students and families.

Our Dogs in School policy outlines the guidelines around bringing dogs into the school grounds and must be familiar reading for all families who bring their dogs into the school. Please take a moment to read the policy (<http://brunswicksouthps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Dogs-in-School-Policy-2022.pdf>), taking note of the important points below:

- ♦ All dogs entering Brunswick South Primary School must be on short leads (not extendable leads) that are controlled by an adult, not by a child
- ♦ Dogs owners must enter via the Brunswick Road or Park Street gates
- ♦ Dogs should remain on the asphalt areas and not on the synthetic turf areas
- ♦ Dog owners are requested to always be mindful that children are the first priority in a school environment and that some children are unfamiliar and/or afraid of dogs
- ♦ Dog owners are requested to assess the demeanour of their dog before entering the school grounds and are requested not to enter the school grounds if the demeanour of the dog is not suited to an environment where children are present
- ♦ Dog owners must be familiar with their legal responsibilities and be aware that the school takes no responsibility for the behaviour or actions of their dogs
- ♦ Staff can request that dog owners remove their dog from the school grounds

- ♦ Incidents involving dog bites or injuries to children, adults or other animals will be reported by Brunswick South PS to the Merri-Bek City Council

Whilst not directly stated in the policy, we also ask that only service/support animals enter the school buildings. Bringing dogs inside classrooms or school buildings can be distressing for some students, especially without warning.

Thanks in advance for adhering to this policy – if everyone does their bit, we can continue to be a community that is inclusive of our four-legged family members!

Foundation Transition

On Friday we welcomed our new Foundation students for 2024 for their first transition session at school. It's hard to believe we are at that stage of the year already and ready to meet our newest BSPS community members.

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 the school.

We have a vibrant and welcoming school community and I know our newest members will feel right at home from their very first day.

*Ciao for now,
Trevor.*

PRINCIPAL INTERN

Hello,

My name is Marcus Abney-Hastings and I am lucky enough to be joining the Brunswick South Primary School community as part of the Principal Internship program for the next 2 weeks. I am looking forward to joining your community and working with Trevor, Marg, Sarah and staff across this period of time to develop my leadership skills. Currently, I am the Campus Principal at The Lakes South Morang College with 380 students across F-6. I have been in this role for 4 years.

Away from work, I have 2 young boys, Oliver (10) and Ashton (7) and my wife Josie is a teacher in Eltham. I love my sport and coaching football. I have been lucky enough to have had some amazing opportunities and experiences in this field and coached across some elite programs at NAB League, VFL and AFLW level.

I look forward to seeing you all and thank you for welcoming me into the Brunswick South community.

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Making of the Silent Art Auction

Thank you to Alice,
who worked so hard to help the students create these amazing art pieces.

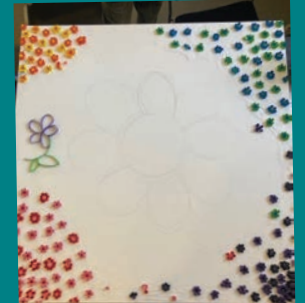
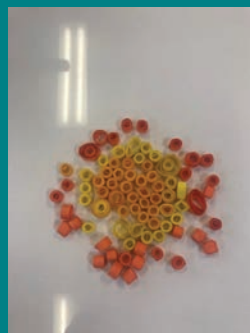
Foundation

Year 1/2



Year 3/4

Year 5/6



BSPS NOTICES

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE


This is just quick note to let the school community know what we have been up to in 2023. We have been busy on number of fronts including –

- ♦ Working Bees - We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the two working bees we have held so far. Through these events we have demolished a concrete strip along the Northern Boundary of the school and building a low-level timber retaining wall (Thanks especially to Rory for leading this) at the base of the new fence. This infrastructure then provided the opportunity for us to tip a whole lot of dirt in and start planning out a green buffer of low-level natives and climbers. This noisy interface is inhospitable and will benefit greatly from some greening. This work is ably supported by our truly magical environmental action group of 3-4s who have established and cared for the garden immediately behind the curved brick wall.
- ♦ Nature play and Shade sails project – The school has received funding for some external shade sails to provide an outdoor learning and play space. We are working on a project that will make the most of this opportunity and with some additional funding, create a vital and interesting space for kids to enjoy. This project will be located to the south of the senior lids oval.
- ♦ Resources Smart Schools – We have renewed our engagement with this online platform that tracks our journey towards sustainability. We are currently building the baseline data across a range of elements including energy, waste, water and biodiversity. We will then track overtime improvements in the operation of the school as we make operational and physical improvements to minimise our impact. This will drive a range of activities and masterplanning including over time, the removal of gas from the school and continued electrification of the school, better composting and water usage and an overall reduction in waste – Nude food days are part of this change. Everything will be measured, and improvements will be communicated, celebrated and linked to the curriculum. There will be an exciting announcement later this term which will represent a step stage in our energy usage.
- ♦ BSPS Masterplan – We have continued to refine and develop the masterplan documents commissioned over the past years. These documents are available for the community to share and engage with. They form the basis for prioritising minor works around

the school and identifying larger grant funding opportunities. To date we have not received significant capital funding for new works, although as is often the case with heritage schools, we have received some funding for maintenance works, such as plumbing issues – we have had a few.. We will continue to lobby for new initiatives including a covered space where the school community can congregate, improved external play areas and a better interface with our beautiful linear park to the South. Council is actively working with both Merri-bek and Yarra Councils to support better amenity and safety around the school boundaries. We would like to turn the main entrance of the school towards the Linear parklands, or as one aspirational committee member calls it - Drummonde Strada II Grande Entrata!


TEAM KIDS


Summer of Fun! YOU'RE INVITED! Team Kids


4TH OCTOBER
WORLD SPACE WEEK



17TH OCTOBER
Pasta Day
@COOKING CLUB



25TH OCTOBER
INTERNATIONAL ARTIST DAY



SPOOKTACULAR PARTY
DRESS UP | PARTY FOOD | FUN
31ST OCTOBER


13TH NOVEMBER
World Kindness Day


UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY
20TH NOVEMBER


24TH NOVEMBER
Fairy Bread Day


1ST DECEMBER
Feels Like SUMMER PARTY


LAST WEEK OF TERM
Time to CELEBRATE


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NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

It has been a huge few months at Team Kids. Where to begin when we have had such remarkable, fun and innovative experiences of late!



Last term, we really got swept up in the excitement of the FIFA Women's World Cup with many matches and skill's sessions being completed. Children also made banners of support, did a range of art's activities as well as many meaningful discussions on the event and why it is important!

The holidays were incredible also with the large number of students attending getting to experience excursions to the movies to see Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken. On top of this, we went to Melbourne Zoo (see the picture to the right) and Collingwood Children's Farm. The children were so thrilled and engaged as they learned about the different animals that exist in the world around them. Thus, it helped them to increase their general knowledge about the various species of animals that exist in this world.

This term at Team Kids we have continued to implement interest-based learning experiences based on feedback. Children have loved playing Dodgeball, Cricket, Cooking Club (so far, we have done Honey Joys, pancakes and Cheesy Vegemite Scrolls) and Art Club.

We are busily preparing for Halloween with an exciting range of activities/ experiences planned!! Stay Tuned!

IMPORTANT DATES

-  Halloween Team Kid's Celebration (After care)
Tuesday, 31st of October
-  Melbourne Cup Day / Team Kids is closed
Tuesday, 7th of November



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