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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

Wednesday 7 December
Year 6 Graduation

CALENDAR DATES

NOVEMBER

Fri 4 “An Evening On The Green”
Instrumental Music Concert

Mon 7 Mission to Mars Yrs 5/6 Excursion

Fri 11 Foundation Transition Session 3

Tues 15 Somers Camp

Wed 16 Foundation Swimming

Fri 18 Foundation Transition Session 4

Wed 23 Foundation Swimming

DECEMBER

Wed 7 Year 6 Graduation

ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 7 Nov 9am Yrs 3/4 Hosting

Mon 21 Nov 9am Yrs 1/2 Hosting

Mon 5 Dec 9am Foundation

LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

We are almost at the half way mark for Term 4 – hard to believe isn't it? You might think that the momentum is slowing down as the end of the year draws near, but it's just the opposite. Our staff are busy planning for the remaining learning cycles for the year, conducting assessments and writing reports.

Equally, our students are also hitting their strides, with many making some fantastic learning gains, improving confidence and benefitting from simply being at school full time for almost a year.

New Specialist

In line with the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA) from 2023, teachers will receive additional planning time. The funding of this time for teachers allows us to introduce another specialist subject at BSPS. After an extensive period of discussion, debate and deliberation with students, staff and our parent representatives on School Council, I am excited to let you know that from next year we will introduce a weekly **Health and Wellbeing** session for all students from Foundation to Year 6!

We are very fortunate to offer a great range of specialist subjects at BSPS and, because we don't have to have a standalone Language class, we can have a broader offering than other schools. After initial consultation with staff, we audited our curriculum documentation and ascertained that both Health and Wellbeing and Music were potential options for us and areas that we felt could be covered with more depth across the school.

There was always a compelling case for both subjects, but a couple of key considerations helped us to push Health and Wellbeing across the line (just!)

- ♦ **Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader Funding:** BSPS will have funding to appoint a Health and Wellbeing Leader from next year. This funding allows us to combine the leadership role, with a Health & Wellbeing specialist and have the leader directly teaching the curriculum to students. The time release for the role will also ensure the leader has sufficient time to support staff, undertake Professional Learning and work with the teaching and leadership teams.
- ♦ **Student Voice and Feedback/Attitudes to School Survey data:** We consulted with our senior students and gave them an opportunity to

give feedback. 52% of students preferred Health and Wellbeing and 48% for Music. We also noted some outcomes in our Student Attitudes to School data, particularly with many of our senior students expressing low life satisfaction and resilience levels, as well as low emotional awareness and regulation.

- ♦ **Curriculum Audit:** Units of Health are covered across all areas, but may not necessarily be consistent. As they are covered over a two-year cycle in alignment with our Scope and Sequence, they sit standalone and often are tied to other curriculum areas. Music is already regularly covered as part of Performing Arts.

It's clear there is an appetite for music at BSPS! Luckily, we have a strong Performing Arts program (Dance, Music & Drama) and there is an opportunity for us to further lift the profile of music in these sessions next year. Should we be in a position to add another specialist subject down the track, I think we'll know just where to start!

It was great to hear student voice as part of this process and one student comment in particular stuck with me: "I feel like not everyone may like or wants to learn music, but everyone should know about their health".

Camp

I'm sure there were a few tired eyes on Friday evening from our 3/4 students after their very successful camp to Mt Evelyn. The students had a fantastic time and we loved seeing all the photos of them engaged with the various indoor and outdoor activities. Not swayed by the poor weather, our kids certainly demonstrated their resilience. With gumboots, raincoats and some towels on hand they didn't let the wet weather dampen their spirit!

Camps are a wonderful opportunity for students to build relationships with each other and their teachers in a different environment. As teachers, we always take great pleasure in knowing that each camp we are going to see a child extend their learning beyond the classroom and school. Overcoming obstacles like learning archery, conquering a fear of heights, staying away from home overnight or even finishing their vegetables are all things that help to develop each child's confidence and self-reliance.

A huge grazie mile to our teachers who volunteered to accompany our students to camp. **Eamon, Caro, Francesca, Kate, Giada, Alice, Jarrod and Hayley** were on the clock day and night to keep our students safe, fed and engaged while they were away. All in all, a successful trip!

Evening on the Green

We've been watching the weather closely this week and, while I don't want to speak too soon, things are looking positive for our very first Evening on the Green. Organised by our Instrumental Music Teachers, the students in that program will showcase their musical talents tonight at school from 6-8pm. The set list is looking pretty amazing and your support of this event will help us to purchase a new portable PA unit for events and assemblies. Check out the flyer on Compass for more information.

World Teachers' Day

Last week we celebrated World Teachers' Day in Australia. It goes without saying that we are truly blessed to have the best of the bunch here at BSPS. Our teachers know so much about our students as learners and people and they do whatever they can to ensure each one experiences success. The work, effort and passion that goes into teaching is tremendous and the complexities of the role means that our teachers often have to go above and beyond what is required. We are honoured to have these fantastic humans helping our kids to learn, grow and evolve and, on behalf of our whole school community – grazie mille!

This short week has certainly been a busy one – have a great weekend!

Trevor.



Congratulations to **Johanna**, Year 6, who's poem '**MOSS**' has been shortlisted for the POEM FOREST Prize!

During Writer's Festival Week at BSPS a number of students wrote and submitted poems to the competition. Johanna's poem 'Moss' was selected from over 5,700 entries from students and teachers across Australia and has helped to plant a tree at the Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan.

Moss

Sitting

Oma's garden

On a big rock.

Cleaning,

Scraping,

Tearing

Dark, green moss

Away

Helping Oma

Sun shines warmly,

Happily

'Nein Johanna, was machst du da?!'

Daddy cries.

Oma wants the moss in the garden

Awful feeling wells in my throat

Try to scrape it back in place,

Where it one sprung from the rock,

The moss

By Johanna Benbow, YR6

School Council met on Tuesday 25th October. We welcomed Kylie Doust to council for the remainder of this year. Kylie will be convening the fundraising and event committee. Thank you to Kylie for offering her services. Thank you also to the other parents who expressed an interest in joining council and hope that you will do so again in early 2023.

Further to Trevor's message regarding the creation of an additional specialist class from 2023 onwards, council appreciated the opportunity to discuss the options being considered and put forward views. There were compelling views put forward in support of both Health & Wellbeing and Music as the additional specialist subject and these two areas aligned with the student's feedback. Council agreed that both would be worthwhile subject areas for a specialist class. Council supports and recognises the benefits that additional Health & Wellbeing curriculum can bring, and also appreciated the recognition around the interest in exploring opportunities to further music curriculum.

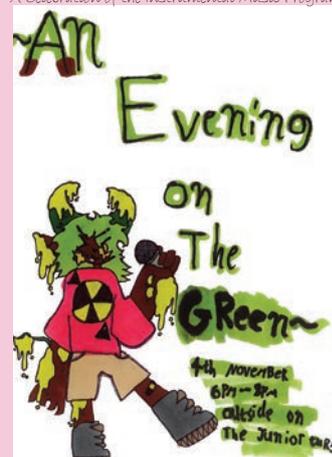
The State Government recently announced building funding for schools. Unfortunately BSPS has not been the recipient on this occasion despite several grant application and discussion with MPs. We congratulate our neighbouring schools on their funding and will continue in our efforts to seek funding for BSPS building and grounds.

I hope to see many of you at the BSPS Evening on the Green on Friday 4th November, for a musical get together. Thank you to Anna Robinson and Kylie Doust for organising this great initiative to showcase the musical talents of BSPS students. Fingers crossed for a balmy and rain free evening!

Madeleine Aikenhead

BSPS School Council President

A Celebration of the Instrumental Music Program



Drinks will be available on the night.
All money raised will go towards the purchase of a new portable PA system
4 November 6pm-8pm
outside on the Junior Park
BYO drinks

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

YEARS 5/6

Mission to Mars an Tickle my Droid

5/6 Science Excursion to VSSEC

A bit of Background context:

It is the Year 2035. Our 5/6 students are members of the International Solar Exploration Federation (ISEF) team, charged with exploring and setting up a base on Mars to establish the potential for mining, eventual terraforming and human settlement on the red rocky planet. Astronomi and Geologi have been working for the Communications and Transport Division of the ISEF team, charged with calculating distances and travel times for both communications and physical travel between Earth Base and Mars Base. This will mean working with some pretty big numbers.

The new Mars Base settlement will be permanent and will establish docking facilities for Earth-to-Mars supply craft. The plan is that within 5 years' time (by 2040), Mars will have it's own craft launch facilities to enable crews to travel back from Mars to Earth as well. In the meantime, the first Mars settlers will be 'one way' passengers who can only be assisted, at least within the first five years, by radio and video communications and by the delivery of (unmanned) provisions craft every six months.

Communicating between Earth and Mars, once a base has been established, will be extremely important. Earth Base and Mars Base will communicate between one another using radio telescopes.

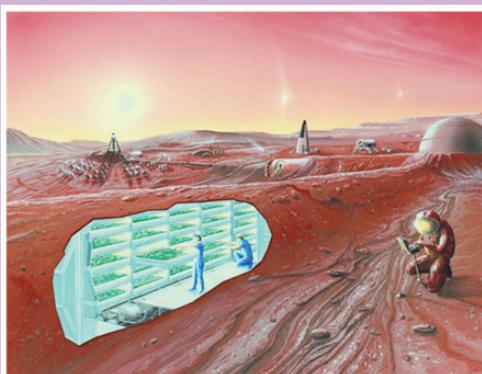


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BSPS NOTICES



An Evening on the Green at BSPS

All welcome!

 **Friday,
November 4
6pm-8pm**

**BYO Food
and
Picnic rug**



**An informal evening of music
and singing performed by BSPS
student musicians!**

**Gold coin donation requested.
All funds to support
music program
and buying a new PA!**

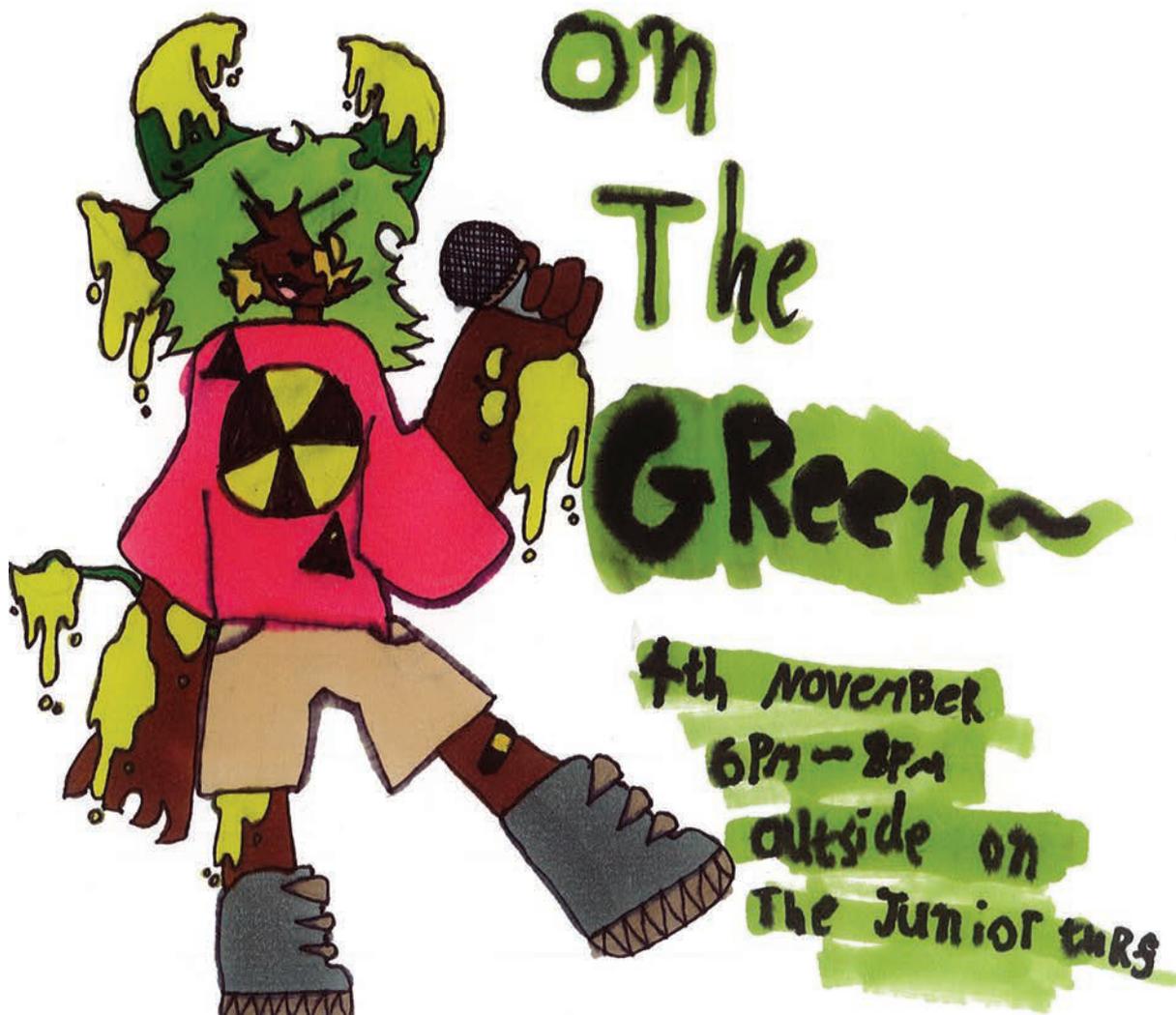


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An Evening



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WHAT'S ON TERM 4 Team Kids

BRUNSWICK SOUTH PRIMARY



Term 4 has kicked off with a BANG! Our TeamKids Clubs are back in full swing and we'll be crafting the ultimate PARTY ADVENTURE together. Who's ready for FUN!

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