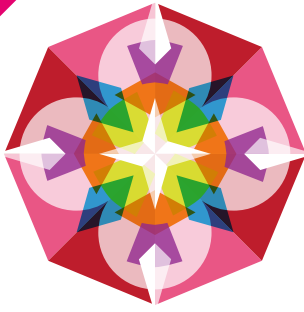


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# Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

*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.*

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## CALENDAR DATES FEBRUARY

Fri 23 Family Information Night  
Video Live on Compass

## MARCH

Mon 11 Labour Day Public Holiday  
Tues 12 NAPLAN Commences  
Mon 18 School Council Meeting  
Tues 19 Student led Conferences 1-7pm  
Students Dismissed at 12pm  
Thurs 28 End of Term 1, 2.30 Dismissal

Tuesday 19 March  
Student Led Conferences  
Students Finish At 12pm

## ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 26 Feb YR 3/4 Hosting  
Mon 18 Mar YR 5/6 Hosting  
Thu 28 Mar Foundation Hosting

# LE NOTIZIE DI TOBY

*The Foundation students have had Wednesdays off to complete their English and Mathematics Online assessments and next week is their final week of assessments. We are so impressed with the perseverance they have shown and can't wait to have them at school full time in week six. Across the school, our learning cycles have begun, and teachers have been working hard to get to know all their students so that they can have a fulfilling year of learning!*

## School Council

Our 2023 School Council met this week for our final meeting. We acknowledged and thanked the departing president, Madeline Aikenhead for her contributions to our school. Madeline has been on school council since 2019. We thank Madeline for her commitment and outstanding contributions supporting our school!

The nomination process for our 2024 School Council has also concluded. Given we had 2 vacancies and there were 4 nominations, there will be a requirement to proceed to an election. The nominees are Stefanie Zugna, Jenna Stamp, Alexandra Blaszak and Oliver Mann. Families will receive ballot papers on February 27, 2024.

## Student Excellence Program

We are grateful to be participating in the Student Excellence Program once again this year. The program supports us to provide a great learning environment for our high-ability students, as well as high-quality extension and enrichment opportunities for students. **Aydan De Graaf** will be coordinating the Program in his role as our High Ability Practice Leader. Aydan will provide some additional information about his role and the program in the next newsletter.

## Bikes in the school grounds

We understand it is very tempting to zip out of the school after collecting your bike from the bike shed! However, for the safety of the community we ask that students, staff and parents resist the temptation and walk their bikes in the school grounds at all times, including when it is quiet. The best access for bikes is via the Park Street gate, which keeps footpaths free for foot traffic.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Mathematics will commence on 12 March for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. For our students, NAPLAN simply gives a snapshot of how they perform on the day. As a school, we examine the results to give us an indication of the strengths of our teaching and learning program, highlight areas for us to focus and also help us evaluate the effectiveness of teaching in a bilingual model. We expect our students to approach these tests just as they would any other task at school and try their personal best. Students are not required to study, prepare or do anything in the lead up to these tests. Year 3 students may participate in some 'practice' tests at school to get them familiar with the testing genre. The best preparation is a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast!

*Have a wonderful weekend everyone,  
Toby*

## PARENT PAYMENTS

Curriculum Contributions and Tax Deductible Donations to the Building and Library Fund can be made via Credit Card Payment or Direct Credit to the school bank account. See details below:

- ◆ **Account name: Brunswick South Primary School**
- ◆ **BSB:063 228 Account No:10018837 Ref:Name**

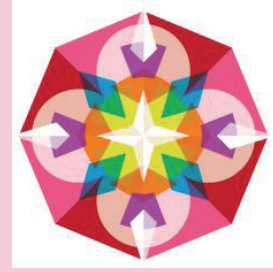
Thank you to all the families who have already made a contribution. These go a long way to supporting all learners at BSPPS.

## ASTHMA, ANAPHYLAXIS & MEDICATION PLANS

Updated Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Medication Plans for 2024 need to be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible.

If you need a form please collect for the school office.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL



On Monday 19 February the BPS School Council of 2023 met for the last time.

We discussed that the permanent appointment to the Principal position which would occur in term 2 with the incumbent likely to commence at the beginning of term 3. The school council will be involved in the process with the school council president a part of the selection committee.

The school council discussed the 2024 plans for each of the subcommittees and noted the ongoing strong interest in the building and grounds subcommittee. After the success of the inaugural 2023 Spring festa the school council agreed to proceed with another in 2024 along with several other fundraising and community events during the year including a welcome picnic later this term. Several ideas for the bilingual subcommittee were discussed including engagement with Brunswick Secondary College and an Italian conversational group for parents.

We also discussed the Outside School Hours Care program and the appointment of a new centre Manager by Team Kids.

Council also had a brief discussion on the wonderful extracurricular Instrumental Music Program at BPS.

Keep an eye out for news and dates of these events and activities and for a call out for interested volunteers for these exciting and important subcommittees.

Thanks for the fantastic interest in joining school council in 2024 - details on the election of representatives will be coming out shortly.

We also had a special guest after the meeting from Trevor who said a final fond farewell to the BPS school council. We thanked Trevor for the fantastic leadership and positive culture he has built at BPS over the past few years.

On a final note, a farewell and thank you from me as I depart the school council president position and BPS as my child has moved onto high school. I wish you all a wonderful 2024 and leave you in great hands.

*With thanks*

**Madeleine Aikenhead**

**2023 BPS School Council President**

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS –**

### **JOIN OUR SUBCOMMITTEES!**

In its final meeting for 2023, the School Council endorsed the 2024 Action Plans for each of its subcommittees. Amongst other things, this means that we have a long list of exciting events to look forward to in the planning.

We are still in the process of finalizing the composition of the council for 2024, with an election currently underway to fill current vacancies. As such, whilst new office bearer roles and subcommittee conveners are yet to be appointed and will be notified in due course, the school council is currently recruiting new members to join its existing subcommittees. The BPS School Council Subcommittees are as follows:

- ◆ **Policy Committee**
- ◆ **OSHC Committee**
- ◆ **Building and Grounds Committee**
- ◆ **Community and Fundraising Committee**
- ◆ **Bilingual Committee**

Subcommittee membership is open to non-school-council members, providing the opportunity for the school community to be involved in school council matters.

This is your chance to have a say and to provide advice, recommendation and support to the school council. It is also an opportunity to provide much needed help in the planning and running of the school events as well as to brainstorm new ideas to contribute to making BPS a lighthouse school in bilingual education.

The Subcommittees are expected to meet (either in person or remotely) between regular school council meetings. No specific knowledge or qualifications required, and a little help goes a long way!

If you are interested in participating, please email [brunswick.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:brunswick.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au) and attention your email to the relevant subcommittee.

**Grazie mille!**

**Roberta Ingrosso**

# YEARS 3/4

**Journalists: Minka L, Sunday S, Ted M and Anya S**

CERES Excursion - **Anya**

On Tuesday, the 3/4 community went on a really fun excursion to CERES! There were beautiful native plants that we could taste and smell, like saltbush, Warrigal greens and pigface. We also learnt the story of Tiddalik, a very greedy frog who drank too much water. We even got to reenact the story, playing all sorts of native animals! The excursion helped us with our Unit of Work on First Contact, and we figured out lots of things about how the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people lived and what they ate before Europeans arrived in Australia.



Reading - **Minka**

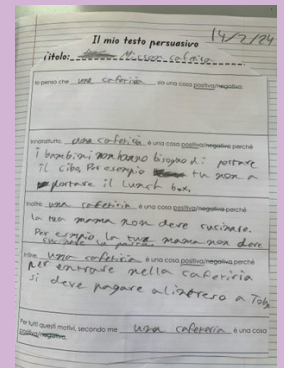
In Reading/Lettura, we have been practising reciprocal reading. Reciprocal reading is when you are in a group you read the same text together. Each member of the group has a role. The Predictor predicts what will happen in the text, the Summariser explains the main idea, the Questioner asks questions about the text and the Clarifier clears up any questions and finds the meaning of tricky words.



Writing - **Ted**

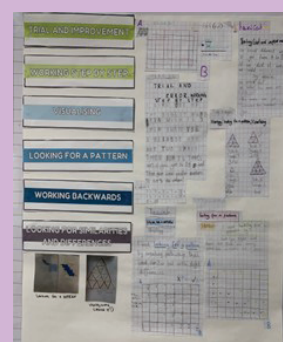
In Writing/Scrittura, we are learning to write texts of our choice, demonstrating our writing skills (le nostre capacità come autori). From my personal experience, everyone loves it! We've been writing all sorts of texts, from stories to persuasive letters and informative texts. We've been writing with wacky and weird prompts, for example: a rich frog with paparazzi taking photos. Writing has been a blast. I hope it's going to be even more enjoyable in the future.

Some of us even wrote letters to Toby to try and convince him to get a school cafeteria.



Maths - **Sunday**

In Maths, we are learning to use different strategies to solve problems. The strategies that we have been using are trial and error, working step by step, visualising, looking for a pattern, working backwards, and looking for similarities and differences. We've been using these strategies to explore place value. This is an example of place value: say we had the number 157. The 1 would go into the hundreds column, The 5 would go into the tens column, and the 7 in the ones column. What if the 7 was in the hundreds column? Then the 1 in the tens column? And the 5 in the ones column? Then the number would be 715!



# YEARS 5/6

In **5/6** so far this year we have been learning about all kinds of things but we have narrowed it down to four subjects to share with you. Subject one: in Maths - in both Italian and English, we have been learning about place value and Sistema numerico decimale.

In Writing, we have been able to choose among different text types in English but in Italian we could only choose between testo narrativo or testo informativo.

In Unit of Work we have been learning about democracy and famous leaders in history, including some of their speeches, to analyse how they used persuasive language.

And finally, in Reading we have been using different strategies to understand 'Le Avventure di Alice nel Paese delle Meraviglie'. Thank you for reading about our learning here in 5/6. **By Harry and Nellie**



**Loukas** is doing the acknowledgment of Country in **Greek!**



## HIGH SCHOOL TOURS

Princes Hill Secondary College school tours are open for bookings. See College website at <https://www.phsc.vic.edu.au/school-tours/>

The College Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 1st May at 5pm and again at 6:30 pm. Prospective families do not need to book for the Information Evening.

## QKR! LUNCH ORDER APP

There is currently an issue with the new android phones not accepting the version on Google Store.

QKR has an update ready to go and are waiting notification that it has been added to the Google Store.

In the meantime please use the Qkr website for your purchases.

[Qkr! by MasterCard \(qkrschool.com\)](http://Qkr! by MasterCard (qkrschool.com))

The class lists have now also been updated, please ensure that you select the 2024 year level for your child.

## LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available Wednesday - Friday and are ordered through the **QKR by mastercard app**. The lunch orders are delivered to the school from a local cafe D1Uno. Please follow the step by step instructions to register your child

### Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school

### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

# BSPS NOTICES

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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205 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

**COME PLAY FOOTY WITH THE DRAGONS!**

**TEAMS FILLING FAST!**

**2024 REGISTRATIONS OPEN AGES 7-18**  
GIRLS, MIXED & BOYS TEAMS

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**HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY** @ Brunswick Hockey Club

**Give it a try today!**

**Learn the foundations of hockey in a fun and welcoming environment. All equipment provided!**

**Dates:** Program runs for 7 weeks, from Tuesday 13 February to Tuesday 26 March. First session (13 Feb) is free!

**Time:** 5.15pm - 6.00pm

**Price:** \$57.81

**Location:** 33 Dawson St, Brunswick

**Contact:** Amber Pezzimenti ([juniors@brunswickhockeyclub.org.au](mailto:juniors@brunswickhockeyclub.org.au)) and Alex Sadler ([growth@brunswickhockeyclub.org.au](mailto:growth@brunswickhockeyclub.org.au))

# BRUNSWICK SOUTH TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the start of the new term. We've had an exciting few weeks here at BSPS.


**Teddy Bear Picnic:** We had an attendance of over 60 children and 60 bears that took part in our Teddy Bear Picnic. They brought their favourite soft toys and enjoyed a picnic lunch together, creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

**Pancake Mornings:** Who doesn't love pancakes? Our pancake mornings were a hit, with students and staff alike indulging in delicious pancakes and a variety of toppings. It was a great way to start the day!

**Teacher vs. Student Dodgeball:** The much-anticipated Teacher vs. Student Dodgeball game was a thrilling event! Both teams showed great sportsmanship and determination, making it a fun and competitive match. Congratulations to the children for their victory this time!

## IMPORTANT DATES



 **Reminders: Please make sure your children have hats and water bottles when attending Before & After School Care**

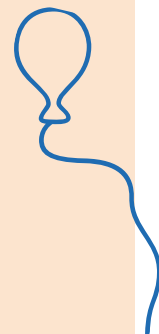
 **2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> February**

World Wildlife day

 **Mon 6th March**

Clean up Australia Day

## TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK: 3 & 4



### MONDAY

Epic Games Club

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

Lego Masters Club

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

Cooking Club



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**4-WEEK CRICKET BLAST POP UP BLAST**

Sign up to our 4-week action packed program and share the joy of cricket with exciting games, learning and friendships.

**GLENROY ALL GIRLS- POP UP BLAST**  
DATES: 26 FEB, 04 MAR, 11 MAR & 18 MAR  
TIME: 4.45-5.45PM  
SEWELL RESERVE GLENROY

Sign up Today!  
Q Play Cricket

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**JOIN THE BRUNSWICK ZEBRAS UNDER 13 GIRLS**

Brunswick Zebras FC is a community soccer club in Melbourne's inner north. We are currently recruiting to fill the last few places of our two U13s girls teams. We are looking for girls born in 2011 or 2012 interested in starting or continuing their soccer journey, in a welcoming and positive environment.

If this sounds like you, please let us know by filling out the form at [brunswickzebras.com.au/our-teams/juniors/](http://brunswickzebras.com.au/our-teams/juniors/)

**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL**  
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**AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM FOR TERM 4!**

**JOIN OUR AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM! A WEEKLY PROGRAM OPEN TO ALL SKILL LEVELS AND ABILITIES. BOOK NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!**

**HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!**



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Are you excited to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

VACCA is seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding.  
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