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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.*

## 17 march 2023 issue 3 NEWSLETTER

## ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 27 March 9am Yrs 1/2 Hosting

Thurs 6 April 2pm Foundation Hosting

March 28

Student Led Conferences

Students Dismissed

at 12pm

## CALENDAR DATES

### MARCH

Tues 28 Student Led Conferences

### APRIL

Thurs 6 End of Term 1

2.30pm Dismissal

Mon 24 Curriculum Day (No School)

Tues 25 ANZAC DAY (No School)

Wed 26 First Day of Term 2

# LE NOTIZIE DI TREVOR

*The long weekend gave us all the chance to pause for a mid-term break before we tick off the final few weeks of term. After the disruptions to learning last year, we have all experienced a much more consistent and predictable start to the year - something we've not seen since 2019!*

## Attendance

The return to predictability, routine and a greater 'sense of normal' is the perfect time to reignite conversations about student attendance at school.

I've had this on my list for a while now, but had to make a conscious decision about when the right time was for us to resume this work. Last year our focus was on being back at school for a whole year, but we were still dealing with impacts of COVID, managing isolation requirements and recovering from the magnitude of what we'd all been through.

For many in our community, the opening of borders meant family holidays could resume and we recognised that these weren't a luxury – but a necessity after many being kept apart for so long.

Moving in to 2023, the time is right to reignite this shared priority! We know that regular attendance is one of the most important elements in a child's education. Missing school regularly can put kids behind academically by disrupting learning continuity and leading to gaps in understanding. It also negatively impacts on peer connections.

Our leadership team have been looking at ways we can continue to promote and encourage attendance, as well as celebrate improved attendance. We are looking at how we can flag attendance sooner rather than later, as we know attendance habits are built in the early years of schooling. At our Student Led Conferences in Week 9, you will receive a summary of your child's attendance so far this year. This will give you an indication of how your child is travelling early in the school year and help us all work together to set goals and targets for those who may need additional support.

## Construction Works

It feels like our school has been under a flurry of construction this term – and the end isn't in sight just yet! Last week I was very excited to receive confirmation that the VSBA (Victorian Schools Building Authority) has approved the installation of a new front and side fence for our school.

Did you know that parts of our current fence date back to the mid-fifties? After 70-odd years of dutiful service, it's time to farewell our existing fence and welcome a new addition that is sure to significantly lift the curb appeal of our school.

The works are due to start quicker than we anticipated with some temporary fencing already being installed in Rathdowne Street. The disruptions **should** be minimal and limited to times where certain entry and exit points

are out of action. We are also pleased to let you know that our unique and beautiful front gate is being retained and incorporated into the new design.

The school holidays should see the finalisation of the staff toilet repairs, sandblasting and repainting of the fire escape, some external and internal repainting and the addition of some split system units upstairs in our main building.

We may almost feel like we are returning to a new school in Term 2!

## Student Led Conferences

Our students have started preparing for the Student Led Conferences on **Tuesday 28 March**. You can book your meeting time through Compass with one of your child's teachers. Please note that, on this day, **students will be dismissed at 12.00pm** and TeamKids will run an extended day for students who require supervision.

We are excited to welcome you into the learning areas for 2023 and for you to see how our students are active and engaged with their learning and how reflective they are on their progress.

## Staff Update

A few staff at BPS are taking long service leave next term. We wish Sarah P, Maree and Alice all the best for their worldly travels and look forward to them re-joining the team later in the year. Staffing arrangements for their replacements will be announced once they have been finalised.

## Parent Payments

This year we have been overwhelmed with the response and financial contributions families have made to our school. These contributions are used to enhance the learning experience for all students at BPS and allow us to continue to provide high quality Literacy, Mathematics and Specialist Programs for all students. Thank you to those families who have contributed to our school financially and the additional support this provides us beyond our Department of Education funding.

You can also contribute to the school by donating to the Building or Library Fund. The office is able to provide a receipt and these payments are tax deductible.

As these contributions are voluntary, there is no 'due date' and payment can be made at any time during the year.

## Dogs in School

We've noted the increase in the furry additions to many families over the past few years and it's lovely to meet them in person at school. For those families who are bringing dogs in to the school we ask that you take a moment to read our Dogs in School Policy as there are some important conditions of entry to note.

- All dogs entering Brunswick South PS must be on short leads (not extendable leads) that are controlled by an adult, not by a child
- 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

You can read the full policy [here](#).

**Ciao for now,**

**Trevor.**



# SPECIAL DAYS

## **International Women's Day**

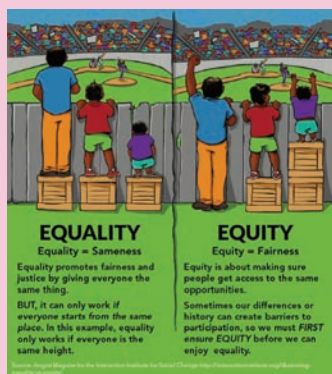
We celebrated International Women's Day on the 8th of March! This year's theme was 'Embrace Equity'.

The Inclusion Action Team visited all the classes and talked about what equity is and why we should embrace it!

We believe in standing up for the rights of others, and being an upstander. IWD raises awareness about discrimination and stereotypes.

The IAT are now working on a display to celebrate this message and will be putting it up in the main entrance soon, come take a look!

## **AT BSPS WE EMBRACE EQUITY**



## **HARMONY WEEK EVERYONE BELONGS**

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. At Brunswick South, we are going to celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday 21st of March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

On **Tuesday 21st of March**, staff and students are encouraged to wear orange, bring a coin donation, and we will be having lunch together on the oval. The money raised will be donated to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre supports thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum. Making a donation today will help us provide food, housing and healthcare.



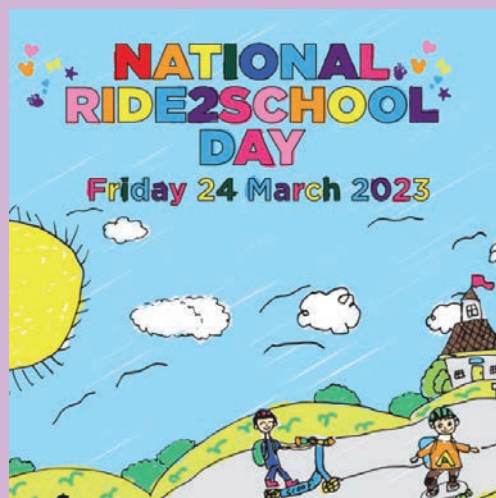
## **National Ride2School Day**

Brunswick South Primary School is excited to be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday 24 March 2023!

National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to establish new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel.

On Friday 24 March, we encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.

For more information about the day and its benefits, search National Ride2School Day and stay tuned for more updates soon via Compass!





# FOUNDATION

## Foundation News

### Book Shopping

In Foundation we have begun Book Shopping. It was so exciting to receive our new Red Reader bags and the goodies inside, which included new picture books, a frisbee and an insulated lunch bag!

Our first day of book shopping, we learnt about picking 'good fit books' which are interesting to us and are not too hard.

We then practised being in a library and walked quietly, searching for a good book to borrow. We borrowed 3 books: 1 Italian book, 1 English decodable book and one fun picture book.

We can't wait to fill in our Reading Journals with all the great books we will read!



# YEARS 1/2

Across the **Year 1/2** cohort we have continued to cultivate our growth mindsets. This has been especially important in Mathematics where we have been exploring the idea of 'what a good maths learner is and does'. The aim of this concept is to empower our students to find their own successful strategies and further develop their independent problem-solving capabilities. Check out the photos below to see students from Gruppo Smeraldo exploring the importance of communication and mathematical vocabulary to help them create fantastic houses using different geometric shapes!

We are learning to choose good fit books.



SC: I can find a book that is right for me.

# LITERACY

## ***A Morning of Literacy learning - from a student's perspective...***

Today, I've visited learning areas throughout the school and spoken to students about learning. Their responses are a wonderful sample of the teaching, learning and engagement across our learning community. It is great to hear our students speak with such agency about their learning.

**Maree Campion, Literacy Learning Specialist, BSPS**



## ***Year 5&6, Clem***

Well, in reading we are doing Reciprocal Reading Roles, we take it in turns reading – there is a Predictor, Clarifier, Questioner and Summariser. We take it in turns in all the roles. It's a bit like book club. I think it is quite fun, because you can focus on what your role is, and you have a role different to everyone else, so we focus more.

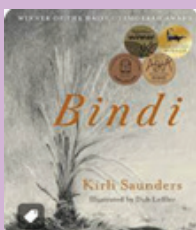
Does this change the way you read?

You think about what you are doing more (as you read), but then say it to your group and make a big discussion of it. Making mistakes can be a lot of fun, because the discussion helps you to patch up the hole in your understanding. It's better than other reading activities that we have done, although it does depend on your reading personality – whether you like reading to yourself or having the discussion.

We are reading *Bindi*, by Kirli Saunders. I would never have picked it up myself, but it is one of the things I like about reciprocal reading – you don't chose the book, it is chosen for you – it's a bit of challenge for us all.

Are you reading a different book in Italian?

We're reading *Colore di Napoli*. It's a bit trickier in Italian, because it's not our first language, but it is still as engaging – you understand more in English, but in Italian, the role of Clarifier is a harder job, because people have more questions. Having a Clarifier makes the book easier to understand.



**Clem, Year 5/6**

**Year 3/4 Stem**– When I enter the room, students are watching a Video: The Story of the Taj Mahal for Kids: Famous World Landmarks for Children. Photos of the Taj Mahal are distributed along with instructions and procedure texts for some of the building materials.

What did you learn about from the video?

I learnt that the Taj Mahal was built for a woman and her husband was buried their too. Eileen showed us that video so that we would know the story behind the structure, and now we are building the dome out of Strawbees. The instruction book tells us we need different parts – 40 of these ones. We think starting at the top of the dome would be a good place to start – let's try it!

Sofia Z, Gaia, Inez

We've chosen playdough. If we Look at the picture, we can make the dome and maybe the towers?

Anya & Sara



**Sofia Z, Gaia, Inez, Year 3/4 Anya & Sara, Year 3/4**

**Foundation**, Kiara & Giorgia are writing sentences in their books based on the book *Tip It!*

Can you tell me a bit about the story?

Nat was getting ready to tip water on Nat to make him cool down. I have played a game – I have a whale water fountain that I use on very hot days. I really like doing that. - Kiara

We have a bring sprinkler that can cool down my whole family. We are writing sentences with the words from the book. Giorgia



**Kiara & Giorgia Foundation**

**Year 1& 2** – The class has been sitting outside in a circle, having a conversation in italiano. I asked Lucia & Vivi to tell me about what they had been doing.

What were you talking about outside?

We were talking about what we ate and what we did on the long weekend. We were saying it in Italian, asking a question and then the next person answering it. We can all do that – because we have been learning Italian for a long time.

Che cosa hai mangiato nel weekend? Io mangato la pizza e il gelato.

Che cosa hai mangiato weekend? Nel weekend io sono mangiato il pancake con cioccolato

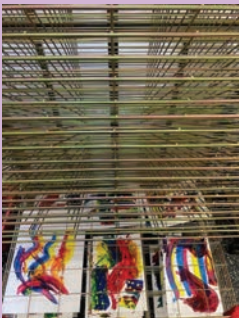


**Lucia & Vivi, Year 1/2**



# ART

**Foundation** students had a go at drawing a black and white self portrait - their first in their primary school life! It's going to be mounted on a very colourful background, which the students painted. These artworks are going to be displayed at school before coming home!



**Year 1/2** have been working with paint and different tools such as mini rollers, sponges, and cotton buds to create a dog. Our inspiration is a painting by the Latje Latje artist Trevor (no, not our Trevor!) Turbo Brown, titled Self-portrait, I am the Dingo Spirit.



In **PE**, the students in the junior school have been exploring sports like hockey and volleyball this term. We have also been playing new warm-up games like line-tag and saviour tag.

The **Foundation** students are working on taking turns, sharing, and playing safely when in a PE lesson. They are enjoying all the new games and equipment we have available to use in PE!



# PE



# STEM

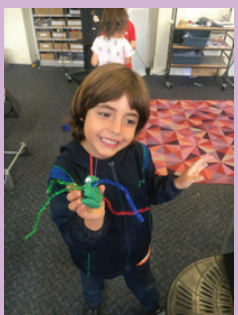
This term, the **Foundation** students are learning about what STEM is. Every week, we focus on one of the disciplines of STEM and complete an activity to demonstrate certain aspects of that discipline. Over the past few weeks we have made teddy towers to demonstrate the concept of engineering, and programmed, beginner robots to show how we use technology.

This week, the students learnt that science is not just about conducting experiments, but also about studying the natural world around us. They studied the anatomy of insects and arachnids and made insects and arachnids, with the correct number of body parts, out of modeling clay, sticks and pipe cleaners.

This term, the **Year 1/2** students are exploring seasonal changes and minibeasts (little creatures without vertebrates) that live in our local environment.

They visited the Park Street Reserve to look for microhabitats and learn about the different minibeasts that inhabit them. They also conducted a survey to see which minibeasts are around at this time of year and which are most prevalent.

This week we focused on classifying different minibeasts according to their shared characteristics. The students learnt about the anatomical features of insects, arachnids, molluscs and annelids and made models of the different classes of minibeasts out of craft materials.



# BSPS NOTICES

## "LIGHT NIGHT" MUSIC PERFORMANCE ALL WELCOME

Light Night is a little music concert from our singing students, some of our drum students and will also mark the first performance from our newly formed BSPS school band (performing an original BSPS student-penned song). Taking place 6:15pm - 7:30pm, Friday March 31st it will be one of the last chances we have to enjoy music outdoors at school before it gets really dark, really early. Bring a blanket and some food for dinner - there'll be drinks and a sausage sizzle too. All proceeds from the evening will go to upgrading AV equipment for the school.

## LIGHT NIGHT



6PM MAR 31 2023 @ BSPS

## ASTHMA, ANAPHYLAXIS & MEDICATION PLANS

Updated Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Medication Plans for 2023 need to be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible.

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

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Reminder on Tuesday 28 March, we will hold our Student Conferences for Semester 1. These will be held at school.

Appointments can be made between 1.00pm – 7:00pm on this day.

Teachers have a 15 minute time slot and Specialist Teachers have a 10 minute time slot.

The teacher and specialist conferences are on separate bookings which you will see on your Compass homescreen.

Bookings must be finalised before Friday 24 March at 3:30pm, to allow us to finalise appointments.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the office.

## EARLY DISMISSAL

**Tuesday 28 March**, as we will hold our Student Led Conferences on this day students will be dismissed at 12pm.

## 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 BSPS.

## 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.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Good Vibes Girls Cricket Program

Designed for all girls aged 8 – 13 years this program is all about having fun and learning new skills. The program is lead by former West Indies test player Kenroy Peters and supported by fantastic female and male coaches.

The program is suitable for girls who have never played cricket and want to give it a try. It's suitable for girls who currently play cricket at school or in club competitions.

You don't need any equipment – we'll provide it all.

For more information please register here: <https://forms.gle/QCpxwmAYKPjkcQRT6>

The program runs from Saturday 25 March to 6 May, 2.30pm – 4pm at Ryder Oval, 750 Park Street, Parkville.

Here's what previous participants have said about the program:

- "High energy, fun and engaging sessions"
- "The coaches were very interactive and the coaching was very good"
- "It was great to spend time with other girls..."
- "My daughter really enjoyed playing with other girls and she throughly enjoyed learning about cricket"

Please contact Paul on 0409004651 or [sinclair.ypcc@gmail.com](mailto:sinclair.ypcc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



## EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAM

Join us for a multi-sport holiday program with Basketball, Soccer, Tennis and other fun sports games and activities!

Narrandjeri Stadium  
281 Darebin Road, Thornbury 3071

**DATES** APRIL

Wed 12th, Thu 13th, Fri 14th, Mon 17th,  
Tue 18th, Wed 19th, Thu 20th, Fri 21st

**TIME**

9am-3.30pm\*

**COST**

\$85 p/child OR  
\$99 p/child with lunch included



Scan QR code or  
click below to book  
online today

**BOOK NOW**

\*Drop off period 9am-9.30am,  
activities start at 9.30am.

Chanel McKay  
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## BRUNSWICK SOUTH PRIMARY

**7:00AM START  
6:00PM END**

**PLEASE  
ARRIVE BY 9AM  
ON EXCURSION DAYS**

**IN-HOUSE**

**INCURSION**

**EXCURSION**

10 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - MON	11 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - TUE	12 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - WED	13 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - THU	14 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - FRI
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>NATIONAL PET DAY</b>	<b>DISCO PARTY</b>	<b>COLES HEALTHY KICKS @ MELBOURNE SHOWGROUNDS</b>	<b>ANIMAL ANTICS</b>
It's National Pet Day! A day to celebrate our loveable fluffy and scaly four legged friends! Bring a photo of your pet and get ready for some PAW-some craft! We'll make paper bag pet puppets and take home a squishy pet friend!	You say Disco, we say PARTY! Get your dancing shoes ready! TeamKids is going to Bop till we Drop, it's disco time! There'll be singing on the microphone, funky dance moves and games! Prizes for best groover!	Ready to kick into action and have fun with your mates?! You're in luck! TeamKids has teamed up with AFL Max for a JAM PACKED clinic teaching all things healthy eating, mindfulness and exercise! Wear your footy colours.	Build it like Brickham! Are you ready to get your Master Build on during this EPIC animal inspired brick fest? Get ready to build 2D mosaic models of your favourite Mammal, Reptile or Marsupial - the animal choice is yours!	
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<b>MAGIC &amp; VENTRILOQUISM SHOW</b>	<b>MOVIE - ARGONUTS</b>	<b>CODE BUSTERS</b>	<b>RABBIT HOLE PLAY CENTRE</b>	<b>DRUMMING WORKSHOP</b>
Today TeamKids will be having a visit from Marvellous Magic Tim Credible! An exciting MAGIC and ventriloquism show awaits, fun and interactive, you'll be rolling around the floor in laughter! Did you know dragons can talk?!	Lights down, popcorn ready! TeamKids is off to the movies to watch Argonuts! A young mouse and the cat who adopted her will help old Jason and his Argonauts to save the city of Yolcos by facing menacing mythical creatures.	Today is all about teamwork. Mini Bosses will race against the clock to complete pressurised STEM challenges where learning success only comes from working together. Teamwork makes the dream work!	TeamKids is set for a tonne of fun at Rabbit Hole Play Centre! Today, we'll take a run through the inflatable forest, climb the tallest towers & dive into the colourful ball pit. *Socks required.	Get your hands a moving and your hips a shakin' during this high energy African Drumming Workshop! You'll be taken on a rhythmical journey through a series of fun musical games, get ready to express your creativity!
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24 <sup>th</sup> APRIL - MON	FARMHOUSE FUN			
	What's a scarecrow's favourite fruit? Strawberries! Today is a farm day! We'll get our arty crafty on making farm animal masks and corn on the cob then we'll YeetHaal! as we play Round up the Sheep!			
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