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Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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 18 Mar 9am YR 5/6 Hosting
Wed 27 Mar 9.15am Marg's Farewell

CALENDAR DATES MARCH

Mon 11 Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 13 NAPLAN Commences
Mon 18 School Council Meeting
Tues 19 Student led Conferences 1-7pm
Students Dismissed at 12pm
Wed 27 Marg's Farewell Assembly and
Mornington Tea
Thurs 28 End of Term 1, 2.30 Dismissal

Tuesday 19 March
Student Led Conferences
Students Finish At 12pm

LE NOTIZIE DI TOBY

What a busy couple of weeks we've had... In addition to getting stuck into our learning programs, all the students contributed to our school and local community by participating in Clean Up Australia Day. We also had our school photos and several incursions and excursions across the school. We can't wait for all the kids to share their learning goals at Student Led Conferences in week 8!

Student Led Conferences

Bookings for the Student Led Conferences are live on compass. They will occur on **Tuesday 19 March** from **1.00- 7.00pm**. Students will attend school in the morning (**dismissal at 12.00pm**) and the afternoon times will be scheduled in for these meetings. The purpose of these sessions is to allow our students to lead a discussion about their learning with you. Please ensure that you only book in with one of your child's classroom teachers. You may book with as many specialist teachers as you like. Note that Ivana's conferences will be split over Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st of March.

Staffing Update

Next week we will be welcoming Daniel Huang to our school community. He joins the 5/6 team and will be teaching 5/6C (Etna) through English. Daniel is trilingual (Mandarin, Cantonese and English) and is very excited to be working in our bilingual setting.

Mobile Phones

All students at BSPS must hand in their mobile phone to the office as soon as they are on the school grounds. This includes any device that may connect to or have similar functionality to a mobile phone, such as **smartwatches**. All devices will be kept in a locked cupboard until it is ready for collection. For more information, please refer to our [Mobile Phone Policy](#).

Traffic

Just a reminder to be mindful when parking around the school to help our kids get to and from school safely. If you are struggling to find a park, please avoid the temptation to double park and make sure you are complying with the parking restrictions.

Volunteers

We really appreciate and encourage family members to volunteer for school activities, working bees and excursions. We are still seeking some volunteers

to help sorting and labelling books for our reading program and library. Please email the office if you are interested in volunteering for this. All volunteers are required to have a working with children check, as indicated in our [Volunteer Policy](#). If you need to apply for a working with children check, please follow this link: [Working with Children Check \(service.vic.gov.au\)](#).

*Hope you all have an amazing long weekend
Toby*



BSPS Specialist Team



Caro (Health & Wellbeing), Anna (Art), Mike (PE), Eileen (Stem), Lucy (Performing Arts)

SUB COMMITTEES

SUSTAINABILITY AT BSPS

We are thrilled to announce that Brunswick Primary School is now an active participant of the Resources Smart Schools Program by Sustainability Victoria & facilitated by Ceres. The program aims to embed sustainability in everything we do at BSPS - across the facilities, community and curriculum. It will also help us save on resource, reduce our carbon emissions and save money for the school.

Over the past 12 months the Environment (B&G) Committee and Student Environmental Action Group have been collecting data to better understand the School's current position on energy, water, waste and bio-diversity. We are proud we have made the leap to kick these initiatives off, but this is only the starting point, and there are many small and large improvements that we can make to improve awareness and reduce our environmental footprint. We hope one day for BSPS to achieve a 4 or 5 star sustainability rating.

This initiative has been driven by passionate students, teachers & volunteers and we are seeking any help large or small from parents/ carers/ grandparents. If you would like to join the committee, contribute or simply have some ideas around sustainability or building and grounds, please reach out to James on 0429 229 502.

Lastly, we are very excited that our application for PV solar panels (under the Greener Government School Buildings program) was successful and that these are currently being installed on the roof of the hall building. Special thanks Chris Sandiford and Trevor! The 20kW system (the maximum size possible given our heritage buildings) will go a long way in generating renewable electricity, reducing carbon emissions and reducing our energy bills.



Bucket drumming is trending at BSPS.

In our Performing Arts lessons, students are bursting with enthusiasm as they immerse themselves in the sheer delight of music-making using just buckets and sticks! They're honing their fundamental drumming skills and nurturing essential musicianship. Insieme/together, they play lively pieces and experience the joy of music-making in a whole new way!



PERFORMING ARTS

FOUNDATION

Patterns (Sequenze) are all around us and the Foundation Learning Community have become experts in identifying a pattern from a non-pattern.

In Mathematics, they have been learning that "a pattern repeats itself over and over and over again", or that in Matematica "una sequenza si ripete e si ripete e si ripete". They have also explored lots of types of patterns/ sequenze based on: colour/colore, shape/forma, movement/movimento and sound/suono.

Here are some pictures of some of the patterns/ sequenze we found during our 'exploration walk' /'esplorazione' around our school.



Hello BPS community,

I'd like to introduce myself to the new members of the community. My name is Maree Campion and I am the Literacy Learning Specialist at BPS. I have the absolute pleasure of spending my days immersed in books with children, talking with them about their understanding, reading their writing and hearing their stories.

My role is part of our whole school teaching and learning program, supporting and advising teachers and working with students to build their capacity as literate members of the community.

I also lead a team of teachers involved in the BPS Literacy Professional Learning Committee, who meet regularly to consider ways to engage students in their literacy learning, and to promote a joy of learning via special events, like Simultaneous Reading Time, The Poem Forest Competition and Book Week. Our action plan follows the goals in the Annual Implementation Plan, with a focus on Student Voice & Agency & Vocabulary.

If you have a particular skill or interest in this area, the Literacy PLC would love to hear from you, as we are always looking for ways to engage our families in their children's learning.

We currently have 4 volunteers working with our reading collections. If you have some time on a Thursday at 12.30, it would be lovely to see you. Volunteers are required to check in and out at the front office.



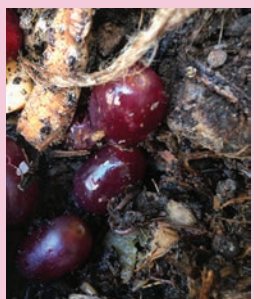
LITERACY

STEM

In Term 1, the Foundation students are making 'Teddy Towers' out of various materials. They will work with different joins and shapes, develop safety features (for their Teddy) and consider how to make their towers stronger and more stable. This week, the Foundation students constructed a climbing tower out of grapes, pieces of apple, and toothpicks. At the end of the session, they dismantled their towers and brought the leftover grapes and apples to the worm farm for the worms to eat. We'll be checking on the worms next week to see if they liked the grapes more that the usual apple cores and banana peels they eat.

Can you spot the worm?

In term 1, the Year 1/2 students are learning basic coding using the Junior Scratch Platform and robotics products such as Bee-bots and Sphero BOLT robots. Last week, they made mazes for a Sphero ball and guided the Sphero through the maze using the platform's joystick. This week, the students drew different shapes for their Sphero to make using the Sphero draw program. They figured out how to make each side of the shape a different colour and estimated how far their Sphero would travel, reducing the size of their drawing when necessary.



Clean-up Australia Day

Last Friday, the whole school participated in Schools Clean-up Australia Day. The Environment Action Team made some fantastic posters to promote the event and visited the different learning areas to explain the importance of keeping our environment clean and ensuring food packaging does not enter our waterways.

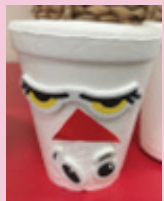
The Junior school cleaned up all of the different areas within the school boundaries and the Senior school cleaned up the pathways and gardenbeds around the school and the Park Street green area from Lygon Street to Nicolson Street.

Now that we have a school 'clean-up kit' we can continue to keep these areas clean by having regular 'Clean-up BSPS' sessions. Thank-you to everyone in the BSPS community for getting on board and helping us keep our school and community environment clean!



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Foundation have had a busy start to Health and Wellbeing this year! We have been learning about being kind, fair and respectful. We made white cockatoos inspired by 'The Cockatoo Wars' and looked at the way the animals showed compassion. We have been looking at what a bucket filler and a bucket dipper is and different ways to show kindness to each other to fill up our buckets! We made a bucket that we will be using next week to collect kindness 'drops'. We are working together well as a team and showing our school wide positive behaviours!



Mental Health and Wellbeing Updates

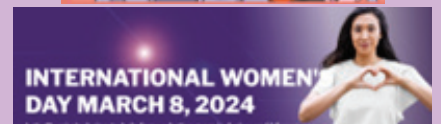
BSPS will soon be using resources from 'Smiling Mind' to continue to strengthen and foster our Mindfulness and Social, Emotional Learning programs. Check out their website for lots of information, resources and tools for Mindfulness at Home! www.smilingmind.com.au/at-home

Pop Culture parenting is an awesome podcast (<https://www.popcultureparenting.com/>) if you are on the lookout for "finding the sweet spot between the textbooks and real life when it comes to parenting. Dr Billy (a developmental pediatrician) and Nick (a developing parent) are a couple of dads having honest discussions about parenting day to day".

Wellbeing Target Groups have started up across the school, working on social and emotional areas that teachers, parents, or students have identified as needing some further support. We will largely be looking at strategies to bolster self esteem, social skills and worries.

Amici Insieme Training is starting up this week in the Year 5/6 spaces! We are training up for the rest of term, looking forward to launching the Amici Insieme (Friends Together) program for 2024! Stay tuned for more information.

The Inclusion Action Team is spreading the message this International Women's day (8/3) to 'Inspire Inclusion'. They will be talking to students about inclusion, making posters and taking photos to help spread the word!



BSPS NOTICES

BSPS WELCOME PICNIC

Please join us at the welcome picnic for the whole school on **Thursday 14 March**. The picnic will begin at 3:30 and run until 6ish.

We hope this is an opportunity to meet families from all grades.

BYO food, drinks, picnic rug and chairs.

Any questions please send them through to me at renaemura@gmail.com

Hope to see you all there!

Thanks

Renae

Community and Fundraising Committee



ITALIAN DAY MONDAY 25 MARCH

Festeggiamo INSIEME a BSPS!

2024 Italian Day
lunedì 25 marzo

WHAT'S ON?

- Pizza Making Workshop (students will make and eat their own very pizza)
- Magic Show Performance by *The Great Armando*
- Gelato provided for dessert
- Fun and engaging cultural activities in multi-age groups
- Dress up in Italian colours: verde, bianco and rosso or come as your favorite Italian inventor, artist, singer, author or poet



NB: Students will still need to bring their own fruit snack and recess snack for the day.



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://qkrschool.com)

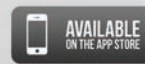
The class lists have now also been updated, please ensure that you select the 2024 year level for your child.

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.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Tuesday 19 March 1pm-7pm.

Bookings available via Compass

Students finish school at 12 midday. TeamKids will be available from 12.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AGED CARE LANGUAGE CULTURE HERITAGE



COASIT

Italian Assistance
Association Melbourne

<https://www.coasit.com.au/>



BRUNSWICK SOUTH TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We had an fun-filled February at BSPTS with the arrival of a delightful coffee van at the school. Parents, guardians and teachers indulged in freshly brewed coffee and delicious treats, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere each morning. A special thanks to all the parents that prepared the sweet treats!

In line with our commitment to environmental stewardship, we also participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Students and educators joined hands to clean up our school grounds and the surrounding areas, instilling a sense of pride and responsibility for our environment.

These events not only brought our community together but also reinforced important values of sustainability and community engagement. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making these initiatives a success!

TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK: 3 & 4

MONDAY

Art Attack Club

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Lego builders club

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Cooking Club

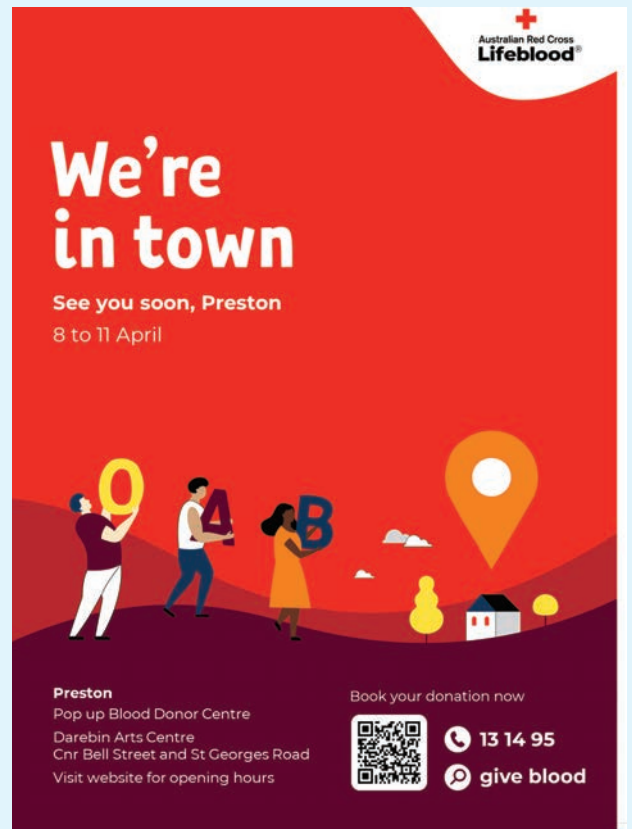


IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri 8th March**
International Women's Day
- Mon 11th March**
Labour Day public holiday
- Thurs 21st March**
Harmony Day

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AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM

MID TERM NOTICE!

JOIN OUR AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM EACH WEEK STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

MORE INFO & ENROLMENT CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE - STRIKESOCCERSCHOOL.COM

PREP TO YEAR SIX CLASSES



ENROL NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT
ENROLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR ONE HOUR, WEEKLY SKILLS PROGRAM.
VISIT STRIKESOCCERSCHOOL.COM TO SIGN UP

THE NORTH BRUNSWICK GIANTS

CLUB FUN DAY!

24 MARCH, 11AM-1.30PM
GAMES, FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, COMPETITIONS & PRIZES



GIANTSJFC.COM.AU

ALLARD PARK BRUNSWICK EAST



THE MAKERS + SHAKERS MARKET

Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton

10am - 4pm
\$5 Entry • Kids Free

Get your tickets from themakersandshakers.com.au



6 + 7 April

150+ Stalls



Attention Rockstar Parents!

DO YOU SING OR PLAY

A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT ?

We are looking for parents to join the school parents' band to perform at the next local "PARENTS BATTLE OF THE BANDS".

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT: MARCO BENNARDO
MOBILE: 0419 006 611



****Join the BPS Parents Battle of the Bands Crew!****

Do you have what it takes to rock the stage and represent BPS at the Parents Battle of the Bands Competition on August 1, 2024? We're forming a band to perform against other bands from across Melbourne and raise funds for the BPS music and performing arts programs.

This is your chance to show off your musical chops in front of a live crowd, meet other parents and support our school community. Don't miss out on this exciting musical opportunity!

****Positions Available:****

- Keyboardist
 - Vocalist
 - Bass Player
 - Lead Guitarist
- **Requirements:****
- Competent musicianship
 - Currently playing music (whether in a band or not)
 - Own your own equipment

Interested? Contact Marco on 0419 006 611 to audition. Applications close on 22 March.

Need more info? Visit parentsbattleofthebands.com.au



FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY | April 17

9.15 - 10.45am
TOUR 1
Fitzroy High School
7-10 and the Wurun Senior Campus

12 - 1.30pm
TOUR 2
Fitzroy High School
7-10 and the Wurun Senior Campus

6.30 - 7.30pm
Information evening at
Fitzroy High School
7-10 Campus
+ short twilight tour

trybooking.com/events/landing/1190154



Experience our innovative and dynamic learning environment



Experience our innovative and dynamic learning environment in action at our year 7-10 Fitzroy High School campus and then walk with us through Edinburgh Gardens to the Wurun Senior campus for a tour and Q & A.