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Brunswick South

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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

CALENDAR DATES

MAY

Mon 27 National Sorry Day

JUNE

Mon 10 King's Birthday

Public Holiday No School

Fri 28 End of Term 2.30pm Finish

JULY

Mon 15 Curriculum Day

No School

Tues 16 Term 3 Commences

Monday 10 June
Public Holiday

ASSEMBLY DATES

Mon 20 May 9am YR 3/4 Hosting

Mon 3 June 9am YR 5/6 Hosting

Mon 24 June 9am Foundation Hosting

LE NOTIZIE DI TOBY

We had a spotlight on inclusion and diversity this week, as we celebrated IDAHOBIT day! With our busy schedule of incursions and excursions continuing this week, we busted out our rainbows early and had our disco and parade on Wednesday.

IDAHOBIT Day

IDAHOBIT Day is an annual event that commemorates the anniversary of when the World Health Organisation removed homosexuality from the classification of Diseases in 1990. It is recognised worldwide and is usually celebrated on the 17 May.

We are so proud of our students' strong understanding of inclusion and their drive to advocate for a more equitable, accepting, and respectful society. Celebrating IDAHOBIT Day is one of the many ways we promote the message that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their background or personal attributes. It is also an opportunity to celebrate and embrace the diversity within our school and broader community.

Like all of us, our students are learning, growing, and developing their understanding of diversity but we are working towards the ultimate goal of creating a school community where all members are welcomed and accepted, and where all of our unique attributes are respected and celebrated. A big thank you to **Caro, Jarrod** and all the students in the **Inclusion Action Team** for organising such a fabulous event on Wednesday.

Going Green

We are thrilled to announce that BSPS has converted to 100% renewable energy! This is a big step in our journey to become a more sustainable school and will have a significant impact on reducing our environmental footprint. Thanks to Kelley Mackay and the Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee for advocating for this initiative, and to Mary for organising the switch with our power company. Stay tuned for some more green updates in the next newsletter, including how our solar panels have been tracking.

Dogs in School

We have received some feedback this term from some members in our community concerned about interactions with dogs on our school grounds. In order for everyone to feel safe and comfortable around our four-legged friends, our [Dogs in School Policy](#) outlines some clear guidelines for dog owners, so please take a moment to read.

Some specific points to take note of include:

- ◆ 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 must not be near our class line up areas

- ◆ 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

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!

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Toby

Sarah and Chiara

Sarah Burdak is **Acting Assistant Principal**.

She began the role alongside her mentor, Marg Weymouth, in 2023, and before that was Learning Specialist and classroom teacher for the past 14 years.

The role of Assistant Principal includes supporting our teaching and learning program through curriculum design with the Learning Specialists, timetabling, organising staffing and casual teachers (CRTs), volunteers and pre-service teachers, and maintaining the wellbeing of staff and students. They join parent meetings and support teachers in all different aspects of daily school organisation.

Sarah's passions lie in sustainability and big picture curriculum ideas. She loves to collaborate with teachers and takes every opportunity she can to spend time with the students in the classroom and outside in the yard.

Chiara Spalletta is the newly part-time Acting Assistant Principal as well as a teacher in our Year 1/2 learning area. She fulfils the same responsibilities as Sarah every Friday.

Chiara has been a Team Leader at our school for few years now, fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment among staff, students and families. Her leadership style emphasizes open communication, shared goals, values diverse perspectives and works diligently to ensure that all voices are heard and considered in decision-making processes.

Chiara is driven by a passion for Bilingual education. She has conducted research in the Bilingualism field, which feeds her strong vision around our unique Program. She aims to build solid relationships with students and the community enabling effective collaboration and supporting the diverse needs of students.



ITALIAN



Benvenute a BPS Lucrezia e Federica!

Vi presentiamo our COASIT Language Assistants Lucrezia e Federica!

Lucrezia

Ciao, sono Lucrezia, ho 25 anni sono italiana, vivo vicino a Venezia and I'm going to be an Italian teaching assistant here at BPS. At university I studied Japanese language and culture so I can speak a bit of Japanese as well. I like literature and photography, especially landscapes so I'm very happy to be here in Melbourne because there is a lot of nature and street art to photograph so I can't wait to explore more of the city!



Federica

Ciao! My name is Federica and I come from Umbria, the green heart of Italy.

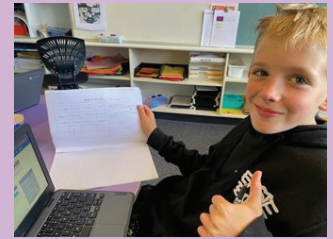
After graduating in translation and interpreting, I became passionate for teaching, and therefore I got a Masters in teaching of the Italian language to foreigners. After that, I began my career teaching Italian in Spain and Portugal, until I got the opportunity to move to Australia thanks to this wonderful Language Assistant program.

In my free time, I enjoy traveling, photography, yoga, and hiking. I also like exploring new cultures and I find Melbourne a really great place for that!

Grazie mille to the COASIT Language Assistance Program and to our wonderful Italian Language Assistants Lucrezia and Federica!



In Italian Skills we have been learning about etymology. Etymology is the study of words, where they come from and how they have developed over time. A fun activity we have done is picking a technical word about natural disasters, for example I did "ciclone", (cyclone) and I recorded it in a table and found out the word comes from the Greek word 'kuklos' (circle).

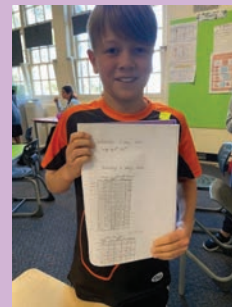


In Writing we have been learning about explanation texts. An explanation text is a text that explains how something works or what something does. The structure starts with a general statement, then information, an explanation and finishes with a conclusion. Word types that are used are present tense verbs, subject-specific vocabulary, adjectives, adverbs, time connectives and cause and effect statements.

In Maths we have been learning about perimeter and area, perimeter is the distance around the edge of the shape. An area is the amount of space inside a shape. An activity we've done is where we make a 2D shape that looks like a letter but it has to have an area of 6cm squared and we could use half centimetres squared and one centimetres squared. There were difficult shapes like K and P but there were also easy shapes like C and I. We also did a warm up where we had a 2D shape and had to find three different strategies to find its perimeter.



In Units of Work we have been learning about meteorology. A task we did was finding information on the Bureau of Meteorology website about a city in Australia; some people chose Canberra, others chose Melbourne and then researched the cloud cover, the temperature, the precipitation and the wind speed. After that we made predictions about what the weather would be like in the future based on the information we gathered.



YEARS 5/6

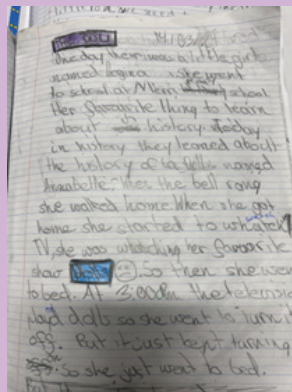
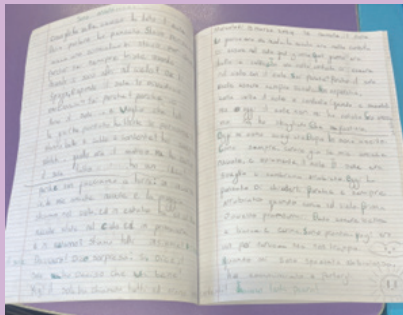
YEARS 3/4

See what has been happening in 3/4, written by our Year 3/4, May Journalists!

In Reading, we have been learning about explanation texts. I liked reading and working in a team to read and order a text about plants that grow. **Giselle**

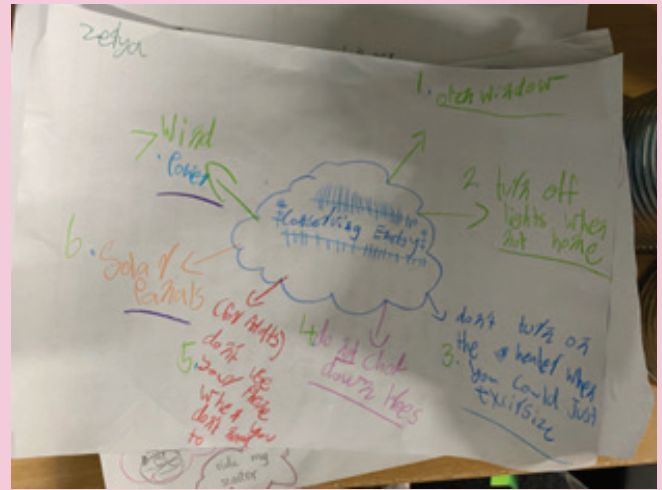
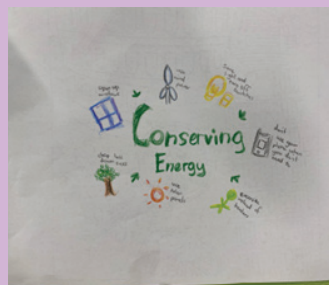
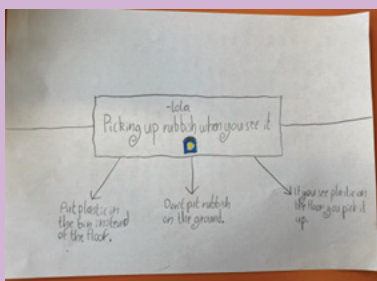


In Writing, we have been writing narrative texts. It has been very fun to see some students' stories in this newsletter!



Now that was some good work for a 3/4 student! **Guinny**

In The Blue Marble we've been learning about sustainability which means being better for the environment. We've also been learning about phasmids, a critically endangered insect that lives on Lord Howe Island. What makes a living thing, the animals that live in the Merri Creek, how living things rely on each other, conserving energy like wind and solar and learning about CERES! This week, we will start out projects where we will be making a model of Merri Creek using recycled materials! **Greta**



In SEL this week we have been learning about IDAHOBIT DAY. IDAHOBIT stands for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. We got a big post it note and put little pieces of paper with rainbow love hearts on them with notes for LGBTQIA+ people. IDAHOBIT Day is on the 17th of May but we celebrated on the 15th! **Lucia**

In Maths we have been learning about fractions and how we can find equivalent fractions. Before fractions we learnt about money and how 100 cents make 1 dollar! Can you round \$4.67 to the nearest cent? Well we can! We love learning new things about maths because maths is everywhere! **Rose**

In 3/4 (downstairs) Harrison has been helping and learning with us. He is an outstanding role model and an awesome friend. From writing to maths, from reading to SEL, Harrison sends a bright safe energy into the space.

Harrison has the spark of any teacher and is soon going to be sitting in the "spiny chair of hard work" and holding the "whiteboard marker of dedication". We hope that we will see his warm smile and creative eyes again but for now we will have to say farewell. If Harrison ever reads this article we wish him "In bocca al lupo" and "Grazie mille" for everything he has done at BSPS.

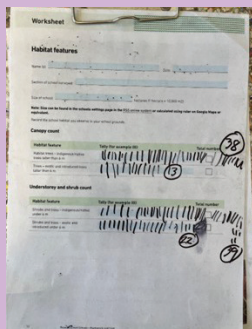
Siena



ENVIRONMENT ACTION TEAM (E.A.T)

Brunswick South Primary School Biodiversity Audit

Brunswick South PS are part of the Resource Smart Schools program. We have been working hard to complete our RSS Core module. Late last year Eileen's class conducted a Biodiversity audit of the school. Biodiversity is all the different kinds of life you will find in one area—the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and even microorganisms like bacteria that make up our natural world. The students enjoyed documenting the plant and animal life on the school grounds. The audit data was then used by the students to identify areas for improvement and discuss ways to increase biodiversity at BSPS. Great work everyone!



The BSPS biodiversity score was 78. Together with Eileen and the CERES facilitator, the students created a Biodiversity Action Plan that will be used to improve the school grounds in the coming years. Here were some of the ideas the students came up with;

- ◆ Install some nesting boxes and Bee hotels
- ◆ Plant more indigenous plants to provide habitat for local wildlife
- ◆ Install a bird bath (off ground), to encourage native birds to visit the grounds
- ◆ Rejuvenate herb & vegie patches
- ◆ Protect sensitive vegetation w/ guards & more signs

We are a ResourceSmart School



Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term at Brunswick Primary School!

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun, and raise funds for life-saving research and programs.

This year we've got an audacious goal to see our student Heart Heroes at Brunswick Primary School log 40 hours of skipping throughout the program!

Register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started. www.jumprope.org.au/parents

Students will be skipping throughout the term in PE lessons/during lunch break, during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold our school Jump Off Day on **28th June**, this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

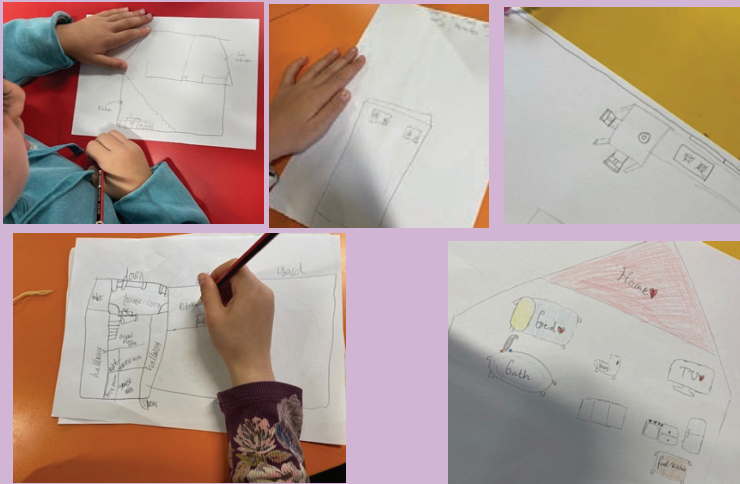


PE

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



In 3/4 we have been using Dadirri to learn about Homelessness and Social Change. We started by considering 'What Makes A Home'? Zerya in 3/4 said "A home is a place with happy memories". We then considered how it might feel if we didn't have one. We learned that Dadirri is about learning through deep listening. We practised Dadirri to listen to stories about homelessness. We also did a quiz to bust myths about homelessness. It's been a great journey to learn more about homelessness and apply our school pledge, 'We stand up for the rights of others'.



In 5/6 we have been working through a unit called Take a Stand Against Racism. We are currently working on a campaign to promote the messages about what we have been learning about and share with the rest of the school. Here's some sneaky snapshots of our drafts... stay tuned for the final pieces!



Amici Insieme Training!

Over the term, the Year 5/6's have been working through their Amici Insieme training! The purpose of the Amici Insieme Training is to prepare students for their role as Amici Insieme Leaders. Amici Insieme is our school's version of the Peer Support Program. The 5/6's have been working through a range of experiential activities and taking part in discussions. Amici Insieme is set to start up in Week 7!

During training, students are participate in a range of activities focusing on:

- ◆ Leadership skills
- ◆ Developing connections
- ◆ Strategies to lead a group
- ◆ Their roles and responsibilities
- ◆ Personal strengths and characteristics
- ◆ Authentic leadership
- ◆ Facilitation
- ◆ Working with a co-leader



This training is part of the school's plan and commitment to create a safe school. It provides

students with the opportunity to develop and practise leadership skills within a supportive environment.

Leadership Skills

- ◆ Relationship building
- ◆ Empathy
- ◆ Problem solving
- ◆ Flexibility
- ◆ Facilitation
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Decision-making
- ◆ Creative thinking
- ◆ Assertiveness

- ◆ Check out these photo's of some 5/6's problem solving and using teamwork to make a costume for a movie set in outer space...



Benefits for Amici Insieme Leaders

- ◆ Positive relationships across school
- ◆ Increased confidence leading a group
- ◆ Improving organisation and time management
- ◆ Enhancing social and emotional learning
- ◆ Skills to assist transition to secondary school
- ◆ Practicing leadership skills
- ◆ Enhancing sense of self



AMICI INSIEME

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Every two years as part of our commitment to the ongoing safety of our school students, School Crossing's Victoria is looking for the 2023/2024 Supervisor of the Year.

Jump online and complete a nomination at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024

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

**PARENTS
BATTLE
OF THE BANDS**

2024 BATTLE SEASON

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7PM

NORTH@TE SOCIAL CLUB
NORTH@TE

TX \$30+BF

PARENTS BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The Northside Parents Battle Of the Bands is back for its 2nd year!

It will be held at Northcote's iconic live music venue, the Northcote Social Club on the 8th August, 2024.

Our School's Parents Band is participating with x 8 other local primary schools including Northcote Primary, Brunswick East Primary, North Melbourne Primary, Westgarth Primary, Fairfield Primary, Wales Street Primary, Preston South Primary & Ivanhoe East Primary.

The ticket sales proceeds are donated back to expand the performing arts/music education programs and help improve facilities for participating schools. All monies will be redistributed pro-rata of parents' attendance/number of tickets sold by each school.

The real winners are the schools that sell the most tickets! It is a fun night of great music and quality entertainment - legendary if you ask previous crowds!

Head over to @parents_battle_of_the_bands on Instagram and Facebook to see what the fuss is about AND click on the ticket link where you can select your school:

8TH AUGUST – Ivanhoe East PS, Brunswick South PS, Westgarth PS, Wales Street PS, Northcote PS

https://tickets.northcotesocialclub.com/outlet/event/b48a1cce-c03f-4b2a-9a67-6eda7bcdbd652?utm_source=NorthcoteSC&utm_medium=eventFeed&gl=1*_1dnskv0*_ga*MTA1NDU1Njc4NC4xNzEyNzlwMDg2*_ga_T9ZJN4NBC3*MTCxMzkzNjk0Ny4yLjEuMTcxMzkzNjk4OS4wLjAuMA

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BRUNSWICK SOUTH TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

In our latest STEM Club session, our young scientists embarked on a mesmerizing journey into the world of chemistry with the magical milk experiment. The children were amazed as they watched the colours swirl and dance on the surface of the milk, showcasing the wonders of science in action.

This week we indulged in a delicious afternoon tea featuring everyone's favourite: tacos! The children enjoyed assembling their tacos with an array of fillings, fostering creativity and culinary skills in equal measure.

Dodgeball is a highlight of our week, where teamwork and strategy is on full display. Laughter and friendly competition filled the air as the children dodged, ducked, and dived their way to victory.

TEAMKIDS CLUBS
ASC WEEK: **3 & 4**

MONDAY

Art Attack Club

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY


S.T.E.M Club


THURSDAY

FRIDAY

IMPORTANT DATES

 **Friday 24th May**
Wear it Yellow event for Children's Ground

 **Wednesday 29th May**
Lunchtime legends – Team Kids will be at BSPS during recess to run games

 **Wednesday 5th June**
Team Kids Winter Disco



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Mini Roos FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA

MiniTillies, let's play!

-  4 - 7 YRS
-  SOUTH MELBOURNE WOMEN'S FC - 6 AUGHTIE DRIVE ALBERT PARK
-  5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
-  WEDNESDAYS - 8TH MAY TO 26TH JUN
-  \$50

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