WHAT'S INSIDE





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ASSEMBLY DATES

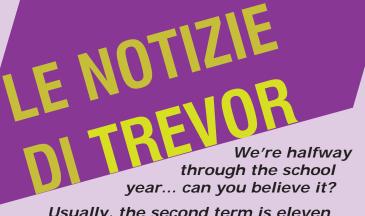
Fri 23 June 2pm Foundation Hosting

End of Term 1 Friday 23 June 2.30pm Dismissal Fri 23 Last day of Term - 2.30pm Dismissal

Mon 10 Curriculum Day No School **Tues 11** First Day of Term 3

AUGUST

Tues 1 Student Led Conferences



Usually, the second term is eleven weeks long. This term was only nine weeks, and in the first week we had a Curriculum Day, Anzac Day and Italian Day. We've certainly crammed a lot into eight weeks!

Staffing Update

Last week we ran an internal selection panel to appoint a staff member to the Acting Assistant Principal position. It is my absolute pleasure to welcome Sarah Burdak to the position as the successful candidate. Sarah is an outstanding educational leader who undertakes her role with such a passion and determination to give all students the best possible educational opportunities. Congratulazioni and well done to Sarah – Marg and I look forward to working with you as part of our principal class team.

Thank you too, to the staff who put their hat in the ring for this position. We had some enthusiastic interest for this position and it's a testament to the quality of our staff that we have such capable and competent leaders in succession.

This week we have also finalised plans for the 1/2 learning area for next semester. Meerah Gill will remain in the learning area until the end of the year and continue working with the staff, families and students in the team. Meerah joined the team only five weeks ago and we're delighted that she'll be staying with us until the end of the year.

Semester 1 Reports

This week we successfully finalised our Semester 1 reporting process and used Compass to distribute the reports to families this week. We hope you spent some time reading about your child's achievements and celebrating their success in learning. The reports provide you with clear, comprehensive and consistent information about your child's progress in all areas of learning about safety in this space for a number of years and advocated for our school community's best interests. Once we have finalised plans for this work we will share them with the community.

BSPS Building & Library Fund

The BSPS Building and Library Fund have a taxdeductible donation status. If you wish to help the school with a donation, you can do so before 30 June 2023. For those who have already donated throughout the year, grazie!

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Sibling Enrolments

With school tours back on the agenda, we are regularly showing off our school to prospective families. We have enrolment requests already coming in for 2024 and our tours booked solid well into next term. For those families who have a younger sibling joining the school next year, please get your enrolment in ASAP so we can confirm your place.

Grazie

The opportunities that our students have every day at BSPS are not possible without our team of dedicated staff who work tirelessly to ensure that all the different functions of our school come together as one cohesive operation. Whether it be the focus on wellbeing, teaching and learning, language and learning support or administration and finance, all functions are equally important and have the same ultimate outcome – the best for all our students. I am very proud and privileged to work alongside such a dedicated group of individuals and I know all in our community will echo my sentiments. Thank you to the team for everything you do, and continue to do, to make our school the best possible place to be.

Have a safe holiday break and enjoy a well-earned rest. Don't forget, the winter break is a perfect time for a pyjama day or two!

See you next term,

Trevor.

Curriculum Day

Please remember that the first day of Term 3 is a Student Free Day and the first day back for students is *Tuesday 11th July*.

Student Led Conferences

Tuesday 1 August Change to school day 9-12pm

Conferences commence at 1-7pm

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader Update!

Term 2 has been jam packed with learning for everyone, including me! As you are aware, I started in the role of Mental Health and Wellbeing leader (MHWL) at BSPS at the start of this year. As we have already made it to the halfway point of the year (!!), it is a great chance to reflect and share my journey in this role so far.

Over term 2, I have been attending fortnightly Communities of Practice with other MHWL's in the area. We have been learning about delivering Professional Learning to staff, sharing helpful resources and currently learning about creating case profiles for students requiring additional mental health support.

I have been working with some amazing students across all year levels in Target Teaching groups. These are designed to connect and share experiences, build relationships and focus on key areas classroom teachers have identified as student specific needs. These groups will continue into Term 3. The groups follow the same structure that Maths and Literacy Target groups do by allowing students a focussed small group setting to build and practice skills and concepts - they are just Health and Wellbeing focussed! This term across the school we have focussed on growth mindset, gratitude, positive friendship skills such as sharing, saying sorry and asking to play. Here are some inspiring Positive Affirmation and Growth Mindset cards some students made.





Looking forward to launching something new and exciting for our students next term that promotes wellbeing through student leadership and agency. Stay tuned for more next term! *Caro*

Health and Wellbeing Specialist

Another incredible term of learning in Health and Wellbeing is complete. Let's hear from some of our fabulous senior students!

What was your favourite learning you had in Health this term?

I like the collage where you made a collage about your feelings. It was fun and it's interesting to imagine that your feelings have a shape - **Pernille 3/4**

Probably when we were learning with a partner and we thought of some emotions and wrote as many down as we could - *Greta 3/4*

The emotions were good and I liked doing the collage. I do lots of collage at my own home and I always find it fun - *Perry 5/6*

I liked the collage that we did to show our emotions. I liked it because we can represent in our own way what our emotions are and what we experience. We don't get to do that a lot in our lives - Isobelle 5/6

Why did we learn about emotions?

I think because there's a saying 'name it to tame it'. If you can name your emotions it might be easier to get them under control - **Pernille 3/4**

Because if we don't learn about emotions we won't understand that emotion if we get or feel that emotion - *Greta 3/4*

They are good to know how to help with your emotions. Your emotions are like some alphabet soup, you have to arrange them correctly to make the correct words - **Perry 5/6**

So we can recognise different emotions and put into words what we are feeling and share that with other people, through our perspective - *Isobelle 5/6*

Why do we go through physical and emotional changes as we get older?

It helps us turn into adults like during puberty your voice changes, there's a lot of physical changes. It helps us to grow up because without that we would probably just be a kid forever...that would be fun! - **Pernille 3/4**

Because if we change, then we become a different person as we get older and we need to become a different person! We wouldn't know what it would be like to be an adult if we didn't! - *Greta 3/4*

Emotional changes are for understanding what others are going through and help us understand a lot more when you're going through a change of emotion, helps put you in perspective - *Perry 5/6*

So we can develop mentally and physically so that we can prepare for challenges in the future. And maybe because if we experience those challenges, then we will know what to do and develop skills - *Isobelle 5/6*

Thanks everyone for bringing your open minds, love of learning and respectful attitudes to Health this term! We turned and faced the strange and wonderful ways our bodies change as we grow older with courage, acceptance and curiosity!







VEARS 5 6

Ciao a tutti,

BSPS is excited to introduce a **sister school program** *for our Year 5/6 students*. This initiative aims to broaden their horizons and foster a global perspective. Through letter exchanges, video presentations, and short docs, our students will have the opportunity to share their lives, culture, and community with their peers from a different country. The benefits of this exchange include expanding their understanding of the world, enhancing communication skills in both Italian and English, cultivating curiosity and a thirst for knowledge, and (perhaps also) fostering friendships and connections. This program encourages acceptance, understanding, and collaboration, preparing our students for an interconnected and diverse world.

Our sister schools are:

1 - Istituto Comprensivo Via Nitti, ROMA





2 - Istituto Statale Comprensivo Tarra, Busto Garolfo, MILANO





3 - Scuola Primaria Santa Caterina Foligno, PERUGIA





What can you do at home to help your child be more involved with the program?

Are you doing something exciting on the weekend or during the holiday break? Please encourage your children to share what you have been up to by writing, drawing, videoing, singing (or any form they prefer). Our friends from overseas would love to hear anything about life on this side of the world. Students can upload their files on **Google Classroom** under the section **Friends from Overseas.**

Here are some snapshots of what our students are writing or creating to send overseas. Some are in the form of videos. ALI of them are very creative and reflect our students' personalities.



This is the Scuola Primaria Santa Caterina watching Orton's video presentation!

QUELLO CHE MI PIACE FARE NEL MIO TEMPO LIBERO

- · Giocare a soccer
- Scrive
- · Giocare a cricket
- Leggo
- Disegnare
- Guardare a TV
- Uscire con gli amici
- Stare con la mia famialia















If you have any questions regarding the program, please don't hesitate to contact Chiara!

Chiara, Year 5/6 teacher and Team Leader

YEARS 3/4

In history we have been learning about the past. In history we have been making zines about important days like sorry day, Australia day and ANZAC day. Some students also have made zines about flags, women's rights and celebrations. To make the zine we have been taking notes and doing activities to find information for our zines.

In storia we have been learning about ancient inventions and the people who made them. We've used booklets to find information for our posters.

For example: Gli Egizi,I Romani è I Greci.I Greci made i giochi olimpici/the olympics.

I Romani made il giornale/newspaper.Gli egizi made i trucchi/eyeliner.

Ike Webber and and Luka Kosanin





In the 3/4 upstairs learning community, we have been

Writing persuasive texts in English and Italian. We have also been learning about spelling patterns, to improve our writing.

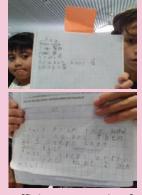
Written by Eva and Anya.

In matematica/maths we have been learning about maps and multiplication. We learnt about the properties of maps: a grid with coordinates, a scale, a key, a compass and instructions to places and items on it.

Gabriel Tham

Here is an example:





In multiplication, we have learnt efficient strategies for solving multiplication problems. Some stratigies we have learnt are number line, partitoning, algorithm, arrays, doubling, friends of 10 and repeated addition

RSPCA

A group of Year 3-6 students had the pleasure of going on an adventure to the RSPCA in Burwood. The students learnt about the wonderful work that the organisation does to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome a range of furry friends, and got up close with horses, goats, sheep, chickens, cats, dogs and rabbits!













Physical Education

The senior students at this school have been completing a netball unit for the past 3 weeks. It's great to see how much they have developed over the past few years in their passing, catching, marking, and teamwork. The games have been a real joy to oversee. Enjoy the break and keep active everyone!













PERFORMING ARTS

That's a wrap for Performing Arts this term with singing, making music, dancing, role-playing, and storytelling. Including a visit from the 'Re Leone'.









Environment Action Group

We are pleased to announce the official opening of the EAT (Environment Action Group) Indigenous Garden. Approximately, 30 students took part in the construction of this amazing garden. Isn't it wonderful to know that we have so many students who are willing to give up their lunchtime play to improve the environment of our school and take action against climate change?

Thanks so much Noel and Jenni for driving this amazing project! Please enjoy our beautiful garden and stay tuned for the announcement of our next action in Term 3.













This week, the **Year 5/6 students** learned about materials that conduct electricity, making squishy circuits out of conductive and insulating play dough to see just how effectively water and salt, and electrolytes like lemon juice, conduct electricity.











This week, the *Year 3/4 students* attempted to build the tallest possible tower out of a finite number of different materials. The tower had to be free-standing and have a maximum of 30 cm of sticky tape on it. Each team was given one balloon to use and the team that produced the tallest tower was awarded the right to pop every team's balloon at the end of the session. Whilst the balloons challenged the stability of the tower, they were present in every winning tower, so pushing through the 'stabilising the balloon' barrier definitely paid off!















BSPS NOTICES



MUSIC NEWS

NEW PA

The recent BSPS Music Dept. fundraisers have enabled the purchase two 15" EV loudspeakers, cables and speaker stands for the school. The Singing cake-stall fundraiser also allowed us to purchase 3 Shure SM58 mics, 3 new cables and 3 new mic stands for the school. These items will serve BSPS well at events such as Evening on the Green, Saturnalia, Spring celebrations and Light Night for years to come.

Here is a heart-felt thankyou to everyone who bought a glass of wine at Evening on the Green 2022 or baked for/donated to our Term 1 singing concert fund-raiser.

MUNCHIES CONCERT SERIES

Throughout Term 2 it was not uncommon for BSPS students to be treated to a song or two from BSPS singers in the classroom while they ate their lunch before heading out into the school grounds. Ema and Miller (Grade 6) performed their new original song "Bittersweet" for the Grade 3/4s, Anya and Mabel performed their new song "Respect for Country" to the 1/2s amongst others - look out for more "Munchies" performances in Term 3.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



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