

**TERM  
THREE**



# Brunswick South PRIMARY SCHOOL

*imparare insieme ♦ creare insieme ♦ vivere insieme*

## CALENDAR DATES SEPTEMBER

FRI 8 District Athletics

TUE 12 - WED 20 Somers Camp

THUR 14 - Open Classrooms F-6 3pm - 4pm

FRI 15 - Grand Final Ciao Down Friday

THUR 21 Italian Day

FRI 22 Last day of Term 3 - 2:30pm finish

## OCTOBER

MON 9 Term 4 Commences

THUR 12 School Production

FRI 13 School Production

FRI 27 OSHC Fundraising and Parent Engagement Event

MON 30 - WED 1 NOV - Grade 3/4 Camp Wilkin

**Sibling  
enrolments for 2018  
are now due**

### ***our values -***

***the moral fibre which  
guides our culture***

CONSTANT LEARNING

MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

COMPASSION

SENSE OF POSSIBILITY

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## ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

FRI 15 SEPT - GRADE 1/2

FRI 22 FINAL ASSEMBLY @ 2:10PM - FOUNDATION

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**President** Gabrielle Marchetti

**Vice President** Monique Dawson

**Treasurer** Jeremy Schreurs

**Community** Gabrielle Marchetti

**Building and Grounds** Geoff Cope

**OSHC** Monique Dawson

**Policies** Marg Weymouth

**Community and Fundraising** Monique Dawson

**Members** Sara Rossen, Sarah Moon

**DET** Sheryl Hall, Marg Weymouth, Trevor Strolla, Toby Mestitz,  
Ivana D'Aprano

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***BSPS has been abuzz with parent and carer volunteers lately! We had a pop up working bee last Monday and on Friday the annual Father's Day Coffee & Donut morning proved to be a little too tempting for the tastebuds! Grazie mille to those families who took a moment from their day to help us out and make these school events possible.***

There is currently an increasing public debate around marriage equality which is dominating the current print and news media. This makes it a particularly difficult time for LGBTI students, staff, parents and members of our school community as people determine their views. At BSPS we take great pride in our diversity and hold our sense of inclusion in high regard. At this time, as we have done in the past, we continue to support and stand up for all members of our school community through our demonstration of mutual responsibility and compassion. At BSPS we have a commitment to ensure that diversity is valued, and that all members of our school community should feel safe, supported and included. Switchboard Victoria is a community based not-for-profit organisation that provides a peer-based, volunteer-run support

The never ending cycle of construction continues to hamper our efforts to get to and from school with ease. There are times where this is not only an inconvenience, but also a safety concern.

Please continue to take care when coming to and from school, watching for construction vehicles or workers. Parking in Rathdowne Street is becoming congested at pick up and drop off time and people are taking unnecessary risks when picking up and dropping off children. It is worth a little extra effort to make the journey to Park Street or even beyond and then a short walk to the school. The staff car park will hopefully be completed before the end of term, which will alleviate some of the congestion with parking. The new south side gate has just been installed and should be able to be used within the next week or so. Stay tuned!

The preparations for our pre-review self-evaluation is fully underway. Part of this process involves updating a few of our policies to ensure they meet the minimum requirements for VRQA registration. This mostly involves changes to incorporate updated legislation and ministerial order requirements. This week a link will be distributed via email to all families with the policies that are currently available for community comment before being ratified by school council.

As I mentioned in my letter to the school community earlier this term I have been appointed as Acting Principal by the department while Sheryl is on leave. There is no change to this situation and rest assured we will keep you informed as any further information becomes available.

Have a great week,

Trevor

### 2018 TERM 1 DATES

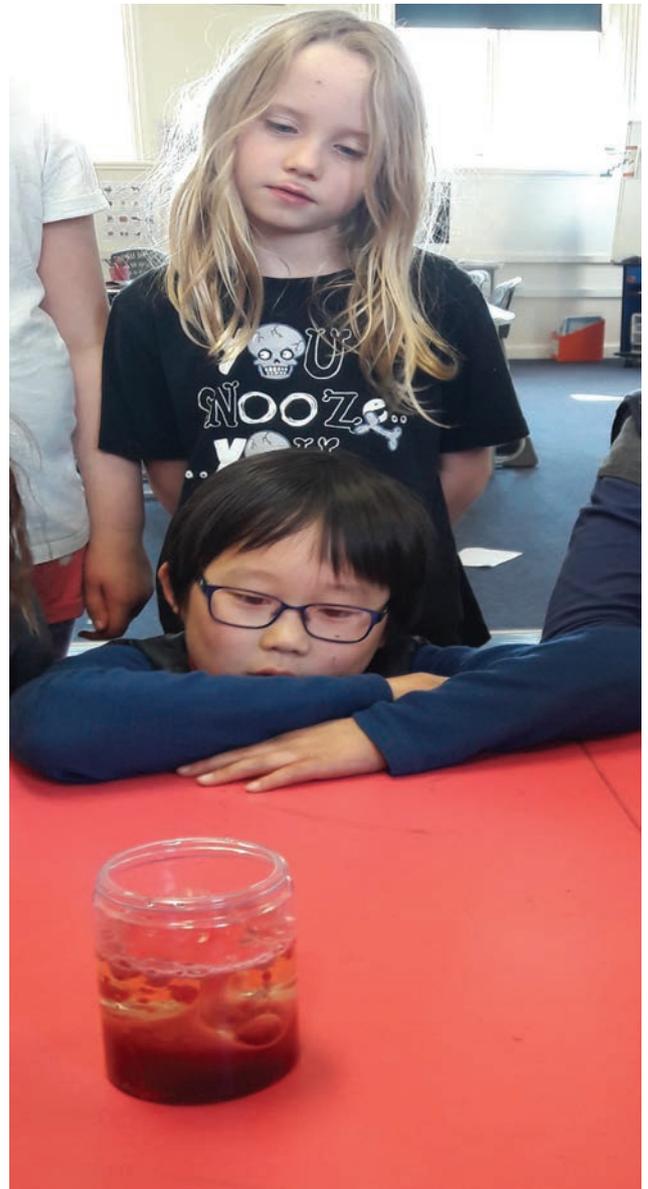
- ◆ 29 JANUARY - Staff are back
- ◆ 30 JANUARY - Curriculum Day (student free)
- ◆ 31 JANUARY - Grade 1 - 6 students first day of Term 1
- ◆ 5 FEBRUARY - Foundation students first day of Term 1

**Fun time in area 3/ 4!**

**Grade 3/4 students have been trying out some science experiments investigating the properties of liquids, solids and gas. Milk, food coloring, detergent are some of the ingredients that have been used to analyse the properties of surface tension.**

**In our four science groups we have realized lava bubbles in order to investigate the different densities of oil, water, food coloring. Isn't it mesmerizing?**

**YEARS 3/4**



**Student voice is heard in the 3/4 area! Every week there is a classroom meeting happening in each Learning area. Three classroom facilitators moderate the meeting focusing on one or more Character Strengths. What a good way to share a good reflection and show leadership around the school!**



# PERFORMING ARTS

*It  
is all  
happening...  
the school  
production is in full  
swing...The play is the talk of  
the town and the opening night is  
fast approaching.... make sure you are  
there!!!*

I would like to remind you all that the dates of *"Il circo a Brunswick"* are: 12th and 13th October 2017 at the Clocktower Centre, 750 Moonee Ponds Vic 3039. The children will need to be at the theatre wearing their costume by 5.30 PM. This will give them time to organise themselves, meet and greet family and friends, familiarise themselves with the theatre environment and to get ready for the show's opening, set to take place at 6.30 PM.

The tickets will be on sale from the 28/8/17 to the 13/10/15. The tickets can be purchased on-line at [www.cloctowercentre.com.au](http://www.cloctowercentre.com.au) at the Clocktower Centre's Box Office in person or by calling the Box Office on 9243 9191.

Children who are older than 18 months require a paid ticket. Children under 18 months may sit on their parents/carers lap for free.

The prices are as follows;

- ◆ Adult entry \$20.00
- ◆ Child (16 and under) \$12.00
- ◆ Concession (full time student) \$12.00
- ◆ Concesison (pensioner) \$12.00
- ◆ Concession (seniors card) \$12.00
- ◆ Concession (health care/unemployed card) \$12.00

**This year there are no restrictions on tickets. Seat location is booked with your ticket, which means that the quicker you book the more likely you will have the seat/s you prefer on the date/s of your choice.**

Also, purchasing the tickets in advance will limit the lining up and chaos at the box office, which in turn would make a better night for everyone.

Finally, there is no expectation from me that children rehearse at home, especially in the junior years, as all grades rehearse their acts for the play at school, however, it would be helpful if you could remind your children to practise their role, song, piece of music and dance choreography in order to be ready for the whole school rehearsal. For this purpose the soundtrack of the production with all the songs and musical pieces will be made accessible on Google drive. The link will be emailed shortly.

I hope you are as excited as your children and I are about their school production, *"Il circo a Brunswick"*.

**Mille grazie a tutti.**

**Daniele Vitali**



# OSHC

## AN INVITATION TO THE OSHC FUNDRAISER

This term at OSHC we have steadily been working alongside the children in a plethora of activities that have aided their educational development and spiked their minds towards entrepreneurial skills.

Have you heard the fantastic news that we are having our very own inaugural fundraiser next term in October? The aim of the fundraiser is to develop our very own sensory garden for the children of BSPS. The space is nestled between the schools hall and Park Street.

We are looking forward to welcoming all community members to our OSHC program as an afternoon of community engagement and program awareness. In our wisdom, we thought we could do this together.

Our "Wish List" for the sensory garden would be to have raised garden beds for children to grow, sow and imbibe on healthy vegetables, fruit and herbs. The ingredients would also assist with menu planning and healthy eating options.

The space could be used for an outdoor classroom. For this we would need straw bail seating which we could possibly workshop with the students.

Summer afternoons can get quite hot, so we would love a shade sale to be installed too.

We will exhibit artifacts of distinct quality for your perusal and would highly recommend you purchase a unique piece or two...

We will kick off the afternoon with a BBQ, a flash mob performance and a silent auction of two very unique collaborative drawings.

If you're Christmas shopping early, here's your chance to purchase gift cards, jewelry, potted plants, beautifully adorned bags, hats, t-shirts for young and old and more.

The most exciting part of all this, is that we will be all coming together on **Friday the 27 of October between 3.30 and 6pm**. It will be an afternoon showcasing much of what we do in the OSHC program and a little bit more.

The students are very excited and so too are all the OSHC staff.

Save the Date in your calendar!

We hope to see you all there sharing in the community spirit.

Warm Regards,

Rouada El-Hajja, Vivien and the OSHC staff



# BSPS NOTICES

## COMMUNITY AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION

We hope we helped our wonderful Dads feel a bit more special after our Fathers Day morning. It was so great to see parents having a catch up in the school yard and kids getting involved in the helping and serving - they were very enthusiastic (particularly after a delicious donut)

Huge thanks to our good friends Mark Ryan and Eureka Coffee for donating all the coffee that was served on the morning and lent all the coffee making equipment for the event. Eureka Coffee also generously donated \$10 from each bag of coffee beans that were ordered through the coffee drive.

Thank you to everyone who bought coffee through the drive (I know my mornings just got a little bit brighter). Thanks also to all of the members of our school community who are supporting our keep cup initiative which, as well as being a fundraiser, is helping us at all school events to cut down on disposable cups.

And where would we be without our sensational parent helpers: Simon Hall, Simone Gregurke, Jane Scammell, Linda Choi, Lara and Kevin Carton, Robert Wagner. Most importantly thanks to the Duchess of Donuts, Angela Nichols for organising the stand and cooking the delicious treats.

Students are reminded that ball games before and after school need to be on the senior turf. The area around the junior turf gets congested in the morning and games of soccer and football can be dangerous for students and families.

## FATHERS DAY STALL

This years stall was a sell-out success! Again a huge thanks to all the wonderful a parent and student volunteers who helped on the day or baked goods for us to sell - hopefully some of the treats actually made it home to our Dads!

Big thanks to Bunnings and Chemist Warehouse, The Beast Burgers and Dan Murphy's for the generous donations this year giving us the opportunity to give out 5 prizes for the raffle to some very excited students!

Thank you to our office staff Mary and Sanae who purchased the gifts and organised the raffle. And of course massive thanks to Bianca Cecchin, for sourcing donations and organising the stall.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dear BSPS parents and carers

I am writing to you on behalf of our school council for two main reasons:

- To openly acknowledge the fact that our highly valued Principal, Sheryl, has been on extended leave. We understand that this may give rise to feelings of uncertainty and insecurity among some people; and
- To express our gratitude to Trevor, Marg and all of the teaching and support staff for the tremendous work they do every single day to ensure that our kids continue to get the best possible primary school education.

We are fortunate that before her leave Sheryl worked tirelessly to develop systems and structures designed to promote stability and focused on always improving student outcomes.

The BSPS staff are exemplary in how they continue to collaborate in order to achieve our shared vision of producing a quality learning environment for all our students. Certainly all members of the school council are committed to supporting our school leaders to provide the best possible educational outcomes for our kids.

Please reach out to any member of the school council if you have any questions about governance issues. We are always happy to chat!

Warm regards,

**Gabrielle, Jeremy, Geoff, Sarah, Sara and Monique**

## CONGRATULATIONS LEARNING LEGENDS!

### ***Learning Legends - Term 3 week 7***

- ◆ Foundation: Frankie
- ◆ Grade 1/2: Finn O, Josie & Billy
- ◆ Grade 3/4: Celeste, Leo C, Anwen & Issy
- ◆ Grade 5/6: Otto & Jacob



Students are supervised from 8.45am to 3.45pm, including Break 1 and Break 2. Any students in the school grounds before 8.45am or after 3.45pm without parent supervision should be in Out of School Hours Care Program.

# BSPS TRIVIA 2017



# Thank you!

- ◆ **Be TaeKwonDo**, Brunswick Road, local martial arts and fitness centre
- ◆ **Brazilian Butterfly**, Carlton 796 Nicholson Street, body care specialists
- ◆ **Bulleen Art and Garden Nursery**, Manningham Road Bulleen
- ◆ **Chunky Move**, Contemporary Dance Company
- ◆ **Crafternoon Cafe**, 718 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- ◆ **Estella Homewares and Gifts**, 801 Nicholson Street, Brunswick
- ◆ **Green Park Dining (Park St Dining)**, 815 Nicholson St, Carlton North
- ◆ **Interflora**, Florist
- ◆ **Palace Cinemas, Westgarth, Balwyn, Brighton Bay and Cinema Como**
- ◆ **Pickle Burgers, Brunswick Burgers, 1 Nicholson St**
- ◆ **Sugardough Panificio Patisserie, 167 Lygon St Brunswick East**
- ◆ **The Moldy Fig, Creole Soul Food, 120-122 Lygon St, Brunswick East**
- ◆ **The Walrus and the Carpenter, Toy Store 771 Nicholson St, Carlton Nth**
- ◆ **Velo Cycles, Your Bike Your Way Every Day, Capital City Trail, 815 Nicholson St, and Velo Electric and Folding 753 Nicholson St, Carlton North**

## **VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX)**

### **VARICELLA-ZOSTER (CHICKENPOX) VACCINES FOR AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN: INFORMATION FOR IMMUNISATION PROVIDERS**

#### Disease and epidemiology

- Varicella (also known as chickenpox) is a viral illness caused by primary infection with the varicella-zoster virus (VZV). It is characterised by vesicular skin lesions and fever.
- Complications of chickenpox occur in approximately 1% of cases. Prior to universal immunisation, there were about 1,500 hospitalisations per year in Australia, most of which were in otherwise healthy young children.

#### Who should be vaccinated

- In Australia, a single dose of varicella vaccine is available on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) at 18 months of age using the four-in-one combination vaccine which protects against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV vaccine).
- A single 'catch-up' dose of monovalent varicella vaccine, delivered in the school based program, is available on the NIP for adolescents with no history of chickenpox or previous vaccination.
- People  $\geq 14$  years of age who are not immune to chickenpox require 2 doses of varicella vaccine at least 1 month apart.
- Varicella vaccination is recommended for all adults who have not previously had chickenpox or received the vaccine, especially healthcare workers, childcare workers and household contacts of people who are immunocompromised.

#### Vaccines

- One dose of varicella vaccine (in children up to 13 years of age) will prevent varicella in approximately 80–85% of cases. The vaccine effectiveness against severe varicella (defined as  $>500$  lesions) is greater at approximately 95–98%.
- Disease in vaccinated children ('breakthrough varicella') is often mild with  $<50$  lesions in about 70% of cases.
- Common side effects from varicella vaccination include fever and injection site reactions. Rashes can occur following vaccination, either at the injection site (in 1–3% of vaccine recipients) or generalised (in 3–5%).

For further info, refer: <https://www.nps.org.au/australian-prescriber/articles/frequently-asked-questions-about-varicella-vaccine>

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/chickenpox-immunisation?viewAsPdf=true>

Unvaccinated Adults can get a catch-up dose: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-04-24/unvaccinated-adults-guide-to-getting-vaccinated/8452408>

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR SCHOOL



Try us out  
at a Trial Week!

B2S Fitness is a unique fitness program that enables parents to fundraise for their school while spending active time with their kids, getting to know their community and getting fit.

Sessions are run at the school, by qualified Personal Trainers, at times tailored to meet the needs of busy parents and 10% of fees go straight back to the school fundraising account, adding average of over \$2000 a year to the bottom line!

[WW.B2SF.COM.AU](http://WW.B2SF.COM.AU)



### How can I get involved?

- Like us on facebook and instagram
- Tell us what times you like to exercise!
- Tell us what type of exercise you enjoy!
- Book into a session and trial us out
- Encourage your friends to join you at a session (its easier with a mate!)
- Post about us in your facebook school and local community groups