PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Our superlative Twilight Fete! Some diary comments from our Junior School (JS) students!

AWESOME! The fete has started . . .
Nelson Ballueer
I got more than 20 goes on the slide . . . I was lucky because they were closing down.

Thomas Cairns
I loved dyeing my hair. It was blue.

Abbey Stockdale Billing
My dad said, “I’m not going on the sizzler again.”

Leo Marsili
I got a toy from By Kids for Kids.

Milly Walker-Guerin
I went to the lucky dip box & I got a loom band box . . . when I got home I made a loom band bracelet. Olivia Macdonell

By home time on Friday, the Senior School (SS) students were primed. Boisterously they stormed from the RBB to the oval. At 3:32 pm, the front of the school was virtually deserted. One of the few who were still waiting for family needed reassurance that she’d not been forgotten!

Our fete has something for everyone and too much for anyone to experience everything! A few years ago I admitted defeat on that front. This year I concentrated my attention mainly on the busking, the book stall, (Flying the kite: travels of an Australian politician by John Button; Under the Tuscan sun: at home in Italy by Frances Mayes; The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields; A Thinking Reed by Barry Jones; The Berlin Wall: Division of a City by Thomas Fleming. & Hagen Koch. I fear they may be a selection by a person of a certain age!), By Kids for Kids, the loud auction and, of course, edible items, lime and lemon.
cordial, red velvet cupcakes, blood plum and nectarine jam. Gyoza, fresh fruit juice and almond torte ensured I had sufficient energy for the night.

Our fete, a mammoth venture, was the result of twelve months dedicated work with especially intense activity in February. On behalf of us all, I would like to congratulate and thank our amazing fete coordinators, Angela Storer (Things to Buy & Do), Catherine Pfabe (Entertainment), Daisy Grinter (Food & Drink), Elly Davis (Sponsorship & Prizes), Nicole Minihan (Operations & Equipment) and Renae Howard (PR & Communication).

However, such an event is only possible with amazing support from you. (In last week’s frenzy you may have missed this incredible fact: the roster alone required more people than the number of families in the school.) Thank you and congratulations to each and every person who contributed in some way! You made, cooked, provided and acquired items for sale; you packed, priced, arranged; you sold tickets; you devised and supervised a horde of activities; you undertook training . . . you are committed, imaginative and enterprising. You worked for months, weeks, days, hours, before, during and after. You enlisted grandparents, extended family and friends. Our students, teachers, admin staff were part of the team. Thank you all!

Of course, the fete is our major fundraiser but it is also our biggest and grandest celebration. Each year at our fete I revel in being a member of this vibrant, inclusive community. I hope you too had the same opportunity.

Everyone is anxious to know the profit so, please, help by bringing any invoices and out of pocket expense dockets to the office ASAP. As you know, all expenses need to be paid first.

School Council Elections The blue insert in today’s edition announces our School Council Elections, provides information about its work and calls for nominations.

Being a member of School Council is a great way to learn about your child’s school. You do not need any special experience. What is necessary is your interest in BSWPS and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape its future.

If you have any questions about this invitation, please contact me on 9387 6886. Please note, at least one councillor is not seeking re-election, so new blood is need.

Nomination forms must by lodged by 4 pm, Wednesday, 11th March, 2015.

Assembly is held every Monday at 9 am in the hall and is hosted by the Student Leaders. Assembly is the one occasion in the week when all the students are together. Community time is to be treasured. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend.

Enforcement of road rules Please note, council officers will be attending schools on a daily basis and issuing local laws penalty notices, for example, parking infringements. Offenders will receive these via Australia Post.

Dogs Everyone needs to feel safe. Therefore, if you come to school with your dog, please:
- ensure that it is on a lead and “heeling”
- wait away from the high traffic areas
- have your dog wait outside during assembly

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis

Weekly Collective Nouns:

- An army of caterpillars
- A clowder of cats
- A coalition of cheetahs
**LEFTOVER SALE!**

Friday, 6th March - 3.30pm

Front of School

Frozen Gyoza - Books
Drinks - Gift Bags
Ice Creams

For the ♥ of **MATHS**

My number is a 2 digit odd number
My two digits added together equal 14
My number is one before 60
What is my number?

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**WATERMELON COMPETITION**

**CONGRATULATIONS ASHLEY FOR GUESSESING THE CLOSEST WEIGHT**

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**FETE**

**Receipts**

If you have any receipts to claim for fete purchases, please hand them to Amanda as soon as possible.

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**WOOL**

Do you have any wool that is not needed anymore? Ashley would love any wool to do an art activity with the 3/4 students. Please drop it in to Room 11.

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**OSHC TIMES**

**Brunswick South West Primary School**

**Coordinator:** Sun Nie Lyew

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**OSHC NEWS**

**BOOKINGS and CANCELLATIONS**

To book or make cancellations, please do it on line or by phone. We need it to be done this way as we usually need to contact more staff for safety and correct staff / child ratios. If you need help call Sun Nie.

Thankyou!

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**REMINDERS**

How to get started before using our program register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin: www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online.

Save on Care: You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebates. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

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**OSHC TIMES**

**After School Care**

**Monday:** Public holiday closure

**Tuesday:** Paper plate decoration, Capture the flag

**Wednesday:** Recycling creature, Face painting, Clay fun

**Thursday:** Origami fun, Pancake making

**Friday:**
YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION

Tours for Grade 6 students wanting to attend Princes Hill Secondary College in 2016 will be each Wednesday and Thursday of Term One, beginning this week (Wednesday 25th Feb).

To book in for the tour, could parents please phone Princes Hill Secondary College on 03 9389 0600.

Tours will begin at 9:00am, so please arrive by 8:50am.

MT ALEXANDER COLLEGE

SEAL Program
Registrations for the entry test for the SEAL program at Mount Alexander College are open for current Year 6 students. Registration closes on 24 April. The test will be held on 2 May at the College.

Open Day & Tours
College tours are conducted every Wednesday morning at 9am. Open day will be 11am to 1pm on 19 April; it will be a chance to hear the new Principal talk (Principal’s Address at 11am), and to have a look around the college.

Year 7 – 2016
Information Sessions

Dear Parents/Guardians

Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend one of our information sessions at our College.

You will have the opportunity to meet College leaders and hear about our curriculum and programs offered to our students. This will be followed by a tour of the College.

The dates and times for our information sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday April 21 – 9.00am
- Wednesday April 22 – 7.00pm
- Thursday April 23 – 11.00am

Bookings are essential. Please phone the College on 9306-2544 to reserve a place.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to visit the College and look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lyn Stany
Acting Principal

Ms Kerry Hall
Head of Junior School
Masterpiece Collection

Caroline, Lucy and Chantel’s Class

I am making a base.
Marlow Parbery

I am drawing a picture.
Isabella Fontbona Royce

Max and I look at bugs.
Fletcher Neille

I am finding ladybugs with my friends.
Clancy McPhillips

I am going to the Fete to find berries.
Max Meek

I am reading.
Geeta Dinanil
Brunswick South West Primary

Masterpiece Collection

Caroline, Lucy and Chantel’s Class

My favourite thing about school is the Feto.
Jaxon Montefaro

I am drawing Max Levinshtein

I like to play outside.
Kim Swift

I am running on the oval.
Jonathan Arciins

I made a base with rocket boosters.
Fai Agåuelsen

I am playing hug with my friend
Elliot.
Dusty Brunsdell
Brunswick South West Primary

Masterpiece Collection

Maurice’s Class

RAFFLE WINNERS!

1st Prize
Vanessa Foley
Colleague of Katie Forster

2nd Prize
June
Grandmother

3rd Prize
Anoushka Lenffer’s sister

4th Prize
Tony Phillips
Colleague of Katie Forster
Schedule 4       Notice of Election and Call for Nominations 2015

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of BRUNSWICK SOUTH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on Wednesday, 11th March 2015.

The ballot will close at 4 pm on Wednesday, 25th March 2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Louise Chocholis
Principal
School Council Elections 2015

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
Our school council has 15 members. The term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category (8 members = 4+4). More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- A mandated elected DEECD employee category (5 members = 2+2+Prin). Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- Community member category (2 members = 1+1). Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

To manage its work, our School Council has 4 sub-committees which report at each meeting. They are:

- Education
- Finance
- Buildings & Grounds
- Promotions
In addition to attending School Council meetings, a councillor at BSWPS is expected to be a member of, at least, one sub-committee.

Council has a minimum of 2 meetings/term, each about 2 hours long. Meetings are usually on the third Monday of the month, and start at 7.30pm. Sub-committee membership requires at least the same time commitment.

**How can you become involved?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

**Do I need special experience to be on school council?**

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

**What do you need to do to stand for election?**

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

**Contact the principal for further information.**
SOCCER FOR JUNIORS

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 8 years
- Basic, skills based introduction to Soccer
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3 & 4 year olds
- SOCCER BALL TO KEEP!

Where
Brunswick South West Primary School Gym, South Daly St, Brunswick West

Starts
Saturday the 18th of April
3 year olds - 9.00am to 9.45am
4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
5 and 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
7 and 8 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

Cost
$90 for 6 weekly sessions and a soccer ball for you to keep!

To secure your place, you MUST register by one of the following methods:

- Email - rego@getactivesports.com.au
- Phone - 1300 772 106
- Website - www.getactivesports.com.au

To register, please let us know the location of the program and your child’s details as below. Once registered bring the completed, signed consent form and payment to the first session.

REGISTRATIONS FOR TERM 2 ARE NOW OPEN!

No session on 25th of April due to ANZAC Day but our program will still run for 6 sessions.

SOCCER FOR JUNIORS

BRUNSWICK WEST SOCCER FOR JUNIORS CONSENT FORM - TERM 2, 2015

Name: ................................................................. D.O.B: ......................................... Male / Female

School/Kindy: ................................................................. Email: .................................................................

Phone (Home): ................................................................. Phone (Mobile): .................................................................

Any relevant medical conditions/medication taken? .................................................................

I acknowledge that I am required to stay with my child for the duration of each session and, if required, will administer any first aid. I hereby release Get Active Sports from any liability for injury incurred by my child at the Get Active Sports program.

Parent/Guardian Name: ................................................................. Parent/Guardian Signature: .................................................................

CREDIT CARD DETAILS

Payment Method  Cheque / Credit Card / Cash

No: ________/_______/_______/_______ Expiry Date: ________/_______

Cardholders Name: .................................................................

Signature: .......................................................................................... Amount: $ .................................................................

Please have correct money, make your cheque payable to Get Active Sports or complete card details above.
When is the right time to start kindergarten and school?

Parents have often stated:

'I am happy for my child to repeat prep if he needs to'
'My child will be the tallest prep'
'My child will get bored at kindergarten'
'I coped at school when I started at 4 years of age'

We invite you to explore this issue with Shona Bass and a panel of early childhood professionals who will discuss the question of when to start kindergarten and school.

Shona Bass is a Director of Early Life Foundations and a renowned consultant and author. She works with educators, allied professionals and parent groups across the country in a broad range of topics including school readiness, school transition, children's behaviour, resilience, self esteem, personalised learning, developmental curriculum, emotional intelligence and all facets of leadership.

Shona is the author of the bestselling book for primary educators "Engagement Matters - Personalised Learning for Year 3 to Year 8", and the educational resource DVD "Creating an Engaging and Intentional Learning Environment".

DATE: Wednesday 18 March 2015
TIME: 7 pm – 9 pm
VENUE: Moreland Civic Centre
90 Bell Street, Coburg
(enter via Urquhart Street)
Melways Ref: 17 J12
COST: $10 per person

BOOKINGS:

Bookings are essential as places are limited. Payment for the session can made on the night either by cash or cheque payable to Moreland City Council.

For more information or to make a booking contact the Children’s Services Unit on 9240 2316 or email childrensservices@moreland.vic.gov.au by Friday 13 March 2015.