PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Just a little more than two weeks until the end of term! Lots of learning adventures will happen in that time and a few important parent activities too. Keep reading to find out more!

How much did we make? The Fete Coordinators plan to announce the profit at assembly on Monday.

PLEASE, if you have expenses that need to be reimbursed, or know of a supplier that needs to be paid, bring the account to the office tomorrow or, at least, phone and talk with Amanda Frittolini, our Business Manager.

Some items lent for the fete, eg, eskies, clothes racks, are still to be collected. They are in the hall foyer.

I was reliably informed that the children who weren’t milling around the front of the school at 3:32 pm on fete day were lined up at the sizzler!

School Council AGM will be the last Monday of term, 23rd March, at 6:45 pm in the Library. Come and hear SC’s report of 2014 and plans for 2015.

At 7:15pm will be the Language Forum, which will include information about introducing a language to the Junior School later this year. You will receive a flyer about this tomorrow from your youngest child. I hope each family will have a parent at this event.

2015 School Council Elections Nominations close at 4 pm today.
A Good Day at School  Give your child a good start to the day by:

- **ensuring your child has sufficient sleep.** A good night’s sleep is a prerequisite for a happy and productive day at school. Children who have insufficient sleep are affected differently to adults. For example, they tend to ‘speed up’ rather than slow down. For more information, see [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au) Sleep deprivation

- **have a calm start to the day.** Establish a routine which allows enough time for what needs to be done.

- **arrive in time, about 8:50 am**, so that your child has time to greet friends. (Children don’t like being late for class. This often makes them reluctant to go to class. They are faced with catching up with whatever is happening rather than a calm start to the day.)

Unaccompanied children are not to be at school before 8:45 am which is when yard supervision commences. To exercise our duty of care, students in the grounds before then (or after 3:45 pm), are sent to the Out of School Hours Care Program at their families’ expense.

**WELCOME** to second year Master of Teaching (Primary) students, **Ella Ryan**, (5/6 Mathew), **Melannie Waldron**, (3/4 Barb), and **Phaedra Collins**, (3/4 Emily), who commenced at BSW last week. First year teaching candidates, **Emma Lawrence**, (5/6 Meg), **Erin Barnes**, (P-2 Maurice) and **Madeleine Colquhoun**, (P-2 Chantel), will commence next week. They’ll be at BSW on Mondays and Tuesdays until the fourth week of next term when the schedule will change to full time for a few weeks. The Master of Teaching is a two year post-graduate course. Please make them feel welcome.

**Past Students** Visits by past students are regular and pleasurable reminders of the importance that people place on their time at primary school.

Year 8 students, **Ruby Daniels**, (Wesley College), and **Hope Durham**, (Sunbury Downs SC), met here before the start of the school year.

Last month, Lee, (1971 – 76), on holiday from Darwin, took a whirlwind tour before heading off for a reunion with other past students.

“That’s my old school,” Douglas, the taxi driver told me last week. “I started in grade 1 in 1947. Prep hadn’t been invented then.” He related tales of planting gum trees along the embankment – only one remains; the old cable tram and carriage which were along the north boundary and eventually were demolished because they were infested with rats; the school bell which was mounted on 10 m metal stand in the vicinity of the fake grass and was rung by the Year 6 boy prefect.

Of course, one of the delights of the Twilight Fete is catching up with recent and long ago past students and parents.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis
Principal

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**Weekly Collective Nouns:**

- A clutch of chickens
- A crackle of cockatoos
- A drove of cows

**JARS NEEDED**

Does anyone have any smallish jars suitable for storing lemon butter?

Please hand into the office if you do.
WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE!

AND

FUNKY HAIR DAY

Monday March 16th at Assembly

Only 5 days to go until my locks fall to the ground at the mercy of hairdresser clippers!
I have already reached my original goal of $2,000 which means I will be shaving to a No. 4. If I reach $4,000 by Monday I have committed to shaving a No. 2!

Yesterday, your child would have received an expression of interest note to go into the draw to be 1 of 2 lucky students (one from the Junior School and 1 from the Senior School) to assist the lovely Jade from Hoopla Salon (Brunswick) shave my hair! This has created quite a buzz in the hallways of BSW with already many eager entries submitted! Notes are due on Thursday and I will draw the two lucky names out this Friday March 13th then notify these two students the same day.

In addition, Monday March 16th is FUNKY HAIR DAY which is being run by the SRC! We ask that you be creative and bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation to assist in looking after people with blood cancer and pay for research to find better treatments and cures.
I look forward to seeing a sea of colour from the hairdressing chair on Monday!

Warm Regards,


SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year, school photos will be taken on Wednesday, 29th April.

Each child will be given a personalised envelope for ordering. You’ll be able to order online, or by completing the form and returning it with money. We recommend ordering online as it eliminates the chance of lost orders. BSW does not handle the money.

If you lose the personalised envelope you will not be able to order online but can get a generic replacement from the office.

WANTED!

Lockable cupboard or filing cabinet (with the key.) Cathy and Jacqui, in room 17 have some new laptops, ready for student use in our classroom. We need to be able to lock them up, at the end of each day.

Does anyone have a lockable cupboard or filing cabinet, that they would like to donate to the school?

Please contact Cathy Monday - Wednesday or Jacqui Thursday - Friday. Thank-you.
**Library Grand Re-Opening!**

Please join us on Monday after assembly to read a book, relax chat and have a coffee. Our library is looking very colourful and welcoming now. The generous donations from parents to the school Library Fund have allowed us to buy beautiful books and furniture to make it an inviting learning space. The students are excited and we invite you to be excited too. Fun activities are planned during break one for students to enjoy.

**BIRDLIFE**

BirdLife Australia’s annual shorebird migration celebration, **Farewell Shorebirds**, is on from 21 March – 19 April 2015. Right now over 5 million shorebirds are migrating from Australia to breed in the Arctic – for some that can be a 30,000km return journey! We are challenging Australians everywhere to head outdoors and take part in the Farewell Shorebirds Challenge. Do we as a nation have what it takes to travel as far as just one of these incredible birds? Visit the website, log your distance travelled each day.

Image by Jan Wieser

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**Congratulations to Grace, Emma, Gabriel Banova, Tats, Zoe T, Amelie, Sophie, Alice and Hannah.** They all represented our school and the Brunswick District at the Divisional Carnival last week.

Emma, Sophie, Amelie, Alice and Hannah went on to represent the Brunswick District at the Region Finals on Wednesday 11th March. Congratulations to all these children for having a go, overcoming their nerves and putting their best foot forward.
Masterpiece Collection

Jacqui and Cathy’s Class

Sharks are not allowed in swimming pools.

Me, my Mum and my Dad on the water slide.
Masterpiece Collection

Jacqui and Cathy’s Class

I am playing space attack.

Eric diving in the swimming pool.
YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION

The University High School’s SEAL Program, the Acceleration Program, which commenced in 1981, is the longest running and most stable program in Australia. It has become an integral element of the school’s culture and community.

Please apply for the Acceleration Program via the link on our school website www.unihigh.vic.edu.au
The closing date for applications is Friday May 1st 2015.

The following selection procedures will be used to identify students for the 2016 Year 7 intake:

1. Test administered by EduTest on Saturday May 9th at 9.00am at The University High School.
2. Interviews with shortlisted applicants and their parents/guardians.

The Acceleration Program at The University High School is designed to:

- **Challenge**: The subjects studied are sufficiently advanced and delivered at a pace to sustain interest and challenge the learners in the program.
- **Offer Breadth and Depth**: Students are given the opportunity to undertake a range of subjects across the domain areas and are encouraged to explore special areas of interest to a high level of expertise.
- **Provide Complexity**: The curriculum reflects the capacity of learners to engage in abstract thinking and conceptualisation to a high level.

For more information visit our school website and join us on our Open Day on Thursday April 30th.

You are also invited to attend:

**Open day at the Elizabeth Blackburn School of Sciences EBSS@UHS**
**Thursday March 12th, 2.00pm – 3.00pm**
This is a specialist VCE facility for students interested in studying Science and Maths. Come along to see this world-class facility.
www.unihigh.vic.edu.au
YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION

OPEN DAY
19 April 11 am – 1 pm
Principal’s Address 11 am

Tours every Wednesday 9 am
ph: 9376 1622
www.mountalexandercollege.vic.edu.au

HOOKIN2HOCKEY

CLUB: Brunswick Hockey Club
CONTACT NAME: Eddie Coster
CONTACT NUMBER: 0465 772 273
LOCATION: Brunswick Secondary College, 47 Dawson St, Brunswick, VIC, 3056
START DATE: Wednesday 4th, March 2015
TIME: 5:00pm
EMAIL: eddie-at-home@hotmail.com
WEB: www.brunswickhockeyclub.org.au
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: All players welcome to Come and Try Night: Wednesday 4th, March
Paper Plane Competition
14th March 2015
10am onwards
180 O’Hea Street, Coburg
Certificates for the winners
Mass flying @ 11:30am

The Brunswick ‘Dragons’ is your vibrant local football club.
The Brunswick Junior Football Club is still accepting new player registrations for our Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 mixed (boys and girls) teams.
We also welcome new player registrations for our new Under 12 and Under 15 all-girls teams and Under 15 boys team. Go to our website, brunswickjfc.org.au, for more information on how to register and for training times. Preseason training is on this week for all Dragons teams.

Why join the Brunswick Dragons?
• AFL accredited coaches
• Supportive, friendly and family oriented environment
• Games played on Sunday mornings in the YJFL
• Home ground at Gillon Oval, Victoria St Brunswick

To find out more:
• Visit our website: www.brunswickjfc.org.au,
• Contact our registrations officer: Ali – 0439 390 055, or
• Email to: registrations@brunswickjfc.org.au

YGLAM Queer Youth Performing Arts presents,

Balancing Acts
A circus performance exploring themes of diversity and inclusion for same-sex attracted and gender diverse young people.

Thursday, 12 March 2015
6.30pm – 8.00pm
The Drill Hall, 26 Therry Street, Melbourne

Tickets are free, reservations essential: http://balancing-acts.eventbrite.com.au

Created in 1998, YGLAM is a performing arts program for same-sex attracted and gender diverse young people aged between 14 and 25.

Over the years, YGLAM has produced several theatre productions, short films and other creative pieces that aim to engage the broader community around issues affecting same-sex attracted and gender diverse young people.

YGLAM Balancing Acts is a partnership project between Merri Community Health Services and Circus Oz, funded by the City of Melbourne and the Department of Health & Human Services.

If you have any accessibility requirements for the event, please contact us on 9335 9900 or youthhealth@mcshs.org.au.
A 'No Parking' sign means that drivers must not stop in the area indicated by the sign unless they are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods. While stopped drivers are not permitted to leave the vehicle unattended, which means they must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle. The driver must complete their task and drive on within two minutes.

Drivers with a disabled parking permit may stop for twice the allowed time.

A driver must not stop in the area shown by the arrows on the sign, even if they are picking up or dropping off passengers. Similarly, drivers must not stop along sections of road marked with a continuous yellow edge line, where older ‘No Standing’ signs are being phased out, but they have the same meaning as ‘No Stopping’.

No stopping on a children’s crossing or
Within 20 metres before or
Within 10 metres after a children’s crossing
You cannot proceed through the crossing until all people are off the crossing.

Not to stop within 20 metres before or within 10 metres after a sign indicating a bus stop.

You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb

We all understand that pick up and drop off times around schools are very busy.

Do the right thing be aware and be patient.

Signs are placed around school precincts to protect your kids

Police will enforce breaches of the road rules.
SOCCEER 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!

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.