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Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

2015 Twilight Fete  Congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed to our superb Twilight Fete! As well as being a fabulous social and community event, our fete was an incredible financial success.

The proceeds will be used to benefit your child; they will pay for resources to enhance learning and improvements to classroom and outdoor amenities. For example, new interactive whiteboards were installed in rooms 13 & 17 earlier this year; our oval, which was once either a dustbowl or quagmire, is allocated $3,000/year; the Grounds Master Plan which is being developed will be seeking funds. As you know a percentage of fund raising is needed to maintain the school’s current programs and facilities. The unpalatable truth is that without fundraising and parent contributions, much less your volunteered labour in classrooms, on committees, at working bees . . ., our school would be a very different place. To learn more I encourage you to read the Auditor General’s report Additional School Costs to Parents which you can find at the following link www.audit.vic.gov.au So that each dollar will give, and give again, Council is investigating the installation of solar panels. Our 2014 electricity expenditure was about $17,700.

Come to the Language Forum! PLEASE!

Early next term all parents will be surveyed to indicate their preference for either Italian or Chinese language to be introduced in the Junior School. School Council will consider the data and then make a decision about the
language to be taught at BSW. Whatever the outcome, the children currently studying Italian will continue to do so.

Next Monday’s Language Forum will give you information to help you make an informed decision. Maria Lyon, our Italian Teacher will put the case for Italian. Viola Chen will present the case for Chinese. Question time will follow. This forum is a one-off; it won’t be repeated.

The forum starts at 7:15 pm and is expected to conclude by 8 pm. See slip on page 3

I do hope that you’ll join us!

School Council Our recent election for School Council was uncontested since the nominations in each membership category equalled the vacancies. Therefore, I declare the candidates to be elected. Our Councillors commencing their two year term are:

Parent members: Colin Bell, Sonia Ingham, Ray McKenzie and Stephen Van Langenberg

DET* members: Judy Harrington and Ashley Whitehead

The councillors who are half way through their term are Dean Anderson, Jeroen Kramer, Martin Reeves, Roy Solterbeck, Chrissy Temple, Maaike Wienk and Caroline Wignell.

As its term of office comes to an end, I want to thank our 2014/15 School Council and its sub-committees, Buildings & Grounds, Education, Finance and Promotions. Council’s meetings provide a forum for valuable discussion, debate and decision-making about changes and improvements to many aspects of school life, for example, the School Review. Grounds Master Plan and solar panels. BSW is a better place because of your contribution and commitment. Thank you!

I would like to especially acknowledge our retiring Councillors Kellee Ireland, Natalie Kruger, Kath Navarro and Barb Smith for their recent term.

*Department of Education and Training is the new name of the State Government Department in charge of schools.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis
Principal

Weekly Collective Nouns:

- A siege of cranes
- A bask of crocodiles
- A murder of crows

PRUNING

Kitchen Garden Fruit Tree Pruning

It's that time of year - many of the fruit trees in the kitchen garden need a prune!

If you have the skill, interest or just a decent pair of secateurs or pruning shears, please come and help out this Saturday 21 March, between 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

NETBOOK PROGRAM REMINDER

A reminder to parents whose child has a rental netbook, that your Term 1 payment is now overdue.

Please ensure payment is made promptly to avoid the netbook being held at school.

If you have any queries regarding your payment please contact Amanda in the Office or phone her on 9389 3325.
Calling all BSWPS Poets!

Dorothea MacKellar was an Australian poet who wrote the famous poem *My Country*. Each year, there is a poetry award in her honour. You can enter the competition by writing a poem of your own. Visit: [http://www.dorothea.com.au/](http://www.dorothea.com.au/) for more information. The competition is open from now until the 30th of June.

**PREP PARENTS**

The READING and WRITING Information Night for Prep parents is to be held on Wednesday 15th April, in the Library beginning at 7pm and concluding by 8:30pm. A notice will be going home with all prep students this week.

Chris

**CHILDREN’S BOOK FESTIVAL 2015**

Sunday 22 March 2015, 10.00am-4.00pm at [The Wheeler Centre and State Library Victoria](http://www.wheelercentre.com/events/children-s-book-festival-2015)

Get reading !! It's on again. Soon information will be coming home about the challenge. There will be a form to fill in and return to your teacher so you can be registered to join in the fun.

Happy reading !

Chris

**LATE ARRIVALS**

A reminder to parents that late arrivals MUST sign in at the office please.

**School Council AGM/Language Forum**

Monday, 23rd March

I will ___________
I will not ________
be attending the Language Forum
Number of adults attending: ___________

Family Name ___________________________
Child/ren’s Name ________________________
Teacher ___________________________
Guardate queste maschere!  
Che disegni fantastici….
Questa sono le maschere della classe 3/4.

Have a look at these masks!  
What fantastic designs….  
These are the masks of grade 3/4 children.

Mamma mia! How the term has flown and it seems as though we’ve only just begun.

The children in grade 5/6 began the term with simply revising the basics and writing about themselves in a little paragraph of Eccomi – formulating simple sentences. Whilst the grade 4 children revisited the basics of introductions, days of the week, months of the year, numbers and birthdays, these children also worked hard at assisting the grade 3 children with their transition to learning another language. And what a wonderful job they have done – Bravi classe 4!

We ended the term understanding the cultural differences of festivities by correlating Moomba festivities in Australia with Carnevale in Italia.

The children were exposed to how Carnevale is celebrated throughout Italy and how each region of Italy celebrates Carnevale differently. From Ivrea in Turin where the battle of oranges takes place to the most famous and world recognized Carnevale happening in Venezia with all its magnificent “maschere. “

The children were also fortunate enough to have as part of the Italian program an incursion where the children watched a theatrical puppet performance. The incursion “Puppets and Masks of Italy and the Adventures of Arlecchino.” was an introduction to Commedia dell'Arte and the characters that appear at this time of year in Italy as people celebrate Carnevale and prepare for the big event of Easter and spring. Throughout the performance the children were presented to the characters of Carnevale through puppets and masks.

The puppeteer, Denis Murphy, provided the children with the opportunity to witness the most classic characters of Commedia Dell’ Arte.
I look forward to term 2 where the grade 3/4 children begin working on the Italian artist of Giuseppe Archimboldo and the 5/6 will begin working on a big unit on “la famiglia” – the family.

Also, the choir rehearsals begin next term. A letter of interest will go home with every child from grade 3 to 6, so if there are any children who would like to work with and perform with Kavisha Mazzella make sure you fill out your letter of interest and return it as soon as possible.

I am also hoping to call upon a few parents on a family event that I would like to work on. Until then.....buone vacanze, happy holidays and buona pasqua and happy easter.

Alla prossima
Signora Maria

Following the World’s Greatest Shave at assembly on Monday morning the library celebrated its Grand Re-Opening.

Tea coffee and a chat were available for parents, and during break times students swarmed in to engage in all sorts of fun activities! Some of the activities included: Dr Seuss movies, word searches, mazes, puzzles and colour-in activities.

The transformation of the library includes word walls, new colourful chairs and table, cushions made by students and parents, and loads of new books.

A BIG thanks to the 5/6 Library & Literacy leadership group, and The Visual Arts leadership group for all their help in preparing and running the day.

The library is open:
Tuesday 8.45-9.00 & 11.10-11.50,
Wednesday 8.45-9.00,
Friday 1.50-2.20 & 3.30-3.45
This is a great opportunity for students to read and borrow in a relaxing environment or for families to come and visit the library together. We hope to see you there soon.
FETE VOUCHERS FOR SALE!

Grab a bargain! Last vouchers and KeepCups for sale
There are still a few vouchers and KeepCups left over from the fete. Please contact the School Office if you’d like to purchase one of these:

- A $50 voucher to **Dood328 cafe** on Victoria St, Brunswick - buy it for $30
- A $15 voucher to **Sweet Evelyn cafe** on Union St, Brunswick, and a KeepCup. Value $29, buy it for $16
- A voucher for 5 coffees at **McIvers North**, and a KeepCup. Value $32, buy it for $18

All proceeds to the school.

YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION

**Congratulations** to these students past and present for your participation in the Weet-bix triathlon - Shar Dickinson PE Specialist

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**Dear Brunswick South West Primary School (Brunswick West),**

**Congratulations to TRYathletes from Brunswick South West Primary School (Brunswick West)!**

6 students from Brunswick South West Primary School (Brunswick West) took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at Catani Gardens, St. Kilda on the 8th of March 2015.

These TRYathletes from Brunswick South West Primary School (Brunswick West) are:

- Bell, Ruben
- De Gier, Margot
- De Gier, Tim
- McQueen, Alexandra
- Styant-Browne, Declan
- Styant-Browne, Otis

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon will be returning once again in 2016 and we hope to see you then.

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**Brett Lee**
National Ambassador
Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

For more information on the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon visit [try.weetbix.com.au](http://try.weetbix.com.au)

Please note: these names are students who registered online before the registration close date and may not include those who registered after the registration close date, on the day of the event or whose school name may have been entered incorrectly at the time of registration.
Masterpiece Collection

Chrissy’s Class

This is me upside down – Faqih Gifri

This is me doing P.E. – Phoebe Poletti

This is my favourite thing at school. It is the computers – Hugo Cairns

I was doing pictures in the Art Room – Ruby Brizzi

That’s me in the garden – Malak Nafruk

This is me, Sean, Leon and Amer playing in the bush – Arlo Speake
Brunswick South West Primary

Masterpiece Collection

Chrissy’s Class

I am doing P.E with Ruby and Kiki – Isabella Carr

This is our base. I’m playing with Mohammed, Joshua, Hudson and Marcus – Mounia Has

I like the library because I like reading – Faras Falsamadi

I love painting and art – Kiki Althimatta

This is me doing hula hoops everywhere – Rowan Drummed

I’m doing hula hooping with my friends – Ava Kee
Masterpiece Collection

Chrissy’s Class

I like playing computers with Lachie – Mitsuki Tanaka

This is me outside – Sophia Gough

My favourite thing is the monkey bars – Abby Golding

My favourite thing to do at school is to play bases with Leo, Jacob & Lachie – Toby Aust
THE GROVE CHILDREN’S CENTRE
FAMILY FUN DAY

The Grove Children’s centre is hosting a Family fun day with food, market stalls and activities for everyone and anyone where any money raised will go directly to helping a member of the community whose son is now facing life in a wheelchair.

SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH, 9AM-MIDDAY
38-40 THE GROVE, COBURG 3058
Tuning into Kids!!

Would you like to learn how to:

☑️ Be better at understanding your child's emotional outbursts
☑️ Help your child learn to communicate and cope with strong emotions
☐ Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child
☑️ Teach your child to deal with conflict

Tuning into kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Children with high emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

**Where:** At Merri Community Health Services — 93 Bell Street, Coburg

**When:** A total of six weekly sessions from (10 am to 12.00 noon) on

- Wednesday 13th May 2015
- Wednesday 20th May 2015
- Wednesday 27th May 2015
- Wednesday 3rd June 2015
- Wednesday 10th June 2015
- Wednesday 17th June 2015

**RSVP:** By Friday, 1 May 2015 to Jess on (03) 9319 9482 (jessical@mchs.org.au) or Anthony on (03) 9355 9938 (anthonyw@mchs.org.au)

Please note that we cannot cater for children during this group, so alternative childcare arrangements will need to be made.

**Cost:** $42 total ($7 per session, no fee for Health Care Card Holders)