PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Learning, Take 2  Professional learning (PD) takes many forms but it always involves teachers/staff examining their practice. Further to the regular schedule, (which mainly addresses the improvement goals in our School Strategic Plan 2015-2017 and programs prescribed by the Department), individuals and small groups participate in a variety of programs throughout the year. Below is a sample.

Yesterday the JS teachers participated in formal classroom observation. That is, teachers in the double rooms conducted a maths class in front of two colleagues. A debriefing and feedback session followed. At our JS meeting after school, we delved further into maths concepts and vocabulary, what the teachers and students were doing, the next steps for teaching and learning . . . Later this term and year, this formal observation will be repeated with the participants changing roles.

Assistant Principal, Judy Harrington, and Business Manager, Amanda Frittolini are undertaking year-long courses at the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership. Judy has two attendance days this week. Today, P-Year 2 teacher, Cathy Jessop, is at a program which supports schools to reduce their impact on the environment. After school tomorrow, the Engagement and Wellbeing Key Group will be using the polycom, (similar to an electronic...
whiteboard but includes a video and sound recording system), to participate in a webinar, (seminar via the web).

Whenever teachers are attending pd they are replaced by casual replacement teachers.

**Working Bee**, Saturday week, 2nd May Your help is needed to make BSW look its best. Any time you can volunteer between 10 am and 2 pm will be greatly appreciated. As usual, the class with the most adults at the working bee will win the Golden Gardening Trophy and a surprise gardening award. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 pm. Help in the kitchen on the day, and/or baking contributions are welcome. Students are encouraged to come along and help by assisting with a lunch task and/or with the grounds work. More information will be in next week’s newsletter. In the meantime, do put the date in your diary!

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis
Principal

**Weekly Collective Nouns:**

- A pod of whales
- A rout of wolves
- A wisdom of wombats

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**LOST & FOUND**

**LOST:**
Size 10 **green Kathmandu hoody** &
Size 9 **blue Billabong hoody** with face warmer/mask ‘skull’ design.

Please return to Louis Balmain in Sharon’s class, or to the office.

**FOUND:**
Skateboard—please see the office.

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**SUSTAINABILITY**

Brunswick South West Primary has joined ResourceSmart Schools, a Victorian government initiative to make schools around the state more sustainable.

The office has recently switched to 100% recycled paper, and have been keeping a close eye on everything being recycled. We are now turning our attention to the newsletter.

Currently we print **73 copies** of the newsletter each week. In 2014, we published **34 newsletters** with an average of **4.5 pages** each.

At our current rate we would be printing **11,242** pages of newsletter a year… and we haven't even mentioned about ink.

The newsletter is sent out to over **425** email addresses and we would like to see this number increase.

By switching to electronic newsletters, each family can save around **154 pages** a year.
YEARS 6-7 TRANSITION

On Tuesday the 21st of April, the Request for School Placement forms and relevant information will be sent home with the year 6 students. These forms are due back Friday, 22nd May. As soon as all forms are returned, they can be forwarded to the Secondary schools.

Thankyou
Meg Densley

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Don’t forget to order your school photos. Orders can be made online or returned to the office by the 29th of April (9am).

Sibling portraits and spare forms are available at the office.

Orders made after photo day will incur a late fee.

ENGLISH NEWS

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

This annual poetry competition for school aged children is a unique national project, giving Australia’s youth a voice and an opportunity to strive for excellence in literature.

The 2015 competition opens on March 1st and closes on June 30th.

This year the optional theme is ‘the open door’

For more details go to http://www.dorothea.com.au/

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Mother’s Day is fast approaching and the Brunswick South West Primary School Mother’s Day stall is happening again. This year, we are asking parents to donate homemade gifts (e.g. Homemade jams or preserves, potpourri) that can be sold at the stall. A box will be placed in the office for you to place your donations.

The stall is for students to buy a Mother’s Day gift for their mum/gran/special person in their life. The prices are kept low, $5.00 and under. There will be some things priced higher, usually the homemade things.

The stall will be held on Thursday 7th of May and Friday 8th of May in the morning. The venue is yet to be confirmed. Any parent wishing to help on either of these days, please contact Catherine on 0428080366 or email cpfabe@bigpond.net.au.

Princes Hill Secondary College will be holding a Grade 6 information evening for potential Year 7 enrolments for 2016.

This will be held on Wednesday the 29th April. There are two sessions, the first at 4:00pm and another at 7:00pm.

There is no need to book through the school.
P-2 PE LESSONS

From April the 27th the Prep-2 students will be participating in a Pop Up Play program. This will occur during normal physical education sessions and will run with the assistance of secondary students here on work experience. This is the initiative of two parents from our school. Below is an explanation about the program.

Let’s play!

What could you do with a milk crate, some rope, a giant cardboard tube and bucket? Throw in some fabric, balls, wooden pallets and air conditioning duct and you’ve got a fantastic opportunities for play that encourages kids’ physical, social, cognitive and emotional development.

In term 2 we’ve scrounged a variety of places and found objects (i.e. junk) for kids to have unstructured, but supervised, free play. Mucking around has never been so educational!

You can help - we’re always on the lookout for planks, plastic crates, PVC pipe & connectors, pool noodles, and anything else that can be sorted, stacked, constructed or manipulated. Drop us a line at: melyuan@hotmail.com

Mel Yuan, Dean Anderson and Shar Dickinson

KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

Brunswick SW PS’s kitchen garden is the envy of other schools in the area.

Getting the most out of this fantastic facility requires parents’ hands-on involvement.

For only 30 minutes per week, you can help your child’s class experience the benefits of learning to grow and cook their own food.

A number of classes are already running hands-on sessions for small groups of kids to plant, water, mulch and weed their patches.

If you would like to experience the fun of autumn planting, making compost, feeding worms and discovering the amazing and diverse range of produce in the garden, contact us today.

We can help you get up and running in term 2 with existing session plans. The garden is ready to go with class beds, water and plenty of equipment. All we need is YOU.

If you are already involved, or have an idea, let’s collaborate!

Drop in to the garden Friday morning (after the bell) or contact us today.

Mel
Cathy & Jacqui’s class
melyuan@hotmail.com
0408 783 622
OSHC NEWS
BOOKINGS and CANCELLATIONS
To book or make cancellations, please do it online or by calling the school.
We need to be contacted by telephone to discuss safety and staffing issues by 3pm.
If you need help call Sun Nie Thankyou!

We have a great buddy system!! Each afternoon 4 children are picked to be leaders. They each wear a badge and the children know that if they need any help they can approach a leader and they will help the child or refer them to us!!

Beginning of week: 20/4/15 – 24/4/15

REMININDERS

How to get started before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin.

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 Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday. How much will I save on cost? Call The Family Assistance Office 1300 105 343.

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Camp Australia: 1300 105 343, OSHC: 9389 3329, 0415 312 736
BRUNSWICK SECONDARY COLLEGE

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

YEAR 7 2016

Date: Monday 27 April 2015
Time: 7.00 – 8.00pm
Student Tours: 8.00 – 8.45pm
Location: Brunswick Secondary College Auditorium

Discover information about our:
Curriculum, Co-curricular Program, Wellbeing and Transition

For further information please contact Transition Coordinator, Tracie Eastwood
Email: eastwood.tracie.t@edumail.vic.gov.au or telephone 9387 6133
Managing your Asthma and Allergy: An Expert Panel Q&A

An opportunity for you to ask your asthma and allergy questions to Victoria’s top physicians.

Panellists include:

A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan  Director of Respiratory Medicine, Royal Children’s Hospital
Dr Jo Harrison  Respiratory Physician, Royal Children’s Hospital
Prof Jo Douglass  Head, Immunology and Allergy Department, Royal Melbourne Hospital
Dr Joanne Smart  Clinical Allergist & Immunologist, Royal Children’s Hospital

Date: Sunday 28 June 2015
Time: 4pm – 6pm
Venue: Ella Latham Auditorium, Royal Children’s Hospital

To register visit asthma-and-allergy.eventbrite.com.au or contact the Asthma Foundation Victoria on advice@asthma.vic.gov.au or 03 9326 7088