**Principal’s Report**

Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

**State Education Week, 17th May – 23rd May**

This is something worth celebrating! Please, join our celebrations, if at all possible. The more parents and friends who come, the more enjoyable it will be for everyone.

1. **Monday Morning Assembly**, hosted by our Young Leaders, will launch our annual celebration of state education. Afterwards, parents are invited to visit our excellent library. Have your own story time with your pre-schooler. Before your leave, sign up to be a borrower. You may sign up your pre-schooler/s too.

2. From Monday until Thursday, you, (and parents from all Australian states and territories and beyond), are invited to participate in the second half of the **Parents Victoria Online Conference 2014-2015**. This free event will be held entirely on the internet. Register at: [http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/](http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/). Six topics, with associated message boards, will run for four days:

   - **ACCESS TO EDUCATION** What has been the greatest impact on your family getting your children back to school this year?
   - **PARENT CLUBS** Is there still a role for parent clubs/associations in schools?
   - **SOCIAL MEDIA** We often hear only the negative side of social media use, what are the positives?
   - **ONLINE REPORTING** Many schools are moving to online reporting. What do you think about this change?

The conference will run continuously, with message boards open from 6 am to 11 pm, for four days, until 11 pm on Thursday.

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**Calendar**

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**Family Breakfast**

Thursday, 21st May, 8.15—9am
3. Thursday will be our traditional **Family Breakfast and Volunteers’ Thank You** of delicious, healthy food, with everything provided. The event will start in the hall at 8:15 am. This is an event for everyone. Your help is needed to make it a success. For more information, see the notice on page 3 or use this link to go directly to the volunteer roster: [http://vols.pt/f3MoY4](http://vols.pt/f3MoY4)

4. Then it will be **Open Day**, time to visit your child’s and any other rooms. Your child will be pleased and proud if you, grandparents or special friends are able to visit sometime during the day. It’s always special to have a parent visit. (A timetable of classroom activities will be in next week’s edition)

**News from Macey**  Earlier this year I wrote to you about one of our students who is receiving medical treatment for cancer. Now Macey has written back to us! Her letter is on page 6.


**Mother’s Day Stall**  Many thanks to coordinator, Catherine Pfabe, and her helpers David Clarkson, Elly Davis, Ray Edgar, Jen Gaton, Daisy Grinter, Lenny Nash, Jen Sheridan, Anna Simic, Robyn Stewardson, Angela Storer, Satchiko Tanaka and Christine Soumalis who organized this special event. I’m told that they had help from Lucinda Pridmore and the handmade team who supplied things from their fete stall. Two parents, (at this stage unknown), supplied jams and a previous “lollipop woman” on Dawson Street provided handmade scarves. Past parent Caroline Crouch donated some bookmarks. A real community effort for our mums!

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis  
Principal

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**MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS**

Parents, please can you organize with your child BEFORE school about pick-up arrangements. The office is a very busy place and we cannot guarantee to get messages to your child. If it is urgent, of course you should contact us.

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**LIBRARY BOOKS**

Please be careful when returning library books to council libraries in the area, that BSW books are not included. Whilst Moreland Library post them to us, at other libraries, we are expected to pick them up.

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**PREP ENROLMENTS 2016**

Do you have a prep starting in 2016? Please enrol your child as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available at the office.

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**LOST**

A white soccer ball has been lost. If found, please return it to Wil in Barb’s class.

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**Weekly Collective Nouns:**

A gaggle of geese  
A journey of giraffes  
A trip of goats

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**The Moonee Valley Ladies Probus Club**

knits beanies and scarves for the homeless, baby clothes for Caroline Chisholm and other charities.

If anyone has any left over wool they would love it.

Please bring it to the office.
We are organising the Education Week Family Breakfast. It's on Thursday, 21st May (that's next week) from 8:15am – 9:00am. We hope as many families as possible can make it to the breakfast, as it's a great opportunity to meet the school community – and it's a lot of fun for our kids.

We are looking for volunteers to help make the breakfast a success. A volunteer roster has been set up online – just enter your email and then choose a job.

Here's the volunteer roster link: http://vols.pt/f3MoY4

Most of the tasks are straightforward and will take less than an hour. Please help us out by signing up for a job today.

**ENGLISH**

**ANAGRAM**

Can you work out the items of food or drink from the following anagrams?

Solutions in next week’s newsletter.

PAST EIGHT (9)
COOL CHEAT (9)
A SUGAR SAP (9)

**SAVE PAPER!**

Unfortunately, following our article two weeks ago, there has been no reduction in the number of hard copy newsletters we distribute.

We urge everyone to save paper and money by switching to the digital version.
Effects of alcohol in pregnancy: How do women feel about genetic risk?

Are you:
Female?
Between 18 and 40 years of age?
Not pregnant?
Interested in exploring how a mother’s genetic make-up may influence a child’s development if she drinks alcohol during pregnancy?

Please join us for a discussion group to talk about future uses of genetic risk information when thinking about alcohol and pregnancy. As an acknowledgement of your travel costs and time commitment, you will receive a $20 gift voucher.

See page 7 for more info.

For more information please contact:
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L’ANGOLO ITALIANO

Cari genitori,

A big day for eating, di mangiare and preparing e di preparare is being organised for the grade 3/4 children.

On Monday 25th May, all children in the grade 3/4 department will be making and eating “Minestrone e Macedonia”, Minestrone and Fruit Salad.

All children will be bringing home a note next week, May 18th, informing parents on how the day will proceed and what is required for the children to bring to school. There is also an anaphylaxis/allergy form that will be required to be filled out and returned only if this is relevant to your child.

We are still looking for parents who can come and assist the classes on the day. Please contact Signora Maria, lyon.maria.m@edumail.vic.gov.au if you would like to help out.

No doubt we will be eating like true Italians on that day in true Italian style – a big family.

A reminder also to the grade 5/6 children to please bring to school within the next few weeks pictures of their immediate family members.

The grade 5/6 children will be working on a family unit and we would like them to have photos to use on their family tree.

A presto

Signora Maria

ALCOHOL AND PREGNANCY

Mount Alexander College

Open Day

Wednesday 20th May 2015

Student-led Tours - 9am, 11am, 2pm

Information Evening – 7pm

Come and see the college in action

All welcome
Crossing the road can be dangerous for anyone not aware of their surroundings, even at a school crossing!

Check out this video produced by the Moreland City Council, which highlights the risks still present when using a school crossing.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/rm2h2d8qxim75g0/CALD%20COM%203D%20School%20Crossing.mp4?dl=0

And remember....

**SCHOOL CROSSINGS**

Stop
Look
Listen and
Think
Hello to all my friends at BSWPS,

Thank you to everyone for all of your support. I am now one quarter of my way through chemotherapy. Each time that I have chemo, I have to go to stay at the Royal Children's Hospital. Although, the chemo can make me feel quite sick, there is always so much happening there. I have a teacher, named Morgan who comes and teaches me in my room. There is also Starlight TV, where you can ring up and request movies. They also have lots of competitions and sometimes the Starlight Captains come and visit me in my room, because I cannot leave my ward to visit them. I have attached a picture of Captain Lady and Captain Chops taken when they came to visit me last week. Sometimes they bring a little surprise. There is also an art therapist, music therapist and play therapist to keep us busy.

Chemotherapy is the name of the medicines that are going to kill my cancer. They are very strong medicines that can make people feel sick, so sick that you are unable to eat. I now have a nasal tube that feeds me. The food (like milk but very healthy) is put into the tube that goes through my nose and down into my tummy. I cannot feel it, but sometimes it feels cold.

The play therapist name is Sara. She comes to my room, or sometimes to my doctors appointments and gives me a special bead for each procedure that I have. For example, blood test, needles, chemo, operations and sometimes for something fun, or exciting, like Easter or Christmas. I have 120 beads so far, but I will still get a lot more. I have included a photo for you to see. It is 93cm long.

If anyone would like to email me, please ask Barb for my email address. I would love to know what you are all doing at school...? Sometimes, I cannot reply but I do read my emails.

Bye for now, from Macey
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Don’t yell, move closer

As a busy parent it’s easy to give your voice a work out when you don’t get the cooperation you want from your children.

You know how it goes.

You want your son or daughter to give you some help and they don’t respond.

Perhaps, you want a child to stop annoying his or her sibling.

Or you simply want your kids to QUIETEN DOWN inside.

When your request for cooperation is ignored.

So you do what over 90% of parents do. That is, you repeat yourself. Then if that’s still ignored you RAISE the volume.

‘I’ll yell at them. That should work!’

Hmm, I’m not so sure. Usually yelling only succeeds in producing parent-deaf kids.

If yelling, shouting or raising your voice is a habit you’ve developed to get cooperation then here’s a great strategy to use instead.

Next time your kids ignore a reasonable request move close to them and quietly repeat your request once.

No aggression, just expectation.

It means you may need to stop what you are doing. So be it.

Proximity is a powerful influencer. Great teachers know this. That’s why they move around in class so much: to teach and also to manage.

So save your voice for conversation, encouragement and affection.

Use your body effectively to manage kids.

The key, of course, is to do it.

My challenge for you is to bite your tongue when you want to yell. Take a deep breath (as the Mood Meter teaches you) and move into your child’s proximity. Don’t stare him down. Just be close to him or her.

Keep doing it and the cooperation levels you get from your kids will increase astronomically over time.

But you’ve got to do it.

In future don’t yell, move closer.

Michael Grose