PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

State Education Week: Our Special Week

Government schools are for everyone.

They provide each student with the opportunity to shape his or her future.

They build understanding between people.

They value diversity.

They enrich and strengthen their communities.

THIS and our wonderful community, students, staff, parents and volunteers who make a huge contribution to life at Brunswick South-West PS, are what we are celebrating this week.

Young Leaders, Josie Watkins and Tatsuyuki Tanaka, hosted Monday’s assembly. They invited two parents to recount an experience from their primary school days. Sonia Ingham recalled reading Gulliver’s Travels and afterwards constructing a fabulously tall village out of milk cartons. Philip Carr remembered his school days being somewhat similar to the school in the black and white clip we’d viewed. This, Australia At School. Australia and Your Future No. 4, from the Australian National Film and Sound Archives can be found on YouTube and is a lot of fun. I believe it was made to explain the school system to migrants.

Tomorrow our wonderful Family Breakfast and Volunteers’ Thank You will start in the hall at 8:15am. The official thank you will be at 8:35 am. As always, extra helpers during the breakfast and pack up would be appreciated.

Open Day, time to visit your child’s and any other rooms, starts at 9 am. Students and teachers hope to have LOTS of visitors. They are welcome any time until 3:30 pm. To plan your visit, See the timetable on page 5.
Since Open Day will be teaching and learning time, please, keep any toddlers in your care and, if they are noisy and disruptive, leave the class. Your consideration will be appreciated.

School Days: Education in Victoria features photos, videos, text books and memorabilia of Victorian schools from the late 1800s to the present. This free exhibition at the Old Treasury Building Museum is open Sunday to Friday until 20th September. www.oldtreasurybuilding.org.au

I hope to see you at breakfast tomorrow!

Yours sincerely,
Louise Chocholis

Language at BSWPS

At a very long meeting on Monday night, School Council passed the following motion.

The survey was conducted to inform school council of the community’s thoughts. As the policy making body, School Council considered this data. The outcome of the survey was inconclusive and council will now continue to consider this matter with finalising at an extraordinary meeting.

Weekly Collective Nouns:

- A troubling of goldfish
- A band of gorillas
- A cloud of grasshoppers

CROSS COUNTRY

A reminder that there is Cross Country on the 29th of May - at Coburg Athletics Track from 9:30-1pm. Please return your signed permission slip to your teacher if you were selected.

Shar

ENGLISH

Last week’s Anagram solutions
Spaghetti
Chocolate
Asparagus

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.

SAVE PAPER!

Newsletter printing has begun to drop! Over the last week 3 families have asked to stop receiving a hard copy of the newsletter.
Maurice’s class enjoyed their visit to the Ian Potter Centre at NGV, Federation Square on Tuesday. The exhibition was looking at maths patterns in art as part of Education Week. There was traditional Aboriginal dot paintings, electronic installations and moving images. Students were fascinated by some of the exhibits. The picture is of Sophia in front of an amazing line drawing. By the way, the gallery is warm, free and sure to surprise and delight. Why not?

http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au

Sophia
On Tuesday the 19th of May Maurice’s class went to the NGV. We saw maths in art. To get there we went on a train and walked. I liked making a Rubric’s cube staircase. We had a great time!

Vicky
On Tuesday the 19th of May we went to the NGV. We saw a circle thing, shields and the red, yellow and blue mobile. The teacher didn’t tell us that it was a red, yellow and blue mobile. We went on one train. I liked the red, yellow and blue mobile and the shadows on the ground.

Hello everybody, it’s Hannah again. So as some of you might know, I am going to Perth in August to play in the Victorian under 12 Girls Hockey Team. It is going to cost my family a bit of money seeing as I have to pay for all the uniform (there is a lot!), accommodation and my tickets to Perth. I would really appreciate it if you could support me in getting to the National Championships by buying some raffle tickets ($2 each) organised by the ‘Schools’ Sport Victoria’. I will be selling them outside the ‘Family Breakfast’ on Thursday 21st May.

1st prize: Suzuki Swift GL Auto (includes on road costs)
2nd prize: Travel and Accommodation Package
3rd prize: LG 139cm LED LCD Smart TV (55uc970T)
4th prize: Home Entertainment Package- LG Musicflow
5th prize: Bottle Fridge- Vintec 100 bottle cooler

These forms are due THIS Friday the 22nd May. I cannot send the requests to the secondary schools until ALL forms are returned. Thankyou to all the families who have returned these forms. If you have any issues please let me know. Whatever school you will be attending or requesting a position for 2016, YOU MUST return a form. This is an Education Department requirement.

Thankyou

Meg Densley Year 6 Transition Officer.
RECONCILIATION WEEK 2015
FILM & PANEL PROGRAM

Moreland City Council’s Arts and Culture Unit is proud to present our 2015 Reconciliation Week Film Program in partnership with the Human Rights Arts and Film Festival.

THURSDAY 28 MAY
SCREENING, 8 PM
TEN CANOES
Australia / 2006 / 90 mins / Drama
Directed by Rolf de Heer and Peter Djigirr
Ages: 15 and above. This film is classified M.

A parable of forbidden love from Australia’s mythical past, with storytelling by Australian icon David Gulpilil (Crocodile Dundee and Rabbit-Proof Fence) and starring his son Jamie as the covetous youth Dayindi, Ten Canoes is a ground-breaking glimpse into aboriginal life centuries before European settlement.

SUNDAY 31 MAY
SCREENING, 5 PM
MURUNDAK: SONGS OF FREEDOM
Australia / 2011 / 82 mins / Documentary
Directed by Natasha Gadd and Rhys Graham
Ages: 15 and above. This film is classified M.

Murundak - Songs of Freedom is a feature documentary that journeys into the heart of Aboriginal protest music following The Black Arm Band, a gathering of some of Australia’s finest Indigenous musicians, as they take to the road with their songs of resistance and freedom. From the concert halls of the Sydney Opera House to remote Aboriginal communities of the Northern Territory, ‘murundak’ - meaning ‘alive’ in Woiwurrung language - brings together pioneering singers including Archie Roach, Bart Willoughby and the late Ruby Hunter, and a stellar lineup of emerging Indigenous talent including Dan Sultan, Shellie Morris and Emma Donovan. Filmed against the backdrop of Australia’s changing political landscape, ‘murundak’ charts one of the most significant events in Australian music history as The Black Arm Band sing up the country’s troubled past through their stories of sorrow, anger and hope.

PANEL DISCUSSION, 6.40 PM
FREEDOM STORIES | A CONVERSATION ON AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS STORYTELLING ON SCREEN
Featuring: Natasha Gadd, Co-director Murundak, John Harvey, Producer, Writer and Director and Pauline Whyman, Filmmaker.

Art and film are powerful vehicles for communicating important stories of struggle, resistance and freedom. During reconciliation week, join our panel of esteemed filmmakers and guests as they discuss the nuances and power of indigenous storytelling through film.

Hear from both indigenous and non-indigenous artists on how they have shed light on the indigenous Australian experience, while also respectfully considering cultural sensitivities. What issues do filmmakers face if the story they are telling is not ‘theirs’ to tell? This question, and many others, will be addressed in this fascinating discussion.

WHERE: All events will be held at: Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney road, Brunswick
BOOKINGS: All events are free but bookings are essential. Please see the website below:
CONTACT: cconnolly@moreland.vic.gov.au | 9389 8622
## Open Day – Thursday 21st May

Come 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 day. It's always special to have a parent visit.

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Helping your kids to build new skills

Keeping kids entertained at the end of a school day presents a challenge to many parents, particularly those who are trying to balance work and other commitments.

There’s lots of research that shows that kids who participate in supervised activities – from OSHC to playing sport or even doing hobbies at home – have positive developmental and behavioural outcomes. But it’s not always easy to make sure your child is consistently supervised. And it’s certainly not easy to ferry your children between endless extracurricular activities after school.

That’s why OSHC is a good option for many families. Your children are supervised within the school grounds until you finish work or tend to other commitments. While in our care, they get to choose from a wide range of active games and structured activities, which helps build social connections, resilience and confidence.

Our OSHC team also strive to help your kids build new skills using the My Time, Our Place framework. We start with a profile of your child; things they like and things they’re good at, so we can build activities that will engage them. We also encourage kids in our care to nominate things they’d like to try.

Some of our supervised activities include:

- Cooking sessions where we make healthy snacks
- Outdoor games like soccer, basketball and ball skills
- Homework Club so kids can complete their reading and maths work before they get home
- Arts and crafts

Visit the OSHC room to see some of these activities in action and to see how easy it is for your child to join in.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Camp Australia Team
What’s happening at your library?

Moreland City Libraries has new books, DVDs and eResources to ensure we stay current with the needs of the community. If your child is taking part in the PRC (Premiers Reading Challenge) these books are clearly marked for your easy selection. We also ensure we have all the short listed books for the Children's Book of the Year Awards, which highlight Australian authors and are presented later in the year.

Children’s activities
Evening story times, family fun nights and online resources for learning and for fun are ongoing through the year. The school holiday activity program, including digital gaming, can be viewed online or in the libraries one week before the end of term. Keep an eye out for the new programs coming up.

Toddler Time
A program specifically for 18 to 36 month old children has now expanded to all 5 libraries across Moreland. Designed to enhance a toddler’s emerging literacy skills through song and stories, you can book for the 4 week long program at your library.
In addition, our regular weekly activities cater for pre-school children. Whether it’s Rhymetime for babies up to 18 months, or Storytime for 3-5 year olds, you will find a program to suit your child at Moreland City Libraries.

Brunswick Library
233 Sydney Road
Brunswick
Phone: 9389 9600

Coburg Library
Corner Louisa and Victoria Streets
Coburg
Phone: 9353 4000

Campbell Turnbull
220 Melville Road
West Brunswick
Phone: 9384 9200

Glenroy Library
737 Pascoe Vale Road
Glenroy
Phone: 8311 4100

Fawkner Library
Jukes Road
Fawkner
Phone: 9355 4200