Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

**Reading**  How often does your child read at home? Check the entries in your child’s reading record. So far this term we’ve had forty-two school days.

Reading is one of the most important skills a person needs for life, school and work.

Once an almost universal hobby, reading is under siege from the myriad activities now available to our children.

After the initial excitement of beginning to learn to read, skills need to be honed through practice, through reading enticing “just right” books. Even our most able readers in the SS need to continue to develop their skills.

A routine of listening five days to your child read is of enormous benefit. About five minutes for your prep child increasing to ten for your Year 3/4 child suffices. Your role changes as your child becomes a fluent, independent reader. Regularly ask your child about the current book being read; perhaps discuss the issues raised, the style . . . Your child’s teacher will be able to guide you as to how you may best help. This should always be a pleasurable sharing time.

Remember, time spent at football training or dance classes is rarely questioned. Let’s privilege reading time.

**Reports**  This week I have a few snippets from JS reports and self-evaluations. Enjoy!

**Charlie Denholm** noticed that counting by 3s is a funny pattern because it goes odd, even, odd, even.
Nikolina Stevanovic. At school I am good at cartwheels on the grass.

Thierry Roche-Naidoo I’m good at building cubbies

Vaari Sharma was asked to estimate the number of teddies in a cup. She guessed ten but as soon as the teddies were tipped out on the table she said, I think there are more than ten.

Declan Haupstein wondered how slow does the world go around the sun . . . how space never ends? He said he didn’t expect to find all the answers because scientists don’t even have all the answers.

Elif Saka she counted all the way to school. That was more than 100!

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis
Principal

DO YOU HAVE A CONCESSION CARD?

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested Centrelink concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be $125 for primary school students.

How to apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HELP SAVE PAPER!

We urge those receiving hard copy newsletters to switch to our digital version available on the website:


Once you have registered online, please email the office and advise us that you don’t wish to receive the paper copy. Email: Brunswick.sw.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Weekly Collective Nouns:

- A court of kangaroos
- A tribe of kiwis
- A colony of koalas

Newsletters Printed: Currently 77
My Life Short Story Competition
(Closes 31 August 2015)

Open to students in Australia aged 8–13. Write a short story up to 500 words about your life. Make it funny, gross, weird or amazing. (Tristan will be trying to find a story that fits with the humour of the My Life books.)

ENTRY: FREE

PRIZES: The winner will receive $1000 cash, a set of the My Life books, and win $1000RRP worth of books for their school.

Go to: [http://alphabetsoup.net.au/comps-for-kids/](http://alphabetsoup.net.au/comps-for-kids/)

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**PREPS 2016**

If you have a prep starting next year, please bring completed enrolment form to the office as soon as possible.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Lamont Book Fair.

There was excitement in the library last week! The room was buzzing with children, parents and grandparents. We had an enormous amount of beautiful books from a wide range of publishers. There was definitely something for everyone. The $5 trolley was particularly popular. The Lamont Book Fair was an opportunity to mix and mingle with a group of people who share a love of reading, and also a chance for people to add to their own private book collection. There is nothing like taking home a book with crisp new pages and a shiny new cover. Sales from the Book Fair reached an enormous total of $4622.85! The wonderful thing about that is, not only do our students have some new books to read at home, but the library was able to select $1386.85 worth of books with the 30% commission from sales! Thank you to all who attended and a BIG thanks to the parents who ran the sales desk.

The Lamont Book Fair couldn’t have run without these wonderful parents:

Lara Stockdale, Philip Carr, Mahavi Thoadur, Tamsin Rhodes, Heidi Osberg, Penny Golding, Fiona Cameron, Selina Knight, Sonia Harford, Christina Dyson, Donna Rojas, Yang Song, Jennifer Fox, Sri Eddyono, Vanessa Baglieri and Sachiko Tanaka.

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**SENIOR SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS SHOW**

Friday, 26th June
In the HALL
11.50am—12.50pm

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**STUDENT LED CONFERENCES**

Have you returned your form?

These were due back on Tuesday June 9th. Please return your form by tomorrow, Thursday June 11th, to be allocated a time.
Out of this World' School Holiday Fun

...And we have lift off!

Bookings are now open for our Winter School Holiday programs.

Operating all day, every day during the school holidays, we have lots of exciting activities to choose from – all with an 'Out of this World' twist!

From different times and lands, to outer space and back again... with a little Minion fun along the way!

Some of the activities we have planned include:

- Watching the hilarious new 'Minions' or 'Inside Out' movies at the cinema
- Taking a time warp with the creation of our very own time machine
- Lifting off on a space adventure
- Creating an adventure-ready space rocket
- Bringing Imagination Land to the OSHC room

We make sure that each and every day is different; with a range of different themes and activities to keep kids entertained. As we are an approved childcare provider, you can also save 50% or more on the daily program cost with the Child Care Benefit and Rebate.

To find out what’s on at a convenient location near you, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclub.

Otherwise, feel free to stop by the OSHC room to find out more about the activities we have planned and for details on the closest program location.

We look forward to seeing you these School Holidays for fun that’s sure to be ‘Out of this World.’

The Camp Australia Team