### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

It’s hard to believe it is only week 3! As I sit in Louise’s chair while she embarks on a new adventure, I notice the school is abuzz with activity, but then isn’t it always? BSW places great value on developing the whole child. When you receive notes home, read newsletter items, or open emails from teachers, you know exciting things are happening to enhance your child’s education and help them feel like capable and valued members of our school community.

Last week the students from years 3-6 attended Camp Weekaway. We were very fortunate to have the assistance of some Master of Teaching students mentioned by Louise last week, who go beyond the call of duty to attend our camps. Each time they come back with stories of adventure and evidence of strong relationships built with both students and staff. If you enter the front gate and feel like you are stuck in a turnstile I wouldn’t be surprised! One group of students returned from camp last week, and yesterday some of them departed again for another! 27 Year 5/6 students joined several other schools from the area to embark on a 10 day adventure to Somers Camp. Somers School Camp is organised and run by the DEECD. It is located on the shores of Westernport, 90kms south-east of Melbourne in Victoria.

Our final big event, before the school may return to regular programs, will be the 2 week intensive swimming program beginning on the

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### CALENDAR

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### WORKING BEE—Saturday, 1st August (ALL WELCOME)

- [Brunswick South-West](https://www.brunswicksw-ps.vic.edu.au) Primary School
- South Daly Street Brunswick West 3055
- Telephone 3987 6886
- Email brunswick.sw.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
- www.brunswicksw-ps.vic.edu.au

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10th of August. All children participate in this program whether it is their first chance to receive valuable swimming instruction, or a chance to consolidate and further develop their skills. The media frequently reports on tragic incidents around beaches and swimming pools which reinforce to us how very important it is that our children participate in activities like the swimming program.

An important community event will take place on Saturday at BSW. There will be food, laughter, running....and a bit of good old fashion hard yakka taking place. Yes, the famous BSW Working Bee. Please come along this Saturday any time between 10am-2pm and enjoy meeting other families, sharing some fine fare from the kitchen garden, and making a valuable contribution to our school.

Finally, while I take on the role of Acting Principal, I welcome back Janet Beck whose vast experience and knowledge will be an asset to the school.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Harrington 
Acting Principal

KIDS MATTER SURVEY

We will use this survey data to map the work the school is already doing, as well as consider areas where we can focus energy in the future.

Please complete the online survey at: 
www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

DO YOU HAVE A CONCESSION CARD?

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

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 18 September 2015. Late applications cannot be accepted.

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

PARENT INFORMATION

It is very important that you notify the school of any changes to your contact details. Please contact the office if there are changes.

CURRICULUM DAY

There will be a Curriculum Day on Monday, 24th August. This is a pupil free day. Childcare will be available only if there are enough participants. There is an enrolment form attached to this newsletter. Please complete and return by August 13 at the latest.

Cost is $51.00 for the day.
ENGLISH NEWS

And the winner is... no one!

Sadly, no students entered the competition to design a logo as part of our heading. We will still accept late entries this week! Submit your entry to the office. Your logo needs to be simple and clear. It should represent something about English.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

There are two photos of the grade 5/6 students available for purchase from SchoolPix if anyone is interested. Please come & have a look at the office window where they are displayed.

Cost: $25.00. Order forms available at the office.

SchoolPix usually take a photo of the students in the SRC each year but it was missed this year. We’ve organised for them to come out in Term 3 (Wednesday, 9th September) at 9am to take the photo. It will then be available for purchase.

CIRCUS & DRAMA

There are still some spaces available in the Tuesday after school Circus classes. Classes run from 3.35 to 5.05pm. Cost is $16.00 per lesson, payable in advance. Students need to be 8 years old to attend.

Please see Heather in the office for enrolment.

LOST & FOUND

Lost at camp, a pair of black boots (size 5). They have Max S written inside and on the soul of both shoes. If you have taken them home by accident, please return to Sharon’s class.

If you have lost any clothing please remember to have a look in lost property.

2015 ART SHOW

16TH AND 17TH OCTOBER

Term 3 is a very busy term as we start to get ready for the Art Show. If you would like to join The Art Show Committee you would be most welcome. (Let me know by email.) We will meet four times over the next few months on a Monday after school.

I will also be seeking help with mounting, labelling and sewing as the term progresses. For convenience, folders of work can be taken home to sew, mount and label.

Set up day will be the Wednesday 14th October. Many hands are needed on this day to transform the school hall into an “art gallery”. Please pencil the date into your diary and if you are free to help on this day it would be greatly appreciated.

Thankyou to Lara Stockdale and Mel Yuan for washing art smocks over the holidays. It was much appreciated.

Felicity Kingsford. kingsford.felicity.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Carissimi Genitori,
Dear Parents,

We are definitely into term 3 and working productively.

I’m hoping to have wonderful children’s work from grade 3/4 for display in the newsletter next week. Their creativity and their descriptions of a mystical wonderful creature of “Il Corpo di Fantasia” has been a delight.

At this point in time, I’m working very hard to organize an excursion at the Victorian Art Gallery. If you are a parent that would like to attend the excursion with the grade 3/4 students, please don’t hesitate to contact me at lyon.maria.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Also, the students in grades 3/4 this week have taken home with them their new poesia/poem/song, “I suoni delle cose” in preparation for the performing arts competition to be held in term 4.

Although not all students will partake in the competition, it is a requirement that all students learn the poem/song as they will be presenting their performance to their class peers. The poem/song can be seen on Youtube, www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGbBYw5YMk0 which will effectively assist children with their listening skills in Italian and aid correct pronunciation. Throughout the next few weeks, could parents please listen for the excellent pronunciation of vowel sounds as their children rehearse?

The grade 5/6 students have begun rehearsing for their grand Italian performance that will be held at the school on **Friday 11th September**. This evening will be a family event where we will showcase children’s work on the unit of the family. The evening will be about bringing family and friends together and celebrating Italian music and dance. “La Serata di Famiglia e Spettacolo”- “The Family Basket Supper Evening and Show” will also have a guest appearance. There will be more details of this event to follow but for now if you have a grade 5/6 student, start organizing your family and friends to attend this event. Again, I will be asking for parent’s assistance in preparation for the evening.

Per concludere, lastly, I have handed out expression of interest forms for those students who would like to attend L’Esperienza Italiana. There are a limited number of students that I can take so if your child is interested in attending L’Esperienza Italiana please return your forms by **Wednesday 5th August**.

Alla prossima,
Until next time

Signora Maria
The Moreland School Holiday program information and enrolment forms will be available for the September/October School Holiday Program from Friday 7 August, 5pm, bookings will close on Friday 21 August 2015.

Forms are available from:
Local Primary Schools in the municipality;
Council’s website and;
Citizens Services Centres – Monday to Friday between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.
  - Coburg Offices, 90 Bell Street, Coburg
  - Brunswick Offices, 233 Sydney Road, and
  - Glenroy, 796N Pascoe Vale Road, Glenroy

Please note that the School Holiday Program will not be running from Brunswick South West during the next school holidays, due to works being carried out.
Date: Monday, August 24, 2015

Program Times: 7.30am - 6.00pm

Cost: $ 51.00 per child
(Child Care Benefit is available to reduce this fee)

Phone enquiries: The OSHC number 9389-3329

Program highlights: Please see Sun Nie for the day’s activities.

The following children will require care for this date: Monday, August 24, 2015

Childs name: ...........................................................................................................

My child/children will attend between the hours _____am - _______pm

For your child’s safety all children must be registered with the OSHC program in order to attend. If your child/ren are not currently registered, please contact the Coordinator for an enrolment form.

All bookings are required by: Thursday, August 13, 2015

The cost for the program will be added to your next invoice.
Fee Reductions are available through the Child Care Benefit for families registered to the service. For further information on CCB please contact the FAO on 136150

Submitting this form confirms your child’s attendance in the Curriculum Day Program. Please note 7 days notice is required to cancel your booking otherwise without a medical certificate the full fee will be incurred.

Minimum numbers are required to run this day. If due to lack of interest the day is cancelled you will be contacted by telephone with a weeks notice and no fee will be incurred.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN/ AUTHORISED SIGNATORY________________________________________

DATE ____________________

Notices/Pupil Free day Aug 2015
Dear Parent,

**FREE VISION SCREENING**

The Lions Club of Glenroy in conjunction with ORTHOPTISTS from ORTHOPTICS AUSTRALIA will be providing **FREE VISION SCREENING FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 TO 7 INCLUSIVE.**

**TESTING WILL BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2015 @ PASCOE VALE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

**KENT RD., PASCOE VALE (MELWAY MAP 17 D7).**

Testing will be carried out between 10A.M. and 3.00 P.M.

You may not be aware that your child has vision problems and therefore it is your opportunity to have your child examined **FREE OF CHARGE** to ensure that their vision is clear and, if there should be a problem, the opportunity to have the condition corrected. Many vision disorders are correctable if treated early in life but may become permanent if left untreated.

**Vision impairment is one of the leading causes of poor childhood development.**

Parents should note that this screening service **does not apply to children who are currently undergoing treatment or have already been treated for vision problems.**

**NO DROPS ARE USED DURING THE PROCEDURE.**

At the screening your child’s vision will be assessed by trained Orthoptists and you will be advised immediately of the result of the testing. Should it be necessary, a further assessment of your child by an eye health care specialist may be recommended. **No treatment is undertaken at the time of testing.**

*Please fill in the form below and return it to your child’s school or preschool by Monday 3rd of August. The time you request will be your appointment time unless you are advised otherwise by a Lions Club member.*

**Should you require further information or have any questions please contact either:**

- Lion Dick Tracy 9324 6821 philip.tracy@optusnet.com.au
- Lion Roger Exell 9370 6436 rogrexel@melbpc.org.au

**This project has been worthwhile if we are able to assist but one child to overcome a vision deficiency**

Dick Tracy
Vision Screening Chairperson
Lions Club of Glenroy

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**REGISTRATION OF INTEREST**

Name of Pre School/Primary School __________________________________________

Name of Child: ___________________________________________ Phone No __________

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________

If possible I would like an appointment between the hours of:

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*Please indicate your preferred time by ticking the appropriate box.*

**Privacy Statement:** Details recorded on this form are used for planning purposes only and will NOT be divulged to any other party. This document will be destroyed immediately following the screening.
"I’m amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too."

A mother left this comment on our Facebook page recently in response to our post: "What would be the impact if you did less, not more for your children?"

Lovely answer!

It got me thinking that the joy that this mother took from watching her children develop independence was no accident. Her parenting style played a large role in her children’s independence. All power to her and her parenting style!

I’ve long believed that adults are the gatekeepers for children’s independence.

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop self-help skills (carry their own schoolbags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms); provide them with real responsibility (feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals) and give them autonomy to make some of their own decisions (choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending).

We close the independence gate when we do too much for children (lidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks); rescue them from learning opportunities (take forgotten lunches to school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines) and neglect to build scaffolds to independence (such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport).

It’s a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children’s abilities to the detriment of their development.

Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children’s independence?

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves redundant from the earliest possible age of a child’s life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet physically (Don’t we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!), emotionally (with support, of course) and to navigate their world without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they’ve mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It’s those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won’t happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.

If the idea of promoting real independence in kids enthuses you then join me at ParentingIdeas Club where week in and week out I’ll show you how to raise kids that will amaze you. Find out more.

Michael Grose


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