Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

It's hard to believe we are more than half way through term 3! It has been a busy time for everyone. I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge our support staff this week as it is National Support Staff Week. This is an excellent time to reflect on the important contribution BSW's support staff make to our school. I know how much teachers value their work, so I thought it would be interesting to see what the student's thought.

Amanda:
"She is very important. She always tells me to go out the back door"
"Amanda was brave to have her head shaved."
"Signora Maria talks to her in Italian."

Heather:
"She makes announcements."
"She's a very kind and nice woman and if you need help you can ask her."
"When I was confused about some notes I took to the office, she said don't worry I can figure it out."

Nick:
"Nick does the computer work."
"He is a techspert, he fixes computers."
Maree:
"She is very patient."
"She always helps you out. She's very hard-working."
"She helps during Screenit and she is friendly."

Trudi:
"She is the best teacher ever."
"After reading we go back to the classroom and draw."

Wassef:
"He says 'gidday' to me."
"He's got cool glasses."
"He fixes the computers well."

Ron:
"He sorts out the books."
"He's seen quite alot of Book Fairs."

Kate:
"She plays 'Cat-on-Cat' with us."
"She taught us 'Ship-Shark-Stage'. She calls 'Sailor Overboard' and we all go Aaaaagghhhhh!"

I wish all Support Staff a Happy National Support Staff Week.

"Books Light Up Our World" is the theme for book week next week. Classrooms and library sessions have some great activities planned including story-telling, illustrating and writing blurbs. Before and after school as well as lunchtime library sessions are an excellent opportunity for students to explore their favourite books, or get assistance in finding something that suits them.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Harrington
Acting Principal

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**CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND**

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

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**Lost**

**2015 AFL Football Card Albums**

1. On the 7th August, Eamon Connell’s AFL album went missing from the bag area in the library entrance. It didn’t have his name written on it and may have been mistakenly taken.

2. This week, another AFL card album has gone missing. This time from the oval and it’s got Lachie Minihan’s name on it.

If found please return to the school office.

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**CURRICULUM DAY**

There will be a Curriculum Day on Monday, 24th August. This is a pupil free day.

There will be **NO CHILDCARE** as there were not enough applications.
HELP SAVE PAPER!

This week 3 families with students in Anya’s class have decided to no longer receive hard copy newsletters!
I would also like to congratulate Chantel’s class for having received no hard copy newsletters this year.


Newsletters Printed: Currently 72

ARE YOU MOVING IN 2016?

Please let the office know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending BSW in 2016.
This is very important as we need to plan early.

ENGLISH NEWS

Want to help the World Food Programme fight world hunger and get smarter at the same time?
Use the quizzes on Free Rice at:
http://freerice.com/#/english-vocabulary/1391

For every answer you get right, they’ll donate 10 grains of rice to the World Food Programme.

Emily

Buddy Reading next week across the school to celebrate Book Week. So start thinking about a favourite story you can read or share with your buddy.
Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes early September so try and get your challenge completed on time. That is if you haven’t already!!

Read! Read! Read!

Chris

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

This year, The Core Sustainability Planning Team (parents, teachers, principal and business manager) has written a sustainability policy for BSWPS.
The policy is aligned with the government initiative, ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic, which we joined in 2014. Our facilitator and assessor, employed by Sustainability Victoria to support us as we work towards becoming a Resource Smart School, has been consulted during this policy making process.
The policy is available on the school website for your perusal.

Cathy (on behalf of the Core Sustainability Planning Team)
Carrissimi Genitori,
Dear Parents,

Mamma mia! The term is flying by – Come vola il tempo!

Grade 3/4 students have worked wonderfully well on their mystical creature of “Il Corpo di Fantasia” and I promise to have copies of their beautiful Italian work in the next newsletter or on our new DLJ. The students are also doing magnificently in learning their new poesia/poem/song, “I suoni delle cose” in preparation for the performing arts competition to be held in term 4. Well done to all those children who are doing extra homework for Italian.

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. I’m sure parents are learning a little more Italian vocabulary whilst listening to their children rehearse the poem/song.

Lately there have been many Italian notices that have been sent home. If parents could please ensure that all notes are returned by the due date.

Next week the 5/6 students will be involved in an Italian dance incursion where they will revise a traditional dance and learn an Italian waltz. All return slips to this incursion should have been returned. The grade 5/6 students are rehearsing for their grand Italian performance that will be held at the school on Friday 11th September. Any Expression of Interest forms for this evening should be returned by the 28th August in order to calculate numbers attending and to accommodate catering. 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. If you are a parent wanting to assist in preparation for the evening, please contact me on lyon.maria.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Per concludere, lastly, on a very exciting note, Il Coro dei Bambini – The Italian Children’s Choir will be meeting up with our local vocal artist, Kavisha Mazzella. There will be rehearsals taking place at various venues and at various times from now until the performance evening which will be held at Brunswick North PS on the 4th of December. Children in the choir will be bringing home notes, where return slips will need to be returned to school giving them permission to attend the rehearsals. Please have them signed and returned as soon as possible.

Alla prossima,
Until next time
Signora Maria
"Books Light Up Our World"

**Next week is Book Week.** During Library sessions the children will be immersed in great literature. They will learn about the variety of plots, settings and characters that combine to create great stories. The children will share the books they enjoy and why they do. They will consider why books do light up their world.

** Helpers Wanted!!!**
We have many fabulous books awaiting covering so they are ready to be borrowed. If you can spare even half an hour to drop into the library and enjoy a friendly cuppa with other helpers, after Assembly, it would be much appreciated. In fact just drop in any day from Wednesday to Friday as I am usually in the library. A big thankyou to those parents who have already donated some of their time.

Happy Reading

Chris
The Fete Committee is starting to prepare for our Twilight Fete in 2016. Our fete has grown hugely over the past few years. As every parent would know, the funds we raise are critical to the school and go to providing a range of resources and up keep to our school.

Following on from our recent “Find out about the Fete” meeting, here is more information for those parents who were not able to make it.

Our Fete Committee currently consists of 6 members, who each look after a specific area to do with the fete. Please see the chart on the right for these areas.

This year, we’d like to add a new area of responsibility. **Sustainability** will be the seventh key area focused on working with fellow fete committee members, stall coordinators and the school to think about all the ways we can begin to work toward a ‘Zero Waste Fete’.

**Vacancies - we need new co-ordinators**

Importantly, in the interest of succession planning for our very successful fete, we need people to join the Fete Committee as joint co-ordinators for several key areas.

These co-ordinators will join the Fete team, working alongside the existing co-ordinators and being mentored by them for the 2016 Fete.

We urgently need to fill these roles and any contribution is welcome. It doesn't matter if you haven't been involved in the fete before, or are not sure about the responsibilities - we'd love to talk to you about what's required, so please, if you have any interest in helping out, **get in touch**.

**New joint coordinators required:**

* **Food and Drinks** - contact Daisy Grinter - 0416 215 409 or daisy.grinter@gmail.com

* **Things to Buy** - contact Angela Storer - 0438 166 833 or angelats65@gmail.com

* **Sponsorship and Donations** - contact Elly Davis - 0434 530 249 or elly@edsm.com.au

* **PR and Communications** - contact Renae Howard - 0405 252 623 or renae@goshcreative.com

**New position - coordinator required:**

* **Sustainability** - contact Sonia Ingham 0448 563 843 or soniaingham@gmail.com

And any help always welcome:

* **Things to Do** - contact Catherine Pfabe -- 0428 080 366 or caffab@gmail.com

* **Operations and Equipment** - contact Nicole Minihan - 0412 454 020 or nminihan@iinet.net.au

**Stall coordinators**

We will be finalising stall coordinators and other fete helpers as well over the coming weeks. If you’re interested in being a stall coordinator, or helping out with the fete in some way, please get in touch with the relevant committee member!

To keep our fete fun and fresh and continue to raise these critical funds for our school, we really need new ideas and involvement from you! Please join in and get involved for next year - extra hands are very much needed for this important part of the school's fundraising.

We aim to fill key Committee roles by the end of August so please get in touch by **Friday 21 August**.

We look forward to you joining the 2016 Twilight Fete train....!
The Art Show is only 7 school weeks away!!!!
Don’t forget to put it in your diary. It takes place in Week 2 of Term 4.

The Art Show happens every two years. It’s a major event on the BSWPS calendar. It's an opportunity for you to see some of the wonderful artwork the students have been busy creating throughout the year. The school hall will be transformed into an art gallery! On opening night, there will be delicious food, a bar and music performed by both students and our parent band. It's a great evening.

There is a lot of help needed to make an Art Show run smoothly. Towards the end of the term I'll send out a form asking for volunteers to help with set up on Wednesday 14th and volunteers to help on the night. Stay tuned!

I now have work ready for people to take home to label and mount. Send me an email and let me know the best time for you to collect. Otherwise, drop into the art room and collect a folder of work or labels. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Finally, are there any word smiths out there ???? We need a name for the Art Show. The focus for this year’s show is arts and crafts from around the world. Email me your ideas (kingsford.felicity.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Thank you
Felicity Kingsford.

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 in the school grounds. The nearest SHP will run from Brunswick South Primary School – 56 Brunswick Rd.
Our Story

Community Forum

Living and learning at Brunswick Technical School & Brunswick Secondary College

Where: Brunswick Secondary College
Dawson St. Brunswick

When: Thursday September 10th

Time: 7.00pm

As part of our celebrations of a hundred years of state education at Dawson Street, the BSC Centenary Project historian Lyndel Caffrey is giving an illustrated talk on the life and times of the school, its staff and students.

Our current school community as well as past staff and students are warmly invited to attend. Lyndel’s presentation will be followed by refreshments in the school library, where you will have the chance to share stories, meet up with old and new staff and students and get involved in our oral history project.

For more information, please contact

Lyndel Caffrey - BSC Centenary Historian- Tel. (03)9387 8361
Email: lyndel.caffrey@internode.on.net

or

Lindel Bell – BSC Administration - Tel. (03)9387 6133
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We look forward to your company!