At exactly 2.30pm on Friday afternoon I expect to hear cheers and laughter echo through the corridors as the final bell sounds to mark the end of term 3, and that will just be from the teachers! Although I expect the students will be very excited too! It has been a busy term and everyone, teachers and students included have worked very hard and achieved a great deal. Please ensure arrangements are in place for your child to leave school at 2.30, I’m sure they will be well and truly ready for a holiday.

Speaking of working hard, I was fortunate enough to attend La Serata della famiglia organised by Signorina Maria for the year 5/6 families. It was a spectacular night of singing, dancing, feasting and opera! I even got to shake the hand of Pavarotti and enjoyed listening to some classic Italian opera. Thankyou Maria, for organising a wonderful evening for all.

There are numerous events to look forward to next term. Much work has been going on behind the scenes for the Art Show to be held on 16th of October. This will be Felicity’s first Art Show that she has independently organised. I’m getting quite excited as I catch glimpses of items and hear about some of the fun activities that are prepared. I’m particularly looking forward to the staff activity, you will have to wait and see! Of course there will be entertainment provided by our very own students performing for the talent show this year. Move over “The Voice” here comes the BSW Talent Show!
Yesterday the school held two information Sessions for the **2016 1:1 Netbook Program**. This is a very exciting time for the year 2 students who contemplate having their own Netbook to embark on some of the wonderful learning opportunities available to them through these 21st century learning tools. I believe the highlight of the session was the presentations by some very talented year 3 students in Sharon’s class. The following students gave up their time before and after school yesterday to showcase projects they have worked on this year:

- **Microsoft Office** - Hugo & Stella
- **Paint.Net** - Stella
- **Edalive/Baggin The Dragon** - Declan & Abby
- **Edalive/Volcanic Panic** - Zoe & Stella
- **Scratch** - Declan
- **Pivot** - Zoe
- **DLJ’s** - Caitlin
- **HTML** - Marco
- **Moviemaker** - Abby

I would like to thank parents for bringing them along.

Orders for next Netbooks need to be returned to the office by **Wednesday 7th October**.

On a final note, I have been in touch with Louise in New York. Needless to say she is having a wonderful time. Staff and students at BSW have missed her very much and we look forward to her return at the commencement of term 3.

Have a safe and restful break everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Harrington

**Acting Principal**

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**MAINTENANCE WORKS**

Maintenance works will be undertaken on the Junior School Buildings during the term break. A letter went home to each family today & a copy is attached to this newsletter.

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**FAMILY & FRIENDS EVENT**

**SAVE THE DATE! Friday 27 November**

Special BSWPS family & friends event planned for after school on Friday, 27 November. Loads of fun. Lots of surprises planned! More details to follow early in Term 4.

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**Hi Everyone,**

**It’s Macey.** Thanks for all of your help, support and generosity through my cancer journey. I have finished my treatment now, and I am happy to say that the doctors have given me the all clear. Although, I still have lots of appointments, and still feel tired and sick sometimes, I am trying to get back to school whenever I can.

Thank you all so much,

from Macey & Family

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**House in local area available**

A school family is going away from 6 December until 25 January 2016. This three bedroom house would suit a family needing short term accommodation at minimal costs during renovations etc. We have two rabbits and two chickens which would also need minding during that period.

If interested please contact Bruce or Andrea at 0413 791 207.
In this, the last newsletter item for term 3, a reminder to all students that preparations for the two day Italian Esperienza are underway. The event takes place first week of term 4, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October.

What a fantastic term 3 it has been! Throughout this term the Grade 3/4 students enjoyed a special day making their minestrone soup and completed carving out their “Statua di Davide”, “Statues of David” which will be making their way home this week.

Lastly, che serata fantastica venerdì! What a fantastic night on Friday!

Our grade 5/6 student’s family unit of work concluded in a truly wonderful community event on Friday evening. The evening replicated an Italian community event where community comes together and becomes an extension of your family. There was ample food, entertainment and laughter by all.

The children performed brilliantly, singing well-known songs and dancing traditional dances. They hosted the evening reciting poems in Italian and speaking in Italian about what family means to them.

I would like to thank all of the 145 people that attended and who made the evening an eventful and memorable one not only for the children, but the community of BSWPS.

A big thank you to Sharr and Judy who assisted throughout the evening, and to parents Leonora and Sachiko, who along with Amelia, helped with the preparation of the night. Also, special thanks to Amanda and Heather, who worked behind the scenes on the various administrative tasks.

The evening ended with Pavarotti making a surprise guest appearance and delighting our Brunswick South West families with some very familiar arias. We also discovered that in amongst our community we have parents with wonderful singing talents.

Congratulations to all in making “La Serata Della Famiglia” - “The Italian Family Evening” - a truly magnificent community night.

Looking forward to term 4.
Signora Maria
WELCOME NEW FETE TEAM MEMBERS

Thank you to all the fantastic parents who volunteered to join the Fete Committee. We had an excellent response and have now filled all the vacancies on the committee. Next term, we'll be sorting out the stall coordinators, so if you have an idea and would like to have a stall, please let us know! The Fete Team will be in touch with the 2015 stall coordinators as well. And save the dates!

Next Fete Team meeting is Monday 12 October at 7.30pm, School staffroom.

Next year's Twilight Fete will be Friday 26 February!

CRAFT DONATIONS

Hello my name is Lucinda Pridmore and I am the craft co-ordinator for the 2016 fete. I am hoping to inspire more people to contribute to the wonderful craft donated to sell on fete day. The last few years we have sold many fantastic items, large and small. There are some donated supplies available for you to use, or if you are anything like me, you may have some ‘stash busting’ to do. Last year I also dabbled a bit in jam and chutney making, so if anyone would like to help please contact me on lucindapridmore@outlook.com (note: new email address) or 0435 097 900.

PS: start saving small and medium jars, please drop off to the office

NETBOOK PROGRAM 2016

For

Year 2 students (and current Year 3 students without a netbook)

There will be an Information Session for Parents about the Netbook Program commencing in 2016.

Information Session (Parents Only)

Tuesday 15th September 2015
8:45 am OR 7:00 pm
School Library

Netbook Orders Due (order slip & deposit)

Wednesday October 7th 2015

Netbook Induction & Collection

Parent & Student must attend

Wednesday 2nd December 2015
8:45 am OR 7:00 pm

Students will collect netbook sand take them home until the start of the 2016 school year

JUNIOR SCHOOL FOOTY DAY!

Thursday 17th September
Dress up in your favourite footy team colours.
ENGLISH NEWS

The Andy Griffiths Kids’ Writing Competition

To celebrate the release of *The 65-Storey Treehouse* Students are being asked to knock Andy’s socks off with their imaginative short stories. One lucky winner will receive an illustrated winner’s certificate, signed by Andy Griffiths. Plus the top 10 entries (including the winner) will each WIN a 15 piece Andy Griffiths book pack including a set of signed, special edition Treehouse hardbacks!

Entry details at:
http://tinyurl.com/qz6omje

Entry is open to primary school students aged 6 -12 years who are residents of Australia.

Competition closes Tuesday 20 October 2015

CLASS DIGITAL LEARNING JOURNALS

Check out the wonderful posts about our swimming program at the following links:

Swimming Journals by Chantel’s class

Swimming Journals by Maurice’s Class

Swimming post written by Chloe T from Emily’s class
http://bsw34emily2015.global2.vic.edu.au/2015/08/14/swimming-chloe-t/

Swimming Day 4 post written by Meg from Sharon’s class

More fantastic posts showcasing our amazing students:
Pictures from their buddy reading session as part of Book Week starring Anya and Barb’s classes

Non-fiction writing by the prep students Tom’s class
http://bswp12tom2015.global2.vic.edu.au
On the 26th of August Sharon’s class got filmed doing a maths task by Cam and Reggie. It was all organised by a mathematician called Gaye Williams. She did this for her research. You got to choose if you wanted to be filmed or not. I said I wanted to be filmed. There were four cameras set up in the room.

In my group I had Emilia, Stella and Max. I was in orange group. The task is an open-ended task. The task was to predict how many choc chips go into the dough of six giant cookies made by the giant cookie factory. They have one promise: that every giant cookie has to at least 10 choc chips in it. All the groups said 60 but we said 75 because there’s not a big chance that exactly ten would go into each biscuit.

We tested using sixty choc chips because it was the most popular prediction. Everyone got given a cookie and we counted how many choc chips but it completely broke the promise. We didn’t actually use real dough we used rice and instead of choc chips we used beads. Our prediction wasn’t used but it might have worked.

After that we made our second prediction. We said 80 but everyone else but one group said 66. We chose 80 because when we saw the simulation we thought 75 was a bit too low. After that the bell for break rang and we stopped our task. Next time we get to make real cookies.

Written by Noah from 3/4 Sharon

Today 26/8/15 Gaye Williams came to classroom 2 where we were with class 3/4d. Our task was that we were working for a choc chip factory and they had a promise that every cookie would have 10 choc chips in the cookie. We had to figure out a number and 3 or 4 words. Our group colour was yellow and our group was me, Ellen, Marco and Max.S. Our group thought very carefully and agreed on 60 because 6 groups of 10 make 60. We thought of our 4 words. Marco had a great one it was like this on the paper: 10 in each. After that our teacher was talking about simulations. Our teacher said sometimes they need find other ways to make the dough so our teacher pulled out some brown rice and beads. There was an official from each group. Ours was Max.S. It looked really fun. Our teacher told them to pour their beads and stir for 3 seconds. When our teacher was finished she spilt the fake dough into 6 groups. She then told us to count all our beads in the dough. We counted them and double checked. We got 12 then we wrote our answer. Others got 11, 13, 6, 10 (ours) and 8.

When we finished that, we tried it again. Our answer for the choc chips was 69 because we realised that maybe the machine might accidentally put extra chips in the cookie. They might also have 2 or 3 extra choice chip in the cookie. When Max.S finished reporting the bell went and our class did bell poses. We gave Gaye Williams a very big surprise when we did this.

Written by Sierra from 3/4 Sharon
The count down is on........

The students are getting very excited about the Art Show, which will take place on the second Friday of Term 4, 16th October. There will be a hive of activity at school in week 1 and 2 as the last bits and pieces are organised and put in place for the big event. Families will receive an official invitation the first week back. There are considerable costs involved in putting on such a major event. Consequently, there will be a small entry fee into the Art Show. The details will be on the invitation.

Last week students took home a notice asking for parent help. There are copies at the office should you need another one. Thank you to the people who have already signed up. Lots of help is needed for the Art Show to run smoothly. The more people that can help out the easier it is to put on such a major event.

Thank you to Angela Storer for the catchy name “Around the World in Arty Ways”

Felicity

HELP SAVE PAPER!

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


PARENT WANTED

As part of the Rubbish Free Lunch BSWPS initiative, the SRC Reps are running a competition to see which classes are bringing the most rubbish free lunches. They have already awarded a prize to Chrissy’s class (a beautifully decorated seed box, with a range of seeds in it.)

We are thinking of a prize for the year 3- 6 classes. One suggestion is a cooking class, using some produce from the school garden. We would just have a small group (about six students) doing the cooking/food preparation with a parent. The food could then be shared with the class.

The prizes are only given about once a month. So the commitment would be a cooking class, once a month.

Please contact Cathy (Junior School, room 17, Monday – Wednesday) if you are interested or if you would like more details.

Thank-you.

Cathy

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, cello, here at Brunswick South West Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in Term 4.

Interested parents should call Angela during office hours on 9818 2333

CreativeMusic.com.au
16th September, 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know that the school has arranged with the Department of Education and Training for preventative maintenance works to be undertaken on the Junior school buildings during the term 3 break.

We are advised that some of the materials being removed, such as the building eaves, may contain asbestos. The work area will be closed off to public access and signs will be displayed.

The school has arranged for the removal of this material to be performed by experts in accordance with Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. To ensure the absolute safety of students and staff, a hygienist will conduct air-monitoring for the duration of the asbestos removal works.

Following the removal of any materials that contain asbestos, remediation works, which include the replacement of fascia and guttering, will be completed and I will update you on the status of the repair works as they progress.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter on 9387 6886 or brunswick.sw.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

Judy Harrington
Acting Principal
Around the World in Arty Ways
BSWPS Art Show 2015

Can you help with the Art Show?

HOW IT WORKS:

Set up day is Wednesday 14th October. The Art Show will open on Friday 16th October from 3:30 – 7:30pm and on Saturday 17th October from 11am – 3pm. Tom Nicholson, artist will officially open the Art Show on Friday night at 6pm. We will dismantle the Art Show Monday 19th from 1pm.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Please fill in the form below, ticking what you are able to do and return to the school as soon as possible. I will send rosters home on Monday 12th October.

Your Name: _________________________________
Phone/s: ____________________________________
Child’s Name and Teacher: ________________________________

PLEASE TICK WHAT YOU CAN ASSIST WITH:

- Help with set up on Wednesday 14th October from 9am onwards
- Cook and serve BBQ and other food on Friday night
- Serve drinks on Friday night
- Help with the Silent Auction on Friday night
- Help pack up on the Friday night from 7:30pm
- Gallery sit on Saturday 17th October for 1 hour between 11am – 3pm (Indicate a time/s that suits you: ________________________________)
- Dismantle the exhibition on Monday 19th October from 1pm onwards

Thanks, Felicity
Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

How to raise a child to be a giver

Michael Grose highlights why it is so important to teach your child to be a giver not a taker, and gives five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids.

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. “I want…” “Give me…” “It’s mine!” and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means its something they grow out of...or they’re supposed to.

But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children maybe self-centred by temperament I’m not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely.

There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child’s propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life, a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children’s personal competencies tends to be higher on most parents’ wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material!

Like most facets of child rearing developing a community ethos in kids can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents’ greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1. Expect kids to help
   With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2. Think ‘gang’
   It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because ‘it’s boring!’ ‘We put ourselves out for each other’ is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

3. Don’t let them get away with meanness
   Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

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4 Develop a sense of other
Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. “What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?” is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

5 Encourage giving
During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven’t changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I’m sure they’d say they’d hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well!