Welcome back to school!

The term has started with the usual flurry of activity, plus the Divisional Athletics Meet for some Years 3 to 6 on Wednesday, Italian Camp for some Years 5 and 6 on Thursday and Friday and, very soon for everyone, Around The World In Arty Ways (You should have received your invitation on Tuesday.)

BSW’s Art Show will start Friday week at 3:30 pm. This impressive exhibition of our students’ ability to express themselves artistically will continue until 7:30 pm. The official opening with artist Tom Nicholson will be at 6 pm; This will be one of the biggest days in our school’s calendar so don’t miss out! Have fun and be amazed by our students’ creativity and skills.

A food stall, drinks, a raffle, (buy tickets at the door), and our always fabulous silent auction, (of art works donated by our talented community), will add to the festivities. Each auction item will have a bid or offer sheet. (A person makes an offer by writing it on the sheet. This is the silent part. Each new offer needs to be higher than the one before. As in normal auctions, people can increase their bids as often as they wish, until the auction closes at 7 pm.)

On the Saturday, between 11 am and 3 pm, you will be able to have a quiet, relaxed look our students’ art work! If you paid on the Friday, you won’t need to pay again.
Professional development for teachers, (the work that drives curriculum improvement), has started with a flurry too.

Our Wednesday, after-school meeting convened at CERES where we advanced our own knowledge of sustainability, as well as how to teach it. We’ll return for another session next week. As soon as I have a free Saturday I plan to make a more leisurely visit. CERES would be a great family activity, if you haven’t been recently.

Today Maths Consultant, Kathy Palmer, gave a series of demonstration lessons to teaching teams in the JS. These were followed by professional discussions about what the students were saying and doing.

Aussie Backyard Bird Count To learn more about this event, see the article on page 4.

Admin Officer, Heather McFarlane, will be on leave until next Wednesday. She is travelling to Brisbane for her primary school’s 150th anniversary. Windsor State School started out as Bowen Bridge Road National School, one of the first in the area. It’s not far out of town, a bit like Brunswick is to Melbourne’s CBD.

SCHOOL 2016 In order to make appropriate arrangements for classes and teachers, I need to know the students who will be at BSW in 2016. **If your child/ren will/may be attending another school next year, please let me know as soon as possible.**

I’d like to publicly thank Judy Harrington and acknowledge her fine work and leadership during my long service leave last term.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis
Principal

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**Weekly Collective Nouns:**

- A kit of pigeons
- A sounder of pigs
- An implausibility of platypuses

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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.

**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.

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**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**!
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

A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT LITERACY

“I’m light as a feather but the strongest man cannot hold me for more than five minutes… What am I?”
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

AUSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Celebrate National Bird Week this year by taking part in the biggest citizen science project to hit Aussie shores! From 19-25 October, thousands of people from across the country are heading out into their backyards, local parks and favourite open spaces to take part in the second annual Aussie Backyard Bird Count.

To get involved all you need is 20 minutes, your ‘green patch’ of choice, and some keen eyesight (or binoculars). Not only will you get to know your feathered neighbours, but you’ll also be contributing to a vital pool of information from across the nation that will help us see how Australian birds are faring.

Head to www.aussiebirdcount.org.au to register for the event, download the app and keep up to date with important Bird Count news.
Art Show -

On Friday morning 9th October there will be a working bee in the art room. There are still some pieces of art work that need labelling and mounting. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The Art Show invitation was sent home on Monday. There are more invitations available at the office if you would like to invite friends and other family members to come along.

Set up day is next Wednesday 14th October (9am onwards). Please come along if you’re able to help, even if it’s only for an hour or so. It’s a busy day and many hands make it a much easier job! Lunch will be provided. I will send a copy of the roster home on Monday to parents who have kindly volunteered to help out with the various duties on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Thanks Felicity

CAKES FOR THE ART SHOW

Seeking the help of parents who could provide a home baked cake for sale by the slice with coffees at the art show on Friday 16th October. Please contact Jen on jennifersheridan100@gmail.com or 0467186839

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

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