Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Congratulations and thanks to our volunteers! Our school has won the North West Metropolitan Region’s 2015 Victorian Schools Garden Award for schools our size.* The judging criteria were: introduction, including the vision and attributes (10); student involvement (20 points); parent, teacher and community involvement (20 points); general appearance and use (20 points); special features (10 points); new developments (10 points); grounds facilities (10 points).

The award, therefore, acknowledges the consistent and hard work of the many people involved in maintaining and improving our expansive and beautiful grounds, and their place in the community. These volunteers include: each class for maintaining its yard duty area and garden plot; Year 5/6 students for emptying all the outside bins; the pre-schoolers and parents who sweep the front entrance; the Friday Morning Gardeners who tend the kitchen garden; working bee volunteers for their special projects and pruning, sweeping, clearing drains, and the kitchen crew; the Phantom Mowers and Weeners; Moreland City Council for cutting the grass on the oval; the parents who cook and garden with classes and provide activities for Golden Garden Trophy winners; the workers at the sausage sizzle fundraisers at the hardware stores; the oval improvement team; the Kitchen Garden Group and Buildings & Grounds Sub-committee who coordinate much of the work. Thank you!

Our new developments in 2015 were significant and include: our 10 year Masterplan which had widespread community input; the subsequent footy goal posts and red gum seating near the school entrance and around the oval; the 8 x 8 grid jointly funded by The University of Melbourne’s ARC Centre of Excellence and BSWPS; our initiatives to

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**CALENDAR**

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**CURRICULUM DAY—FRIDAY, 20th NOVEMBER**

This is a student free day
live sustainably, (our Years 5/6 Nature Warriors, our rubbish free lunches**, our worm farm, the installation to 96 solar panels funded by $19,100 of school funds and $10,000 grant from Sustainability Victoria).

Our grounds are well-used. In additions to BSWPS students, Denzil Don Kindergarten runs its Discovery Program in our “wilds” on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; I understand a fourth group will visit in 2016. From early morning until night, seven days/week, community members can be seen enjoying our grounds, playing tennis, pick up cricket, doing tai chi, walking a dog . . .

On 26th November some students will attend the presentation ceremony at the Royal Botanic Gardens to collect our award and to see if we have won the State Award or the grand prize – the Kevin Heinze Perpetual Award. Whatever the outcome, congratulations and thank you for your work!

** Student Placement ** In the next few weeks, teachers will devote many hours to forming the 2016 classes. We take this work seriously because we want each student to flourish individually and as a class member. Some of the factors we consider are:

- Each student’s learning and wellbeing needs
- The advantages and disadvantages of a student remaining with the same teacher and/or same group
- The need to maintain gender balance and distribution of abilities and personalities
- The overall compatibility of each class/teaching team as a learning unit

If there is anything that you think the school should know, please put it in writing to me, by Monday morning, 23rd November, at the latest.

Yours sincerely,
Louise Chocholis
Principal

*Our school won the North West Met Region’s Schools Garden Award in 2014, 2013, 2011, 2008, 2007 and 2005 and, in 2011, the Pink Heath Award for “outstanding aspects of gardening, environmental and associated activities which involve students over a continuous period of time.”

**Sharon’s Year 3/4 class won a recent Rubbish Free Lunch competition. Today they baked rosemary and lime cakes as the prize. The rosemary was from our kitchen garden. I was lucky enough to receive one. Delicious!

**Weekly Collective Nouns:**
A surfeit of skunks
An escargatoire of snails
A host of sparrows

**DON’T FORGET CURRICULUM DAY**
FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER
No students please

**BIKE SHED**
The bike shed has about 10 bikes stored in it that haven’t been used for some time.

If you have left a bike there in the past & forgotten about it, can you please remove it as soon as possible.

**KIDS MATTER LAUNCH**
On Monday, the Engagement and Wellbeing team launched KidsMatter to the school community. This is an accredited whole school approach to children’s wellbeing. It provides tools and support to help schools, parents, carers and the wider community nurture happy, balanced kids. Facts sheets will be included in the newsletter each week to provide parents and carers with important information about KidsMatter.
## LIMERICK POEMS

Written by students in Chrissy and Carly’s Class

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<td>There once was a witch and her broom, She used her broom to go zoom, She flew to a farm, Put on some lip balm, And said I will go ka-boom! <strong>Emile</strong></td>
<td>There once was a ghost called Caoimhe, And she had a pet beaver, They went on a broom, And went zoom And then the beaver got a fever. <strong>Sveta</strong></td>
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<td>There once was a freaky devil, Who sat on the scary level, He had a big bum, Which was a bit dumb, He had a friend whose name was Nevil. <strong>Ari</strong></td>
<td>There once was a werewolf named Fred, And he led his way to bed, And he was very deaf, And his grandson is called Jeff, And now he’s lying dead. <strong>Henry</strong></td>
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<td>There once was a yellow ghost, Who liked to steal the post, She did some art, And then did a big fart, Then she started to boast. <strong>Emily</strong></td>
<td>There once was a stinky devil, He sat on the small pebble, He had a pink bum, Which was a bit dumb, And he likes to shop at Rebel. <strong>Lachie</strong></td>
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### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Moreland School Holiday program information and enrolment forms will be available for the January 2016 School Holiday Program from **Friday 6 November 2015, 5pm**, bookings will close on Friday 20 November 2015.

**Forms are available from:**
- Local Primary Schools in the municipality; (afters)
- 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

If you have difficulty accessing the information and enrolment forms or general queries, please contact Council on Ph: 9240 1111.
LIBRARY NEWS

Our library has a great selection of non-fiction books for borrowing. Each month we receive new additions to add to our collection. Below is a little bit about some of these.

“Wacky New Animals” by Heather Montgomery. New species of animals are uncovered all the time. This book is filled with the wackiest new animal discoveries and they are waiting for you to read all about them. Amphibious caterpillars, Duiker the scuba diving antelope and the hot pink dragon millipede are just a few featured in this amazing book.

“Spotlight on Japan” by Bobbie Kalman. Did you know that Japan is a country made up of 6,852 islands! The Japanese call their country Nippon which means “Land of the Rising Sun.” You can find more interesting information when you borrow this book.

OVERDUE BOOKS

Information was given out to children last week and will continue this week. Please check at home for any library books and return them as soon as possible. Any problems please pop into the library.

Happy Reading,
Chris

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

Thanks to all for the great job weeding and cleaning up in the kitchen garden at the working bee.

To take advantage of the cleared vegetable beds and Spring, a planting morning is planned for this Friday (13th November), which will try and involve as many classes as possible, depending on teachers plans.

Please meet in the garden around 9am. There are lots of seedlings, and any avid seed raisers are encouraged to bring along any surplus seedlings you have at home.

ALITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT LITERACY

Check out the Turtle Diary website for some fun reading and writing activities! http://www.turtlediary.com/

FOR SALE

Odyssey Space saver bed - solid bunk with desk/work station, wardrobe and drawers.

Excellent condition, disassembled - just need to pick up and assemble.

No photo ..simply Google Odyssey Space Saver for images and dimensions... Roughly 2m high 2.5 long...$400

Please call Sharon 0412 227 634 Can help to arrange assembly
Moreland City Libraries

Children and youth services

Term 4, 2015 newsletter

Exciting news for Term 4
The last term of school means Christmas and the holidays are just around the corner. To add to the enjoyment of the holidays, Moreland City Libraries have the Christmas storybooks, CD’s and DVD’s ready for you to enjoy.

Summer Reading Safari
A holiday program for school aged children has been developed by the children’s team. The ‘Summer Reading Safari’ will run from the 1st of December until the end of January 2016. Information on local pools, parks and playgrounds, a reading log and a quiz, are just some of the features of the program. Pick up a Safari booklet in December! The Safari will conclude with a performance of ‘Welcome to the Jungle’ by Carp Productions at the Coburg library in early February.

Booking Children’s activities
Once again there will be the January holiday activities for your child at your local Moreland library. The activities, including digital gaming, can be viewed and places booked through the eventbrite.com.au website. Make sure you book your school aged child in to ensure they have a reserved place. Bookings will go online from late December.

Brunswick Library
233 Sydney Road
BRUNSWICK VIC 3058
Phone: 9389 8800

Campbell Turnbull Library
220 Melville Road
WEST BRUNSWICK VIC 3055
Phone: 9384 9200

Coburg Library
Corner Louisa and Victoria Streets
COBURG VIC 3058
Phone: 9353 4000

Glenroy Library
737 Pascoe Vale Road
GLENROY VIC 3046
Phone: 8311 4100

Fawkner Library
77 Jukes Road
FAWKNER VIC 3060
Phone: 9355 4200

COME & TRY SOCCER DAY

• DAREBIN WOMEN’S SPORTS CLUB •

Sunday November 22nd
A.H.Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston
9.30 – 11.00am

Darebin Falcons will run soccer for girls from 4 years old to Under 16s for the 2016 season.

Get active, make friends, have fun...try soccer!

New Under 16’s team in 2016
falcon.org.au

For more information contact
soccer@ladies.org.au

JOIN A GREAT COMMUNITY CLUB
YOULDEN PARKVILLE CRICKET CLUB
YPCC Ryder Oval, Paul Street, Parkville, Melbourne (Melways ref: A5 F1)

Junior Program [boys & girls teams]:
Under 10s, 12s, 14s & 16s Junior Competition
Training starts Wed 30th September
Milo in Cricket for 3-6 yrs.
Starting Wed 14th October 4:30–5:30pm at Ryder Oval

To Register
Beginner Milo Programs (3-8yrs):
1. go to: playcricket.com.au
2. Click ‘where can I play?’ and enter ‘Youlden’
3. Click ‘Register’ and play on-line. It’s easy.

Miniroos Registration Day

DATE: 20TH NOVEMBER 2015 TIME: 6:30PM
LOCATION: DUNSTAN RESERVE,
22C PEACOCK STREET, BRUNSWICK WEST

TEAMs
Cosmacks Hill Soccer Club will be holding a registration day for all sub junior teams. This includes the following teams:
• under 7
• under 8
• under 9
• under 10
• under 11
• under 12
• under 13
• under 14
• under 15
• under 16
• under 18

PROGRAM
On the day the club will present on the following:
• Introduction of Sub Junior Technical Director Sebastian Szczesniak
• Football Brain development program (methodical developing 6 week cycle program)
• Coaches education program
• Activities and games will be organised on the day including Mini games

REGISTRATION DETAILS
The club will limit teams for 2016 in order to maximise the benefits of the program. A $50.00 deposit will be required on the day to secure your spot for 2016.

BSC ARTS & DESIGN EXHIBITION 2015
TEXTILES, WOOD, VCD AND STUDIO ARTS
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19
5:00-7:00PM
F BLOCK
FOOD, PRIZES & LIVE MUSIC AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT!
SCHOOL PICNIC

Come and join the school community for a family picnic on the oval on:

Friday, 27th November
5:00—7.30pm
BYO everything!

Come along & listen to our fabulous parent band
Organised games & sporting activities for students by Camp Australia

South Daly Street, Brunswick West—Ph 9387 6886
Email: Brunswick.sw.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Brunswick South-West Primary School

FETE BUZZ 2016

Do you remember the beginning of the year??? We started it with a great big party! The planning is well underway for the 2016 party of the year – our Twilight Fete!

The volunteer ethos of our school is amazing! Everyone gives the time and energy they are able to and our kids benefit as a result. The funds raised at this year’s fete were spent on:

⭐️ 1/2 school’s cost of the solar panels
⭐️ 9 laptops for Junior School to enhance ICT capabilities
⭐️ School oval development
⭐️ Extra allocation for home reading books
⭐️ Maths Checkerboard Project
⭐️ Pads for the new goal posts.

CURRENT VACANCIES TO BE FILLED

FOOD & BEVERAGES
With families moving on from our school we have some vacancies to fill on the FUN and FANTASTIC Food & Beverages Team . . .

CURRY STALL COORDINATOR: This stall is famous – people come from all over town to enjoy the BSWP’s curries. The secret recipes will be available – all you need is a sense of adventure and time to coordinate a MASSIVE curry cook up!

SNO CONE SET UP: Do you love keeping busy? Does it warm your heart to see the smiling faces of young children? Then we need your help setting up and overseeing our sno cone stall this year.

FOOD DONATIONS: Are you a people person? Do you spend time strolling around our local community? Each year we have a number of wonderful local businesses that donate food and produce to our fete. We are seeking someone willing to liaise with these local businesses and coordinate their donations and offers.

AND

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW AND DELICIOUS FOOD STALL IDEAS
If you would be interested in coordinating a stall and have an idea, send me through an email

For more information or to discuss any of these roles further without obligation, please email Daisy Grinter (mum of Immy in Chrissy’s class & Ruby in Damien’s class) daisy.grinter@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIP & DONATIONS

DO YOU LIKE PREPARING & WRAPPING GIFTS?
WE NEED A RANGE OF HELPERS IN THE SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS AREA.

HAMPER COORDINATOR: If you love organizing and wrapping gifts, this role is for you. During the fortnight leading up to the fete, you would sort donations into appropriate groups for hampers and oversee the wrapping.
Time required: Must be available in the last two weeks of February, during school hours, for several hours a day for 3-4 days.

HAMPER AND GIFT WRAPPERS: The more the merrier! If you like wrapping, and can help the week of the fete to wrap, please let us know.
Time required: 1-2 hour stints in the week prior to the fete - either during school hours or join the ‘After Hours’ session planned for either Saturday 20/2 or Sunday 21/2!

RAFFLE HELPER: The raffle is an exciting part of the fete. We are looking for someone to learn the “ropes” of the raffle. You will need to help source prizes, ticket production and liaise with Natalie (who is overseeing collection of the tickets). Can easily be done from home.
Time required: Short bursts of 1-2 hours here and there in November and December. One afternoon (3 hours) to help collect tickets.

LUCKY BAG COORDINATOR: Each year the Lucky Bags are among the first things to sell out. We need a new coordinator for 2016 as Tamsin has stepped aside. Thanks for all your efforts, Tamsin.
Role description: Coordinate decoration of paper bags by children (liaising with teachers); periodic emptying of the donations box in December and February; coordinate session to pack the bags; oversee stall on Fete night.
Time commitment: 1-3 hours over December, 4-6 hours in fortnight before Fete (including packing session); Fete night.

For more information or to discuss any of these roles, please contact Ely Davis on 0434 530 249 or email elly@edsm.com.au

WE NEED YOU

Spread the word. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/BSWPSTwilightFair
You’ll find information on everything Fete related, plus links to many of the local businesses that have generously donated their goods and services. Like and share us on facebook and help the BSWP’s Twilight Fete become a great success.
Welcoming families to KidsMatter Primary

What does it mean to be a KidsMatter Primary school?
We know that mental health and wellbeing is very important for children's learning and development. Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with their families, friends and school staff. KidsMatter Primary helps schools to support children’s mental health and wellbeing by bringing together the important people in a child’s life: their family, their school and the wider school community. KidsMatter Primary recognises that the members of a child's family are the most important people in their life, so the initiative provides information for families and encourages schools to involve families in planning and activities and provide opportunities for them to get to know each other.

What does KidsMatter Primary look like at school?
The way that KidsMatter Primary works varies from school to school. KidsMatter Primary is not a program that schools work through from beginning to end. It’s more about developing a positive school community and culture where support for children’s mental health is promoted and the whole school community is involved in planning and strategies to support children’s mental health and wellbeing.

As mentioned in the video, schools work through four components on their KidsMatter journey. Each component focuses on a different area that research has shown to be important for children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Component 1: Positive school community
Helps schools to focus on building a positive school community where children, families and school staff feel like they belong, have a voice and can contribute to the school.

Component 2: Social and emotional learning for students
Focuses on teaching students the social and emotional skills they need to develop friendships with peers and build strong relationships with their families and school staff. Component 2 also focuses on helping children to understand and respond appropriately to their own emotions and those of others.

Component 3: Working with parents and carers
Focuses on helping families and schools work together to support children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Component 4: Helping children with mental health difficulties
Helps schools to focus on assisting children who are experiencing mental health difficulties and their families.
How does KidsMatter Primary help the whole school community?

It’s not just children who benefit from KidsMatter Primary. The whole school community benefits when schools make mental health and wellbeing a priority.

KidsMatter Primary helps families too. KidsMatter Primary schools build positive relationships with families so that they can work together to support children. A KidsMatter Primary school is also a place where families can connect with each other and seek support for their children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Can I be involved in KidsMatter at my child’s school?

Families are an important part of KidsMatter Primary and can be involved in many different ways. For example, planning and participating in school activities and providing valuable information about your child’s mental health and wellbeing to school staff. These questions might be useful when talking to your child’s school about KidsMatter Primary:

- Where is the school up to in its KidsMatter journey?
- How can I become involved in KidsMatter Primary at the school?
- Is there a parent representative on the Action Team? If so, who are they?
- How will my child be involved in KidsMatter Primary?
- What will KidsMatter Primary look like and how will it work at the school?
- Who can I talk to about my child if I have any concerns about their mental health and wellbeing?

The KidsMatter journey in a school

One of the first things that a school does when it starts KidsMatter Primary is to put together an Action Team that is responsible for coordinating KidsMatter Primary at the school. The Action Team consists of a diverse group of members of the school community, including families, who are encouraged to contribute to KidsMatter Primary at their school.

The Action Team will guide the school through a review of each of the four components. This involves surveying school staff and families to find out what’s most important to them when it comes to supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing. This information is then used to develop the school’s KidsMatter Primary Action Plan, which includes strategies for sustained improvement over time.

Other resources

KidsMatter has a collection of online resources about children’s mental health and wellbeing that parents and carers might find useful, including information about family relationships, managing children’s behaviour and friendships in childhood:

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families

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