**Principal's Report**

Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Only eight more sleeps, and the excitement is palpable. Reports, which go home today, and Monday’s special assembly will complete the official end-of-the-year activities, except Graduation for Year 6 next Wednesday. Between now and 2.30 pm Friday week, the goal is for everyone to revel in joyous high spirits, without any mishaps, after a year of hard work and at the approaching holidays.

My favourite 2015 memories are: *Around the World in Arty Ways*, the first exhibition with our art teacher, Felicity Kingsford; the development of the Digital Learning Journals; the introduction of the *KidsMatter* program to support our students’ wellbeing and mental health; our sustainability initiatives, such as rubbish free lunches and the installation of solar panels; the preparations for Chinese language classes in 2016; and, best of all, our incredible students.

I see them in my mind’s eye, at work and play, Foundation to Year 6, alone, with others. They are thoughtful and caring of each other, those in need, near and far, and our planet. They are inspirational and give me confidence in the future.

(Please, over the holidays, share a book with your child. Even better, go to your local library and borrow an armful of books, and then return in a
couple of weeks to select another supply. If for no other reason*, this will help your child maintain the skills acquired this year.)

**Class Practice** Next Tuesday, our Prep to Year 5 students will have a session in their 2016 classes. As I mentioned some weeks ago, teachers invest enormous thought, care, time and energy into arranging classes. We want the best learning groups possible, ones that support each child’s wellbeing, intellectual, social and physical growth.

A new class provides new opportunities, for work and play, a chance to extend beyond the comfort of the known in a supportive environment. While change can be unsettling, your child’s teacher, whatever the year level, is confident of your child’s ability to meet the challenge. As well, each challenge that your child negotiates strengthens the self-belief necessary to manage future change.

Before home time on Tuesday, 2016 class lists for Years 1 to 6 will be placed on the Library windows and RB glass entrance opposite room 4.

**Our beautiful grounds** Please, use our wonderful grounds during the holidays. They are a community asset and your presence will encourage the appropriate use of our facilities.

If you witness people causing wilful damage, call the police immediately, please.

**Class of 2015** On behalf of the staff and School Council, I would like to congratulate our Year 6 students. We wish them well in all their endeavours and look forward to hearing from them in the future.

**Our Transferees** I extend our best wishes to our other students who, next year, will be attending new schools, near and far, in Melbourne, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Canada.

**Our Departing Families** Community involvement is major strength of BSWPS; it adds immeasurably to school life. Some families will move on to high school next year and 7 other families will move out of the area. Their involvement will be missed but they leave behind a tradition of service which makes me confident that others will fill the space.

On behalf of the whole community, I would like to thank our departing families for their support during their time here and the part they’ve played in our success. We look forward to seeing you, perhaps at our fete or art show, or merely enjoying our grounds.

I want to especially acknowledge and thank Ray McKenzie, School Councillor for 6 years and its President for the last four. In addition to his enormous contribution to BSW, on a personal level, Ray’s wise counsel has been invaluable to me in my role as principal. Ray, I thank you.

Similarly, I want to acknowledge and thank Tim Grundy for his nine years of service, especially related to the oval. Under Tim’s agency, the dustbowl/quagmire has been transformed into a viable oval. Thank you, Tim.

**Our Parents and Volunteers** Many, many thanks to our wonderful parents and community members for all the assistance you have provided. Our partnership is an essential element of this great state school. Thank you for your wonderful support.

**Staff** Recently I wrote about our departing staff, Damien Collins, Emily Benson, Mathew Quivooy and Tom Hillbrich. On behalf of BSW, I would like to thank them and extend our best wishes.

To my colleagues, the outstanding BSW staff, thank you. Your dedication, professional expertise and commitment to continually improve our programs are pivotal to our school’s success. I’m proud to work with you.

**Finally, I wish you all an enjoyable and safe holiday season, with good health and happiness throughout 2016.**

Until next year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis
Principal

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**Weekly Collective Nouns:**
- A rafter of turkeys
- A turn of turtles
- A huddle of walruses

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**2015 SCHOOL FEES**

Please finalise outstanding 2015 school fees by Wednesday 16th December,

Payments can be made via BPay, EFT or Cash. Please note we cannot give change at the office.
ART ROOM

Is anyone able to help out with washing art smocks?

Felicity
( kingsford.felicity.j@edumail.vic.gov.au )

MATHS MOVIE HOUR

The Maths Movie Hour has been rescheduled for Monday, 14th December at 12:45pm.

All are welcome. Parent/families entries on the “Favourite Numbers” theme are welcome.

Maurice Ryan.

A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT LITERACY

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

It's that time of year for the stocktaking and mainaintence of the resources in our library. Please ensure that all books, tapes and CD's are returned to the library as soon as possible.

We will be sending home overdue notices again this week. Please see Judy, Ron or myself if you have queries around returns. I will open the library on Friday morning before and after school this week.

Thank you Chris
Happy Reading!

CIRCUS & DRAMA

Have you re-enrolled and paid for Term 1 2016? Please do so by the end of this week.

First classes are Monday, 8th & Tuesday, 9th February.

There are vacancies if anyone would like to enrol their child. Classes are held Mondays & Tuesday's from 3.35 till 5.05pm. $16.00 per lesson, payable each term. Students must be 8 to attend.

SHORT WORKING BEE IN THE KITCHEN GARDEN

12th December 10am-12pm

We thought it would be a good idea to 'mulch up' and tidy up before the Christmas break. If you have a couple of spare hours on Saturday 12th December, we would really appreciate your help.

Although we have a watering system in the kitchen garden, some areas will need extra watering through the holidays. Please let us know if you are able to do a stint on the roster, even if it is only a few days.( Contact a.lenffer@gmail.com or kingsford.felicity.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or paulandcasey@hotmail.com )

Garden Group
Tassie Devil Bake Sale!
After school this Thursday, 10 December
Bring gold coins, buy yummy treats and help us raise money for saving Tassie Devils.
Fancy helping? Speak to Ruby Mae Ruse (prep, Room 20)
or call Rosie Nicholson, 0400 760 889

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 1, 2016.

Interested parents should call Angela during office hours on 9818 2333

Carols by the Lake
Saturday
12 December 2015
6 pm – 10 pm
Coburg Lake Reserve
Murray Road, Coburg

Join us for this FREE Christmas concert featuring entertainment and activities for the whole family.

For more information phone 9240 1111 or visit moreland.vic.gov.au
This FRIDAY……

The 2015 SRC are very pleased to announce School is sweet……

Compared to other kids around the world we are **so lucky** to have a school! And a great school at that!!

**This Friday** we invite **you** to buy an ice cream/ sorbet at our SRC ice-cream stall FOR JUST

$3

Profits raised from our stall will go towards-

**Helping children in Nepal get to school after the devastating earthquakes**

Since earthquakes hit Nepal in April and May 2015, **UNICEF** has delivered an urgent humanitarian response for children in the hardest hit regions. They are helping thousands of students to continue their education during this crisis but thousands more need more help.

****Please note ANY STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIES ARE INVITED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OWN SPECIAL TREATS AND SHARE IN THE FUN.

**DIXIE CUP FLAVOURS WILL INCLUDE:**

Ice-cream-vanilla & chocolate
Sorbet- strawberry, mango and lemon (lactose and fructose free)

If you have any questions see Caroline or your helpful SRC.

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**NOTICE**

Kath & Herby Mackey (grandparents of Cooper & Nelleke Mackey) are looking for a house/s to sit from January 2016 (doesn’t matter about house style or pets). If you are looking for house sitters, call Andy 0432 316 375.

Thank you.

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**BSWPS House Band**

It’s that time and the band is at it again getting ready for next year’s Fete. As usual we are on the lookout for new members who want to join in the fun.

If performing at the Fete sounds like something you would like to do, or if you just want to play some music with likeminded people then why not come along for rehearsals and join in the fun.

For further information, contact David on cpfabe@bigpond.net.au
Junior School Choir

The Junior School Choir has been meeting every Friday in term 3 and 4. We have been singing many songs and having lots of fun. One of the songs we have been singing is “My Favourite Things”. We then wrote our own version of the song. Here it is!

**My Favourite Things**
By Junior School Choir

Pink baby ponies and soft woolen blankets
Diaries that sparkle and stickers that pop out
Blue birds that fly with sunlight on their wings
These are a few of my favourite things.

Presents you get for Christmas and Birthdays
Zombies and T-Rexs that are chasing each other
Somebody strumming the guitar strings
These are a few of my favourite things.

Snow coloured vultures and skating on ice
Christmasy noses and smelly old toeses
Parrots that scream and cockies that sing
These are a few of my favourite things.

When I get stuck
When the sky rains
When I’m feeling mad
I simply remember my favourite things
And then I don’t feel SO BAD!!

Junior School Athletics

On Friday, 11\textsuperscript{th} from 9:30-1:30pm the junior school children will have their end of year Athletics Carnival. There are 18 events and the children will rotate around each activity. Parents are more than welcome to come along and enjoy the fun. We will have a break from 11am-11:50. We look forward to see you there.

Shar Dickinson
P.E Specialist

Grade 6 Graduation 2015
Information for Grade 6 Families

Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} December
School Hall

6-6.30 for Picnic Tea
6.30 to 7.30 for the PRESENTATION
Bike Ride

On Thursday 3rd December a second group of children went on their bike ride. It was a great day and many thanks to Kathrine Navarro for coming along and supporting us.

Shar Dickinson  
P.E Specialist

Ashley Whitehead  
3/4 Teacher

Congratulations to our Year 6s

Next Wednesday our current year 6 students will officially graduate from BSWPS.

Lewis Bonney Mckenzie  (Princes Hill Secondary College)  
Isabel Bowman  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Thomas Callaghan  (Princes Hill Secondary College)  
Francis Cawte  (Princes Hill Secondary College)  
Xin Yan Chen  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Rui Crocitta  (Penleigh & Essendon Grammar)  
Aya Dardouri  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Amelie Dowling  (Ivanhoe Grammar School)  
Hannah Eldridge  (Northcote High School)  
Jason Foks  (University High School)  
Jasmine Grundy  (Princes Hill Secondary College)  
Luther Grusovin  (Eltham College)  
Yusuf Ikiz  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Justin Jamolo  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Evie Lockhart  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Alexandra McQueen  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Will Middlewick  (Strathmore Secondary College)  
Sophie Mott  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Hong Anh Nguyen  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Kelly Papadakis  (Coburg Junior High School)  
Alice Riffkin  (Ivanhoe Grammar School)  
Alexander Robinson  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Elani Shannon-Puszka  (Princes Hill Secondary College)  
Charlotte Sherlock  (Brunswick Secondary College)  
Nina Suzuki  (Cardinia College)  
Tatsuyuki Tanaka  (University High School)  
Zoe Tsamis  (The Academy)  
Ada Walker  (Princes Hill Secondary College)  
Josephine Watkins  
Yifei Yuan  (University High School)  
Yihong Yuan  (University High School)

Farewell to our departing families:

Avotins Family  
Bonney/Mckenzie Family  
Callaghan/Rochfort Family  
Cawte/Baker Family  
Chen Family  
Chen/Che Family  
Crocitta Family  
Foks/Hu Family  
Grundy Family  
Grusovin/Sheridan Family  
Jauregi/Collier Family  
Le Family  
McQueen/Phillips Family  
Mott/Gatford Family  
Pelgay/Lhamo Family  
Robinson/Hronsky Family  
Sayeed/Khan Family  
Sherlock/Mason Family  
Shannon/Puszka Family  
Tsamis Family
As we count down to the end of the year and the final phases of the Italian Program at Brunswick South West, it is time to celebrate and reflect upon the achievements of the program.

Overall, Italian 2015 has been relatively productive year, as was outlined in last week’s newsletter. And as this is the last newsletter for the year, I couldn’t let the opportunity go by without mentioning how spectacular “Il Coro Dei Bambini” – the Italian Children’s Choir performance was on the 4th December at Brunswick North.

In its third year, Il Coro Dei Bambini – Italian Children’s Choir have managed yet again to end the year on a high note.

The children were a delight to both hear and see perform in front of an audience made up of the three local school communities.

Congratulations to the children that gave their time and effort in making “Il Coro Dei Bambini” a joy to experience.

I’d like to also thank the families that came along on the evening to watch their wonderful children perform and delight in their extraordinary efforts in learning contemporary and traditional Italian songs.

A huge thank-you to the beautiful community of Brunswick South West, in their acknowledgement of the teachers who put this performance together. We were very much surprised by the beautiful flowers that were presented to us on the night and we would like to thank you very much.

As we move toward the end of the year, the grade 5/6 students are cooking up a storm in their Italian “Masterchef” cook off. The newsletter will be printed before the actual event takes place…… so I’m hoping it will be an event where it will be talked about for all its successes.

For families wanting to infuse the flavor of a real Italian Christmas tradition into their festive holiday season:
La Befana and the Giving Tree:

Eventcepts Proudly Presents

La Befana and the Giving Time
By Carmelina Di Guglielmo

Directed by Francesco Italiano  Produced by Connie Paglianiti

La Befana, the story of the Italian Christmas Witch, began a long time ago in Italy. On the eve of epiphany, the last day of Christmas, when the three wise men arrived at Bethlehem, the children would hang out their socks for La Befana. In the morning, 6th January, they would find simple home-made gifts in their simple home-made socks.

In the pagan world La Befana was a goddess, part of the magical fairy world, patron of the plants and animals, an ancestral spirit whose sacred totem is the woven stocking – every year reaffirming the bond between family, ancestors and the natural world.

Now in its eleventh year La Befana has delighted Melbourne audiences; presented with a distinctive Italo-Australian take.

Featuring Carmelina Di Guglielmo (Big Mamma’s Boy, Neighbours, Twenty Something) James Liotta (Planet Unearthing, Upper Middle Bogan, Prank Patrol) with musical direction by Malcolm Hansford and Lily McCarthy as the Giving Spirit.

"And goodness knows we need a Giving Spirit, now more than ever!"

Along with the Three Wise Kings La Befana boasts an adorable cast of young performers as fairies, elves and bush sprites.

Mechanics Institute
270 Sydney Road, Brunswick,
Melbourne, VIC 3056

Tuesday 5th January 3pm & 7.30pm
Wednesday 6th January 3pm & 7.30pm

Book Online:  www.labefana.net.au  Phone: 03 9347 8203

La Befana Brims with Fun Filled Magic Moments  FOUR SHOWS ONLY!

BIRD NEWS

The poor old mother magpie in the school had a rough year. 3 nests made but only one surviving chick. Unusually, last year’s 2 teenagers are still hanging around. They should have found their own territories months ago (must be like many human teenagers—can’t get them to go out on their own either!!)

Haven’t seen the Frogmouth for months but I did see a Peregrine Falcon last week.

Very excitingly, I have found at least one skink lizard in our yard. Never seen one here before! I guess the bush school yard has allowed them to expand across to our yard. It is a Weasel Skink apparently.

Jan Flack (neighbour)
The 2015 SRC are very pleased to announce

School is sweet....... 

Compared to other kids around the world we are so lucky to have a school! And a great school at that!!

This Friday (11th Dec), we invite you to buy an ice cream/gelato at our SRC ice-cream stall.

The money raised from the sale of each ice-cream will go towards- Helping children in Nepal

Since devastating earthquakes hit Nepal in April and May 2015, UNICEF has delivered an urgent humanitarian response for children in the hardest hit regions. They are helping thousands of students to continue their education during this crisis but thousands more need more help.

The money we raise can help set up more classrooms, train more teachers and deliver the essential supplies needed for learning.

***Please note that strawberry and mango sorbet will be sold to cater for any students who cannot have lactose or fructose. ANY STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIES ARE INVITED TO BRING ALONG THEIR OWN SPECIAL TREATS AND SHARE IN THE FUN.

Each class will have a special time allocated to attend the stall with their teacher and buy their ice-cream (JUST LIKE SHOPPING FOR Mother’s and Father’s Day). The stall will run from 12.20- 3.20

All ice-creams/gelato will be sold for $3. Flavours will include.......... 

vanilla, strawberry, chocolate, mango and lemon

If you have any questions see Caroline or your helpful SRC.
SOCCER FOR JUNIORS

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 8 years
- Basic, skills based introduction to Soccer
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3 & 4 year olds
- SOCCER BALL TO KEEP!

Where
Brunswick South West Primary School Gym, South Daly St, Brunswick West

Starts
Saturday the 6th of February
3 and 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
5 and 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
7 and 8 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

Cost
$90 for 6 weekly sessions and a soccer ball for you to keep!

To secure your place, you MUST register by one of the following methods:
- Email - rego@getactivesports.com.au
- Phone - 1300 772 106
- Website - www.getactivesports.com.au

REGISTRATIONS FOR TERM 1 ARE NOW OPEN!

No session on 12th of March due to the long weekend, but our program will still run for 6 sessions

BRUNSWICK WEST SOCCER FOR JUNIORS CONSENT FORM - TERM 1, 2016

Name: .......................................................... D.O.B: .................................. Male / Female
School/Kindy: .......................................................... Email: ..........................................................
Phone (Home): .......................................................... Phone (Mobile): ...........................................

Any relevant medical conditions/medication taken? ..........................................................

I acknowledge that I am required to stay with my child for the duration of each session and, if required, will administer any first aid. I hereby release Get Active Sports from any liability for injury incurred by my child at the Get Active Sports program.

Parent/Guardian Name: .......................................................... Parent/Guardian Signature: ..........................................................

CREDIT CARD DETAILS

Payment Method Cheque / Credit Card / Cash

No: __________/_________/_________/_________ Expiry Date: __________/_________

Cardholders Name: ..........................................................................................................................

Signature: ........................................................................................................................................

Amount: $ ..................................................................

Please have correct money, make your cheque payable to Get Active Sports or complete card details above.

To register, please let us know the location of the program and your child’s details as below.

Once registered bring the completed, signed consent form and payment to the first session.
Helping children connect across cultures

“Would you like to come to my party?” Ella asked Sefra. “It’s on Sunday in two weeks.” “Thanks Ella, I’ll ask my parents if I can come,” said Sefra.

Sefra wanted to go to Ella’s party, but it was at the same time as her weekly language class. Sefra’s parents always told her how important it was to keep up her culture and language. Would they let her miss the language class and go to Ella’s party instead? Sefra hoped they would.

Though she was excited about the party, Sefra also felt nervous. Not everyone who might be going was as good a friend as Ella. Some children in Sefra’s class teased her because she didn’t look or speak like they did. They stopped when Ella told them not to be mean, but it still hurt.

Sefra hoped the other children at the party would be friendly and play with her.

Being part of two cultures

Being part of two cultures can get complicated at times. Children may find there are differences in values and expectations. Sometimes there might be difficult choices. When different sets of expectations don’t match, it can make it hard for children to feel like they belong.

When cultural differences are respected and a sense of belonging develops, there are many benefits to mental health and wellbeing for children, families and schools. By working together, schools and families can help children from all cultural backgrounds to understand, respect and appreciate diversity in others. Helping children to understand difference encourages them to feel good about themselves, understand where they fit in the world, and appreciate diversity in others. When adults behave in ways that are open and accepting it can help to teach children to respect diversity and embrace individual differences.

Everybody needs to feel accepted, respected and included. Feeling welcome and at home in both cultures is very important for positive mental health and wellbeing.

Australia is home to people from many different cultural backgrounds. Creating a positive sense of community for everyone involves learning to understand and appreciate others’ values, experiences and beliefs so that together we can build a caring and accepting society that supports mental health and wellbeing.

Parenting is rarely easy

Being a parent in a new country has added challenges. Just as it can be difficult for children to learn to be part of two cultures, learning to parent ‘between’ cultures can be stressful for families too. Being open to adapt your parenting to suit your child’s individual needs, and your own, can be beneficial for all families.
How parents and carers can help

• Tell your children stories to help them to develop a strong cultural identity and share a sense of pride in your culture.
• Talk to children about the Australian cultural values you appreciate. This will help them see how they can be part of both cultures.
• Seek support and advice from people you trust. Talking with relatives and friends who understand your values can help you think through the different problems you might face as a parent.
• You can contact your child’s school if you have any questions about your child or their education. Schools welcome questions from parents and carers.
• Take an active interest in activities at your child’s school. Get to know your child’s teacher and look for ways to get involved at school, for example, by helping in the classroom or by joining parent working groups.
• If children complain of being teased or bullied, be sure to tell your child’s teacher so the school can take action to stop it.

Things schools can do

• Provide opportunities for students to express and listen to different people and their cultural perspectives to develop respect for and appreciation of diversity.
• Talk to parents, carers and families about their cultural values and needs.
• Respect individual differences – don’t assume that membership of a cultural group means everyone has the same values and needs.
• Invite family members into the classroom to observe and participate.
• Promote and model inclusive behaviour, for instance, by providing information and school correspondence in a number of appropriate languages for parents and carers.
• Work with interpreters or multilingual aids to ensure accurate communication with parents or carers whose English language skills are limited.
• Encourage social opportunities for parents, carers and families to support and learn from each other.
• Link families with local services to provide culturally-appropriate support and assistance.

The following websites may be of interest

About diversity:  www.cyh.com
Translated materials on parenting:  www.kidscount.com.au
Raising children in a different culture:  www.raisingchildren.net.au

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au
LET’S GET BUSY!
Preparation for our annual Twilight Fete is well underway. It’s the biggest fundraising event on the school calendar and in order to make it a success we need everyone in our great school community to contribute in some way...and because of the enormous variety of offerings at the Fete, there are plenty of different ways to help!

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE
You could donate goods/services for our Raffle or Handmade stall, join the band for a song (or three, or more!), pick up some small goodies while you’re Christmas shopping to donate for Lucky Bags, have a post-Christmas clean out for Trash ‘n’ Treasure donations, volunteer for letter box dropping flyers about the Fete in your local area, sign up to help set up on the day, run a stall, pack up the day after...and that’s just for starters! Whether you’re a behind-the-scenes kind of person, or you’re ready to make your stage debut (or something in between) there’s a way you can get involved. Don’t hesitate to get in touch to find out more – email us at twilightfete@gmail.com or check out our facebook page.

OUR LAST FEW VACANCIES...CAN YOU HELP??
RAFTLE CO-ORDINATOR:
Working with Elly and Sonia on mostly administrative/organisational tasks and can be done from home/after hours.

HAMPER CO-ORDINATOR:
To work alongside Elly and learn the ropes for 2017. Must be available during the day (for some days) in the fortnight prior to the Fete.

LUCKY BAG CO-ORDINATOR:
Mostly administrative/organisational tasks and can be done from home/after hours.

...plus, people to help source donations. If you can help out with any of these roles (or parts of them) please don’t hesitate to get in touch!
Send us an email to twilightfete@gmail.com to find out more.

GET CRAFTY AT BSWPS!
Hello, is there anybody out there. Just call, text or email if you can hear me. Is there anyone home?
Just a reminder to contact me if you would like some materials for craft projects for the Twilight Fete. I have donated fabrics, linen (from Suzie’s stash), bias binding and metal hair clips that can be used to create fabulous items to sell. Other items you might have lying around your house are old candles that can be melted to create new candles. Simple woodwork projects such as dolls furniture or bread/cheese boards could be another easy project, or small mosaic tiled wall hangings.
Also, if anyone wants a 101 in preserves or has access to ripe fruit trees please contact me on: lucindapridmore@outlook.com or 0435 097 900.

SOUTH BY SOUTH-WEST – BSWPS PARENT BAND
For the past five years, a parents’ band has been performing at the annual Twilight Fete. To mark our sixth year of being part of the Fete, we want to involve as many parents* as possible and have more variety in the band than in previous years.
If you’ve got an urge to be a star (even if it’s only for 1 song, or a couple of songs), now’s your time to shine! If you’re unsure about what might be required simply email David at cpfabe@bigpond.net.au to find out more.

* grandparents, carers/guardians, aunts, uncles, cousins, family friends and anyone else I forgot to mention!
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH TRASH 'N' TREASURE?
Our Twilight Fete Trash ‘n’ Treasure stall is building a great reputation in the Brunswick community!

In 2016 the Trash ‘n’ Treasure stall will become a SECOND-HAND MARKET, with great books, clothes, toys and outdoor equipment including the famous Brunswick South-West bicycle sales.

You can help by donating QUALITY SECONDHAND CLOTHES AND GOODS. Donations will be accepted from the second week back at school in 2016. We are looking for great things that someone out there will love, for the following stalls:
- clothes
- toys & games
- dress-ups
- baby & maternity
- books
- outdoor equipment & bikes

Please remember we can’t accept shoes, socks, under-garments, swimwear or electrical/electronic goods.

We are looking for stall supervisors so if you love books, clothes, toys or op-shopping in general then please get in touch - we need a supervisor for each stall to help things run smoothly on Fete night. Please contact Erin MacLatchy on 0413 868 710 or erinccm@gmail.com if you’d like to be involved or to find out more.

Lucky Bags & Hamper Donations
Doing a spot of Christmas shopping? Boxes are now in the Grey Brick Building (Junior School) classrooms and in the foyer of the Red Brick Building for donations for Twilight Fete 2016’s Lucky Bags and Hampers.

Why not pick up something extra while you’re shopping and pop it into the donations box!

REMEMBER:
HAMPER ITEMS are to be new, sealed, clean etc. Any items welcomed as we make up a variety of hamper themes. Ideas include kitchenware, gourmet food items, crockery, baby items etc.
LUCKY BAG ITEMS ideally are small, fun items for children: pens, pencils, erasers, small toys, stickers, hair ties etc.

DONATIONS
Boxes for donations for Lucky Bags and Hampers will appear in the Junior School Classrooms and the Office Foyer as of Tuesday 1st December.

WE WANT YOUR FRONT FENCE!
Do you live on a street with a lot of foot traffic or perhaps near a busy intersection?

We have a number of A2 (42cm x 59cm) signs advertising our Twilight Fete that we’d like to attach to front fences in the lead up to the event.

The only requirement is that you have a fence that we can use cable ties on to attach the signs. If you’d like to nominate your house, send us an email to twilightfete@gmail.com and we’ll arrange to get a sign to you.

NEW LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY INFO STAND
New for the 2016 fete will be a local sustainability info stand. If you are connected to a local group which helps people contribute to a more sustainable way of life we would love to hear from you. You can decide what type of presence you have at the stand – you can stay for as little or as long as you want to talk to our school community and share information. Local environmental groups are obvious possibilities but thinking laterally, maybe you are connected with the local toy library, or you volunteer at a neighbourhood tool exchange? Perhaps you are part of a local walking club or are a member of a community seed sharing collective?

Whatever it is, we’re keen to hear from you. We’d welcome your group’s involvement. Please get in touch by emailing twilightfete@gmail.com subject line: Local Sustainability Stand.

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK
We look forward to lots of fun BSWPS Twilight Fete working bees and preparation in the new year.

CAN YOU HELP?
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