Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Greetings and my best wishes for a happy, stimulating and rewarding year!

Schools are special places. The start of the year is exhilarating. We, students and staff, are at our best, rested, excited by the possibilities, perhaps a little anxious. Days are intense and vivid. It’s a time to be treasured.

Welcome to our 66 preps, 6 students at other year levels and 48 families who have joined our school community. I look forward to getting to know you and to catching up with parents of returning students.

We, you, all staff and I, have a common interest your child’s wellbeing and development. Confidence in each other and effective communication are essential to our relationship. Please, if you feel uneasy or anxious about anything related to your child’s schooling, see the class teacher or me. Don’t wait! An early word often saves many hours of worry. If the matter is small, it will be resolved all the sooner! The school phone number is 9387 6886.
School Improvement: Maths  The official return to work day for our teachers was Tuesday last week. Rather than the usual single day for organisational duties, another day was dedicated to mathematics professional development. This was led by Educational Consultant, Kathy Palmer, from Every Child Counts.

One session was spent exploring Mindset, the idea discovered by world-renown psychologist, Carol Dweck, from Stanford University. Mindsets are beliefs about your basic qualities, eg, your intelligence, talents, personality. People with a fixed mindset believe that their traits are just givens and nothing can change that. People with a growth mindset believe that their qualities can be developed through effort.

Whilst this powerful idea has particular importance for teachers and their students, it has wider application. Have you ever said, I've never been any good at maths, or I can't sing? To test your own Mindset and find out more, go to http://mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about

Staffing  Welcome and best wishes to teachers new to Brunswick South-West (BSW), Alison Meehan, Lizzy Gibney, Mel Waldron, Phaedra Collins, Sarah Stewart and Yiqiong Zhong, our returnees from Leave Kelly Leyden and Naomi Rowe. The complete staff list, with telephone and voicemail numbers, is on the school website. http://brunswicksw-ps.vic.edu.au/staff-numbers

Special Activities during February  This month will be particularly busy with three important activities, the working bee, share time and the fete. For each of these to be as successful as possible, our school needs your help.

Working Bee, 13th February  This once-a-term event provides maintenance and care to BSW's grounds and buildings. Come in old clothes, for whatever time you can spare between 10 am and 2 pm. Bring gardening tools, wheelbarrows and gloves, if you have them. Sign in at the School Hall and meet one of the organisers. The task list will include weeding, pruning, upkeep of the kitchen garden, clearing drains . . . so that BSW will be at its best at the fete. Lunch, with produce from the kitchen garden, will be a culinary treat. The working bee is an enjoyable, family, social occasion and a great way to meet others in our community.

The class that attracts the most parents will win the Golden Gardening Trophy and a class prize which is often a special gardening or cooking activity.

Parent Teacher Sharetime  Yesterday you should have received a form from your child’s teacher asking you to nominate a time for Parent Teacher Share Time on either Monday or Tuesday, 15th or 16th February. This is a formal occasion for you to tell the teacher about your child. The form needs to be returned by next Tuesday, the 9th February, at the latest. Next Wednesday your appointment time will be sent home with your child.

Our Fete is soon, Friday, 26th February! This wonderful community event is the year’s major fundraiser. Please, make sure to read the Fete Buzz which you’ll receive today. The Fete Committee needs the support of at least one person from every family to make the event a great success.

Yours sincerely,
Louise Chocholis
Principal

CIRCUS & DRAMA

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

Circus classes start next week. If you haven’t paid, your child’s name will not be on the list.

PREP TRANSITION

A warm welcome to existing and new prep families!

There has certainly been a buzz of anticipation and excitement amongst our junior school classes as we have welcomed our prep/foundation students.

We would love to hear about the experience of the prep transition process for you and your child. This feedback would be useful in helping us evaluate and improve our processes.

Please send any feedback to Lucy at williams.lucy.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you.
Lucy Williams
Prep transition coordinator and P/1/2 teacher
Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction. It is potentially life threatening, and requires an emergency response. The reaction can begin within minutes of exposure and continue for two hours or more.

Our school has students who have these severe allergic reactions to one or more of the following: nuts, dairy, (milk, yoghurt, cheese), eggs, sesame seeds, soy and kiwi fruit. Consequently, BSW has risk minimization practices. **All parents, but particularly parents of children in the following classrooms; Anya & Chrissy; Lizzy, Caroline & Kelly; Ashley, Sarah & Barb; Alison, Meg & Carly, can help by not sending foods such as peanut butter and Nutella sandwiches. I encourage all families to exclude nuts as a school snack.**

**Attendance** In order for your child to gain the maximum benefit from instruction time, she/he needs to arrive punctually and to attend school at all times, unless sick.

**Calendar** Check the school website and School News calendars to know dates of class and school events.

**Forms & notices** Copies of forms are available on the school website.

**Grounds & Supervision** Students are supervised from 8:45am to 3:45pm, including Break 1 and Break2. Any students in the school grounds before 8:45am or after 3:45 pm are sent to the Out of School Hours Care Program at their families expense.

**Meetings** All teaching staff are required to attend meetings which start directly after school on Tuesdays and Wednesday. Consequently, they are unavailable to meet with you at this time on these days.

**Out of School Hours Care** The Out of School Hours Care Program provides for students who arrive before 8.45am or leave after 3.45pm. Places must be booked through Camp Australia, Ph:1300 105 343.

**Road Safety** South Daly Street is probably the most dangerous thoroughfare that your child encounters. Around 9 am and 3:30 pm the volume of traffic is very high. On a daily basis, drivers ignore the road rules, putting their own and other children at risk. Cars double park, stop on the crossing, park indefinitely in the 5 minute zone . . . children get in/out of cars from the middle of the road. Consider making Moule Street your way to school, it’s much less crowded. **Please, make the roads around our school safe.**

Parking officers and the police periodically patrol around the school and, without warning, issue fines for traffic infringements.

**School News** will be published weekly on Wednesdays except when the school days are three or less.

**Student Accident Insurance** I’m obliged to inform you that:

- the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students.
- Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.
- Reasonable, low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

**Personal goods brought to school at owner’s risk** Personal property is often brought to school by students. Please note that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. Consequently, students should not bring any unnecessary or valuable items to school.
Are you interested in showing off your singing and dancing talent? Would you like to make people fall down laughing at your hilarious jokes? Are you an amazing pianist, guitarist or accordion player? Well then busking at the Fete is a must for you!

On Wednesday students will come to every class handing out forms for those students interested in busking. These forms need to come back to Anya (room 14) by Wednesday 10th Feb.

There are a large number of bikes “stored” in the bike shed. They appear to have been in the shed over the school holidays. Unfortunately we don’t have the room to store bikes. It has become extremely difficult for students to remove their bikes at the end of the day due to congestion. If you have left a bike in the bike shed please make arrangements to remove it by Friday. After this time they will be donated to charity. A small number of bikes will remain that are used in the Bike Ed Program.

Thankyou for your cooperation.

Judy Harrington

CSEF

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is 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 is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Over the next week you will start to see displays being put up in the classrooms under the banner 'Every face has a place'. An important part of students’ achievement at school is that they feel that they belong in the school community. At BSWPS we believe that ‘every face has a place’, i.e. that every student, teacher and staff member in each class and within the school has an important part to play.

We hope to create a visual display so that you can put a name to every face within our school community.

Here are some examples from Jacqui/Lucy and Chantel's P/1/2 classes.
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

www.creativemusic.com.au

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Little Kickers

APPROVED SOCCER TRAINING FOR KIDS FROM 18 MONTHS TO 7TH BIRTHDAY CLASSES HELD AT IVANHOE EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY

FREE TRIAL CLASS

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT LISSA ON 8418-1755 or lissab@littlekickers.com.au

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¼ SIZED VIOLIN

Tariso ¼ sized violin, set up by luthier, Martin Schuster.

Comes with hard case, bow, “run” shoulder rest and resin.

$350

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tel. 0425 841813

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MOVIES IN THE PARK

FREE EVENT FOR ALL

INSIDE OUT FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY Colin Reserve, Murray Road, Cedar Park Melbournes Bath 98 H:00

MINIONS FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY Bridgewater Reserve, NA, Glenroy Primary School Site, Whaleshead Road, Glenroy. Melbournes Bath 96 H:00

Free sausage sizzle from 8 pm (vegetarian and halal options)
Film screened at nightfall (approximately 9 pm)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Phone 9240 1111 or visit montreal.vic.gov.au

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