### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Our Year 3s launched Lunar New Year at Monday’s assembly with a rendition, in Chinese, of Happy New Year. They’d learnt it in their Chinese class the previous week. The Year of the Monkey, the ninth in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac, will last to 27th January, 2017.

**School Improvement: Maths**  Last week I encouraged you to test whether you had a growth or fixed mindset. At Brunswick South-West we actively support our students to develop a growth mindset. The following chart illustrates why.

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<td>Look Smart At All Costs</td>
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<td>It Should Come Naturally</td>
<td>Work Hard, Effort is Key</td>
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<td>“When I work hard, it makes feel like I’m not very smart”</td>
<td>“The harder I work at something, the better I’ll be at it”</td>
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### CALENDAR

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<td>29-2 Feb-Mar</td>
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This Saturday’s Working Bee  I hope you’ll be able to come sometime between 10 am and 2 pm to help make our grounds look their best for our Twilight Fete. Sign in at the school hall, as this list will be used to determine the winner of the Golden Garden Trophy and class prize! It’s also where you’ll meet one of the organisers. Many tasks will involve tidying up after the four month break since our last working bee. Bring gardening tools, wheelbarrows and gloves, if you have them. Parent Casey O’Farrell wrote,

Lunch for the working bee will take advantage of the abundance of produce in the kitchen garden at the moment. On the day we will make zucchini fritters in the kitchen. Kids, we need your help! There will be a mix of Mediterranean/Middle Eastern salads to go with the fritters. If you have a favourite salad, or would like to contribute anything else for lunch that would be much appreciated. Please contact Casey (0431 057 911) if you need help with ingredients. Any contributions of cakes/muffins/biscuits will (as always) receive a great welcome!!

Fete & working bees  If your first child has just started school, you may be wondering why you’re being bombarded with fete and working bee notices. These events are extremely important for our school, your child’s education. For that reason I’m asking all families to be involved.

BSW is dependent on fundraising to provide “extras”. Recently, locally raised monies assisted with set-up of a new classroom, including furniture, literacy and numeracy materials and play and construction equipment.

Our school also needs to use locally raised funds to pay for the oval improvement program, the regular safety checks of the playground equipment, its maintenance and that of the fake grass. Your voluntary labour is necessary for the maintenance and improvement of our expansive grounds. This year our recurrent grounds funding from the Education Department is about $4,950. Everything for our grounds, plants, tree removal, garden tools, line marking, mower repairs . . . must come from that sum, or locally raised funds. Fortunately, Moreland City Council mows the oval and our phantom mowers manage the rest.

Walking Brunswick  A regular pleasure is meeting past community members. This morning, in the space of five minutes, I met:

- past student, Lucy Payne who’s taken a gap year from studying law. She intended to play tennis with a friend but had forgotten that it’s school term time.
- past parent, Caroline Crouch, who supported BSW in all manner of school events, especially coordinating book club and trash & treasure at the fete

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chochohils
Principal

CLASS REPS WANTED

Being a Class Rep is an enjoyable way of becoming involved with the BSWPS community.

The Class Rep role is an easy task that doesn’t require a significant amount of time and two parents can share the role for each class, if they like.

Being a Class Rep is a great way to get to know other parents in the school and to make new friends.

The 2016 Class Rep role can encompass:

- Acting as a contact point for other parent’s questions / Directing parents to sources of information (e.g. Where does my child park their bike?)
- Create and maintain a class distribution list for parents to share contact details (to make contact with your child’s friends)
- Organising social events for families (e.g. Meet for coffee at the local coffee shop, afternoon tea, picnic on the oval after school)
- Send out personal reminders about class events (e.g. Expos, Junior School Assembly or other events)
- Helping new families settle in to the school and class
- If you like, have a photo and your contact details on classroom door
Hello from the BSW Office Team!

Below is some important information and news we would like to share with you.

**Who Are We?**
Amanda Frittolini – Business Manager – Monday to Friday
Heather McFarlane – Administration – Monday, Tuesday & Friday
Nick Chambers – Administration – Wednesday & Thursday

**What’s New?**
You may have noticed or even used our new electronic sign in and out system - VPASS. We are very excited about this upgrade from the old paper base system as we are working towards making the Office more sustainable as a part of the whole school sustainability initiative! Thank you to the School Council for supporting this new system.

**2016 School Payments**
Your current statement was mailed out yesterday (Tuesday). Please keep an eye out for this in the mail in the next few days. Included with your statement is an information letter outlining this year’s fees as well as important details regarding payment and how you can assist the School via a Voluntary Contribution. Also included is a School Payment Slip which needs to be returned to the Office by Friday 18th March 2016.

**Have your details changed?**
It is very important that you notify the Office if and when your details change. This includes changes of occupation(s), for example, if you have returned to study from paid work. Like all Victorian government schools a component of our government funding is based on parent occupation. To update your details, simply email us at brunswick.sw.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with your child’s name and ‘change of details’ in the subject line. Alternatively, come into the Office, say hello and let us know your details have changed.

**Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)**
Are you a concession card holder? You may be eligible for the Victorian Government’s Camp Sports & Excursions Fund. Please see page 4 for details.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.
Amanda, Heather & Nick

**KIDSMATTER**

Growing Healthy Minds at BSWPS

Childhood is a crucial time for growing healthy minds. All children need care and support to develop and learn. Some children need additional help to reach their potential. KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and early childhood education and care services, and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. Last year we launched KidsMatter at BSWPS. This year we will continue to follow the framework, working towards creating a positive school community to serve as the foundation for the students wellbeing.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to the library for 2016. I hope everyone makes use of this great facility our school has. This year the library will have the opening times as outlined below. Also this year I am hoping to have all junior school children with a library bag. This will help with them look after the books more easily and of course transport them to and from school. All the junior classes have discussed this at their library class.

There will be more details soon about Scholastic Book Club. We will be holding a Lamont Book Fair later in the year. Starting next week there will be book reviews, quizzes, author information and helpful hints! Soon we will be asking for assistance with book covering. Stay tuned!

If you have any outstanding library books could you please return them. Thankyou to those who have done so. Please feel free to come and see me if you have any queries.

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES
Monday - 8:45 - 9:30
Tuesday - 11:10 - 11:50
Wednesday - 11:10 - 11:50
Thursday - 3:30 - 3:45

HAPPY READING
Chris

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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

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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 $14.20 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 2353

www.creativemusic.com.au
Biggest ever asteroid impact found in Australia

Deep underground in the centre of Australia is evidence of the biggest asteroid impact in the Earth’s history.

It wasn’t just a single impact, but a twin strike from a meteorite that may have split into two as it plummeted towards Earth.

Researchers unexpectedly found signs of the collisions in the middle of Australia, at the tripoint where South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory meet. They were drilling almost two kilometres into the Earth’s surface, investigating the geothermal energy in the area.

The drill core they pulled out contained traces of rocks that had turned to glass, a sign of the extreme temperature and pressure caused by a major impact.

The exact date of the event remains unclear. The surrounding rocks are 300 to 600 million years old.

The researcher who found the craters, Andrew Glikson, says it’s all very much a mystery. “We can’t find an extinction event that matches these collisions. I have a suspicion the impacts could be older than 300 million years,” he says.

“There are two huge deep domes in the crust, formed by the Earth’s crust rebounding after the huge impacts, and bringing up rock from the mantle below,” says Andrew.

The two impact zones total more than 400 kilometres across, in the Warburton Basin in Central Australia. “The two asteroids must each have been over 10 kilometres across,” says Andrew.
Understanding and Supporting Children with ANXIETY

Teachers, Teacher Aides, Parents, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Leaders, Health Workers (and anyone else interested) are invited to an evening with Jules Haddock

This is a Community Event - Everyone welcome!

Monday February 29th, 2016
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston
$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS

Monday March 7th, 2016
Berkeley Lodge
258 Pakington Street, Geelong West
$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS

Secure your place!
Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your name, venue and number of tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
No EFTPOS
Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Testimonials

Jules is without doubt one of the most engaging, energetic and BRAVE Trainers that I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

Jules is so brave and so fearless as a trainer in being prepared to share experiences from her own life that she simply had the group totally spellbound one particular day. You can literally hear a pin drop in that training room because Jules had the room so engaged in her training.

She re-energised us all with her engaging personality, enthusiasm and her passion for the material that she is delivering.

Adam J. Turley - Trainer for Geelong, East Geelong, Torquay and Corio Matchwork sites.

Just wanted to quickly say the presentation I attended yesterday was one of the best I have been too. I got so much out of it and Jules was fantastic and I really clicked with her. Thought I would just let you know.

Craig Pyle - Migration Review Tribunal - Refugee Review Tribunal

I have been inundated with positive feed back about Jules's session.

Geelong City Council

Jules was excellent & kept the entire group engaged the whole time. I really thought this should be passed on so this can be recognized. Myself and Patrick Cowley were discussing the class the whole way home & both felt we learnt more in one class than we thought possible & really took something away with us. Please thank Jules for her training & time. We both look forward with further training with Jules in the near future.

Patrick Cowley - Employer Services Consultant - DSE

Comments on an amazing lecture given by Jules, a mixture of humour, and realistic of the society we live in. Gave me knowledge which will be helpful in the workplace.

Evaluation Report Home and Community Care Training - Barwon South Western Region

Covering Primary and Secondary School-Aged Children

7pm to 9pm

Anxiety is something we all experience and is in fact a natural survival response. But anxiety can start to impact our children in an unhealthy way, negatively affecting their journey into life. School pressure, family pressure, social pressure and toxic thoughts, can all see anxiety spiral out of control.

By recognising the signs and symptoms of anxiety, we can provide sound support in assisting our children to build on their resilience and internal coping mechanisms.

In two hours, Jules Haddock, Mental Health First Aid Instructor and, REACH facilitator, will share her support strategies with you when dealing with anxious children.

Session outline:

• Understand anxiety as a natural response to life events
• When to worry about anxiety
• Learning how to recognise anxiety signs and symptoms, as it takes hold upon a child’s thoughts, emotions and in turn behaviour.
• Learning how to support a child to manage their anxiety

About the Presenter

Jules Haddock has worked in the non-profit community sector for approximately 14 years, prior to accredited training in the last 12 years.

Jules enjoys sharing a creative delivery with her participants, and has a sound reputation as a vibrant and humorous presenter.

She is passionate for the acknowledgement of mental health awareness and de-stigmatising mental illness. She sees the answers lying in education of all.

As a REACH facilitator and Mental Health First Aid instructor, Jules also holds education talks for community groups, corporate businesses, children, and primary and secondary teachers. Jules has and continues to present at a number of national conferences on anxiety and recovery.

Critical Agendas