Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Louise will return to BSW at the commencement of term 2. We look forward to hearing of her experiences of Chinese culture. Thanks to Janet Beck who will be leaving us today, she has been invaluable in Louise’s absence, not to mention her ability to light up the office with her enthusiasm and smile. Janet will take a break now to enjoy her retirement. Thursday will be Nick Chambers last day in the office at BSW. It has been refreshing having him working in the office for two days a week over the last two years. A variety of personalities in a work group make it not only more interesting, but more effective. We wish Nick well as he ventures off to Japan for 12 months to teach English. Josephine Cagliero will work Wednesday and Thursdays in the office commencing in term 2; we welcome her to BSW.

Class Digital Learning Journals are available on the school website now. Here you can connect with your child’s classroom and enjoy learning about what they are doing. Did you know that you can see prep drawings in Lizzy’s class showing what they like about school, or in Chantel’s class you can find out all about what they did on Clean Up Australia Day? I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did.

As the end of term one draws near it’s a time to reflect on what a busy and productive time it has been. The preps have settled in seamlessly; the addition of some junior classes to the red brick building and senior classes to the grey brick building has been smooth. The singing that drifts into my office is no longer one of the top 20 hits I used to find myself bopping...
away to, but now I find myself contemplating what word I can throw in to rhyme with Xanthe... Xanthe....Xanthe...who is sooooo....... hmmm  ..........fancy! In the Quarter-ma-ster’s store!

I wish to thank the school community for welcoming the new BSW staff. The warm and friendly nature of our students and families make this seem like a very natural process. I would also like to acknowledge the smooth transition into the Chinese Language Program. BSW staff are working with Yiqiong to successfully implement this program in our school. Yesterday we had a staff birthday morning tea. I sampled some delicious noodles and later discovered that in China, noodles stand for longevity, hence Yiqiong’s contribution to a birthday celebration. I look forward to enjoying the journey with the students into Chinese language and culture further throughout the year, although it may not always involve sampling such tasty dishes!

Tomorrow, Thursday 24th March is the last day of school. Don’t forget pick-up time is always 2.30 pm on these days. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all upon your return in term 2 Monday 11th April.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Harrington
Acting Principal

NETBOOK & CAMP PAYMENTS

Term 1 Netbook payments and the Grade 3 to 6 Camp Wyuna payments are now overdue. Please pay these immediately either via BPAY (preferred), or at the Office via EFTPOS or cash.

CURRICULUM DAY

The next Curriculum Day (Pupil Free day) will be held on Friday, 29th April.

If we get enough participants, Camp Australia will be able to offer child care for the day, however, we need 20 students for it to run. include a form to be returned to either Out of School Hours Care or to the office if you require childcare.

CIRCUS & DRAMA

Have you paid & re-enrolled for Circus & Drama in Term 2? Unfortunately, if you haven’t paid by the end of this week, your child’s name won’t be on the list.

WELCOME TO OUR PREPS!!

Click on our DLJ links on page 8 to read about and welcome the 2016 foundation students to BSWPS! Look out for the original drawings going up in the Library windows soon! ENJOY!

Junior School Teachers

SCHOOL FINISH

Last day of Term 1 is Thursday, 24th March. Last day of term is an early finish at 2.30pm!

BPAY

If you have or intend to pay your 2016 School Fees via BPAY and wish pay a voluntary contribution, please ensure you complete & return the payment slip enclosed with your statement to the Office as soon as possible.
MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Mother’s Day is fast approaching and the Brunswick South West Primary School Mother’s Day stall is happening again. This year, we are asking parents to donate homemade gifts (e.g. Homemade jams or preserves, potpourri, candles, knitted items) that can be sold at the stall. The stall will be early in May so, please use the holidays to help us make this year’s stall as homemade as possible. A box will be placed in the office for you to place your donations in after the holidays.

The stall is for students to buy a Mother’s Day gift for their mum/gran/special person in their life. The prices are kept low, $10.00 and under. There may be some exceptions to this.

More information about the time and location of the stall will be in the newsletter closer to the date.

Thank-you for your time.

Catherine Pfabe
Mothers and Fathers Day Stall
Co-ordinator

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Moreland School Holiday program information and enrolment forms will be available for the March/April 2016 School Holiday Program from Friday 19 February 2016, 5pm, bookings will close on Friday 4 March 2016.

Forms are available from:
Local Primary Schools in the municipality;
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.

CSEF

Have you applied for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)?

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. 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

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016.

For more information and to download flyers in 13 different languages: Arabic, Burmese, Cantonese, Dari, Dinka, Karen, Mandarin, Persian, Somali, Sudanese, Tamil, Turkish and Vietnamese, please see www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Carissimi Genitori,

Ma ci credi!! Do you believe it!

First term has flown by so quickly, velocissimo, in fact too quickly!

The students that are continuing learning Italian have had a great start to the year. I’m so pleased with all of the students and their efforts to try and actually speak to me in l’Italiano. Bravissimi!!!!

This term has seen the students revise the familiar topics of greetings and introductions. We have extended the repertoire of “Hello and How are you?” to asking many more questions. This will prepare the grade 5/6 children for asking questions of their pen pal friends, which will all take place in term 2.

The grade 5/6 students worked on creating Italian Comic Strips. The students were able to get onto the “BitStrips” Site and develop their own comics. I have provided you with some wonderful and creative Comics designed and written by our wonderful 5/6 students. Their creativity and some storylines were very interesting and entertaining.

A big thank you to Ronlanda who brought into class a relic from my childhood. The classic “Topolino” Comic magazines which I grew up with and was very fond in reading cover to cover. Grazie Rolanda, and all my students who go home and do extra work towards Italian.

With my wonderful grade 4 students, our 30 minute sessions have been sometimes a little trying as just when we get going and the children are really enthusiastic about getting into our activity, it’s time to pack up. Luckily we always have the next couple of 30 minute sessions to dive straight into.

Apart from revising greetings, introductions, numbers, colours, days of the week, months of the year and the weather, we have been looking at the alphabet (how many letters there are in comparison to English), vowels and the bilingual dictionary.

Congratulations to all the children who have put in an expression of interest for “Il Coro Dei Bambini, - Italian Choir.” These children have decided to give up their lunchtimes to sing and learn lots of Italian songs. They will be working in preparation for a finale performance with Brunswick North and Princes Hill Primary schools at the end of this year. I am so happy to be working with these enthusiastic students.

To end our term, as with the Italian calendar, we will feast on Italian Easter Eggs, as it is only the Italian Easter Eggs from Italy that deliver surprises….Che Sorpresa? What surprise will be had when you crack open that Uovo di Pasqua!

Happy Easter, Buona Pasqua to all and Happy Holidays.

Signora Maria
Italian Teacher
**BURP! EXCUSE US**

In the last issue of Science by Email we reported on farts, a type of methane emission. When talking about these emissions, we made an omission. That is, we should have mentioned burps as well as farts.

In cows, burps can account for 95 per cent of methane emissions. As methane is a greenhouse gas, these emissions can contribute to climate change.

In December last year, scientists and officials reported that Australian cows burp less than we first thought. Scientists took careful measurements of beef and dairy cattle from several areas around Australia, and found up to 24 per cent less methane than expected.

“The more we find out about livestock, the more we know about their methane production, and the good news is that in Australia their contributions to greenhouse gas emissions are not as high as we thought,” says CSIRO’s Dr Ed Charmley.

Thanks to these research findings, maybe it’s time to cut cows some slack. Thanks to the Science by Email readers who first alerted us to this omission. Thanks also to the CSIRO scientists and staff who followed up and have helped us clarify this story.

**SOLAR PANELS**

The graph below shows the contribution our new solar panels have made to our energy consumption over the past year.

Excess energy we generate is sent back into the grid. As of November 2015 we are now able to track this contribution (represented in green).

**LIBRARY**

The library will be open Thursday after school especially for those children who want to borrow books for the holidays.

We have some great new fiction and picture story books on display for borrowing.

Book Club orders have arrived and have been handed out. If there are any concerns pop in and see Chris.

During the holidays, you could visit the State Library as there are often holiday activities for the kids. Your local library too will have activities on so check your local municipal news.

Happy Reading

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Chris
TRANSITION 6-7, 2016 TO 2017

MOUNT ALEXANDER COLLEGE

A revolution is happening here

MOUNT Alexander College is at the brink of an educational revolution. Principal, Mr Wayne Haworth, has been joined by the new Assistant Principal, Ms Preeti Maharaj, to lead change in the way education is presented to students, to create authentic student empowerment.

Together, Wayne and Preeti share a vision of a student led college. “At Mount Alexander College, we empower students with their learning,” Wayne says. Our current curriculum options are wider and more varied, creating enhanced learning opportunities for students. Traditional year levels have been removed allowing students to undertake subjects beyond their usual year level, but at their learning level.

We have removed the glass ceiling that exists with a traditional curriculum structure. Students deserve to be challenged, not just through the curriculum but also in other ways. We strive to build confidence and leadership capacity in young people. By putting students at the centre of their learning, we are preparing them for the challenges of the 21st Century.

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We are offering a diversity of individual programs catering for the increasingly global attitudes and needs of our students. In addition to classroom and community participation, students can extend their learning through the Massive Online Open College, or as it is known, the MOOCs program. Through MOOCs, students are investigating, Hardware security; Ebola – Symptoms, History and Origins; Super Earth and Life; Introduction to Thermodynamics: Transferring Energy from Here to There; The Einstein Revolution and Introduction to Forensic Science just to name a few.
2016 Class Digital Learning Journals

We would love you to take a look at the wonderful posts, comments and photos we have shared on our Class Digital Learning Journals. There are links to these on the school website under MEET THE STUDENTS. Alternatively click on the links below:

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| | ITALIAN SPECIALIST |
| | Coming Soon |
Date: Friday, 29th April, 2016

Program Times: 7.30am - 6.00pm

Cost: $51.00 per child per day
(Child Care Benefit is available to reduce this fee)

Phone enquiries: The OSHC number 9389-3329

Please note that we can only offer childcare if we get a minimum of 20 students. If there is a lack of interest and the day is cancelled, you will be contacted by telephone.

The following children will require care for: Friday, 29th April, 2016

Child/ren name: …………………………………………………………………………………………………

My child/children will attend between the hours ______ am - ______ pm

For your child’s safety all children must be registered with the OSHC program in order to attend. If your child/ren are not currently registered, please contact the Coordinator for an enrolment form.

All bookings are required by: Friday, 22nd April, 2016

The cost for the program will be added to your next invoice.
Fee Reductions are available through the Child Care Benefit for families registered to the service. For further information on CCB please contact the FAO on 136150

Submitting this form confirms your child’s attendance in the Curriculum Day Program. Please note 7 days notice is required to cancel your booking otherwise without a medical certificate the full fee will be incurred.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN/ AUTHORISED SIGNATORY………………………………………………………………………..

Parent Phone No’s ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Date ________________