Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

“As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country.

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Reconciliation is at the heart of our nations’ future.

Join us on our nation’s reconciliation journey . . . The theme for NRW 2016 is Our History, Our Story, Our Future . . . is derived from the State of Reconciliation in Australia report, which asks all Australians to reflect on our national identity, and the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and rights in our nation’s story . . .

“Our History” reminds us all that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. Historical acceptance will exist when all Australians understand and accept the fact that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, often having devastating
immediate impacts and causing much of the disadvantage that exists today. It is also a commitment to ensuring these wrongs are never repeated in the future.

‘Our Story’ reflects the fact that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia’s story, as do the stories of both trauma and triumph told by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also encourages each and every one of us to make reconciliation part of our own story.

‘Our Future’ reinforces that reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, in the knowledge that we believe in fairness for everyone, that our diversity makes us richer, and that together, we are stronger.”

The above is taken directly from the Reconciliation Australia website. Follow the link to find out more, http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/. Come to our special assembly on Monday. Throughout the week and the year ahead, classes, in their own way, will have activities around Our History, Our Story, Our Future.

Library and Information Week commenced on Monday. In our library today, some of our students took part in the National Simultaneous Storytime. Follow the link to find out more https://www.alia.org.au/nss. More to your taste may be the 10 things you never knew you could find in a library, follow this like instead https://www.alia.org.au/media-releases/top-10-list-fabulousfinds.

Yours sincerely

Louise Chocholis
Principal

ELECTION DAY NEWS

As you may be aware, an election has been called for July 2nd, 2016. Brunswick South West Primary is usually a polling centre and we would like to use this as a fundraising opportunity.

This year’s election falls in the middle of the school holidays so we need to see if we can get enough volunteers to run a sausage sizzle and cake stall. Cakes need to be provided on the day. If anyone is interested in providing cakes and, perhaps volunteering their time, could you please contact Catherine on 0428 080 366 or email: caffab@gmail.com

Thank you
Catherine Pfabe

OFFICE NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

Account Statements & Receipts
Up to date account statements and receipts were mailed out on May 10th. Please retain receipts if required for tax purposes as they cannot be re-printed.

Voluntary Contributions
If you make (or intend to make) a payment towards Voluntary Contributions, please ensure you return the School Payment Slip (attached to this Newsletter) to the Office so the payment can be processed.

Netbook Payments
Term 2 Netbook payments are now overdue. Please ensure prompt payment is made.

If you have any queries regarding your account, please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 9389 3325 or see me in the Office.

Thank you,
Amanda Frittolini, Business Manager
The Grade 5/6 students have been busy creating box sculptures over the past few weeks. Please drop in and view their wonderful creations. The sculptures will be on display from Thursday, 26 May to Thursday, 2 June 2016 in the hallway outside the office area.

Felicity Kingsford
Grade 5/6

Congratulations to all of the 3-6 students who participated in the District Cross Country on Friday. It was a fantastic day and a great effort by all. Special thanks to all of the parents who came and assisted on the day and supported our school. The students that made it through to the Division Cross Country are as follows:

- 9/10 boys – Max Ingles and Elijah Lindsay
- 9/10 girls – Rasya Assegaf
- 11 boys – Noah Suzuki and Aris Vervaet
- 11 girls – Miranda Adams and Kate Arnott
- 12/13 boys – Gabriel Banova
- 12/13 girls – Emma Bagtha, Megan Daniell, Zoe Marsili, Lola Sleeth

We wish them the best of luck!!

Cheers

Carly Rilen
Grade 5/6 Teacher

When:
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Where:
In the library
Time:
8:30-9:00 each morning and 3:30-4:00 Monday to Thursday.

Come along and purchase some great future gifts, add to your bookshelf and support the school too! There will be books available from $5.

EFTPOS is available.

You can never have too many books!!!

We are also looking for some parent helpers to assist with sales before and after school. If you can help out please let Chris know. Your assistance will be much appreciated.

HAPPY READING
Chris and Jacinta

Our letter of the week is ‘B’ for books! Can you think of a word starting with b for all these categories?

Boys name
Flower
Something cold
City
Country
Author
Colour
Animal

Carly Rilen
Grade 5/6 Teacher
LOST PROPERTY

There are enormous quantities of lost property which is just inside the back door of the red brick building.

Lost property will be displayed on the rails at the back of the building on Monday morning. If you’re coming to Assembly, please come & have a look.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: An adult’s blue jacket with orange trim was left on the seat at the cross country by a parent last Friday. Please come to the office if it’s yours. The label is Crane Snow Extreme.

LOST: A pink cloth bag with pictures of cats on the outside. Inside is some white wool & knitting needles. If found, please return to Emma in Kay’s room or the school office.

LEFT IN HALL

A slow cooker & a cupcake stand have been left in the hall. Please come & get them if they’re yours.

“You can never understand one language until you understand at least two”.  
Geoffrey Willans

RUBBISH FREE LUNCHES AT BRUNSWICK SOUTH WEST IN 2016

If you missed our talk about rubbish free lunches at Monday’s assembly then here it is-
Let’s start off on a positive note and congratulate all of you for doing a great job so far with rubbish free lunches. But…the job is not done yet!!

Rubbish free lunches are something we always need to work on and think about. Why? Because if we don’t try to keep making our lunches rubbish free, then our environment will suffer. We would have a dirty playground, and animals would be harmed if we litter everywhere.

Let’s remind you that a rubbish free lunch is one with no wrappers. Lots of food does come in wrappers, but you are clever cookies and you can think of ways to avoid bringing these to school. If this is difficult sometimes, you can always take the wrappers off and put them in your bin at home.

This year the SRC are going to do things differently.

So… on a random day each month, the SRC will announce a hands-up rubbish free lunch day. Obviously, we encourage you to do it every day, so you are always ready for the surprise. On the day it is announced, your SRC rep will only count the number of rubbish-free lunches for your class. They will then take this number and the total number of students for the class to the SRC meeting. In a perfect world- 20/20!! At our meeting, we will tally the numbers and work out the winning classes for Junior School and Senior School.

The prizes will involve gardening for the JS, and cooking for the SS.

Good luck everybody and thank you for your time!

From Arlo, Ari, Ruby, Aoife and William. We are your SRCs
More than 50 people braved the chilly weather to turn up for the Annual General Meeting and the maths talk afterwards. The AGM is held once every school year to inform the school community about the work of the school and the council in the previous year. From the reports by the school councillors on the night, it is clear that the school is in good shape academically and financially. In 2015, the school and the members of the school council worked together constructively and made some important decisions which will no doubt have a positive and long lasting impact. I am cherry-picking a few initiatives and achievements that stand out:

- The decision to introduce Chinese into the language program with a view to gradually replace Italian;
- The purchase and installation of solar panels which is not only a contribution to a sustainable environment but reduces the school’s energy bills as well;
- The development of a 10-year Building and Grounds Master Plan, which provides structure and direction for further improvements to our school grounds;
- The introduction of a class rep program to enhance school-parent communication.

I also encourage everyone who wants to see how our school is performing to have a look at the 2015 Annual Report once it is uploaded to the BSWPS website. The report covers academic achievement, engagement, student wellbeing and productivity and is well worth a read. Of course, there is always scope for further improvement. In particular, in 2016, the school and the members of the council will need to continue to work together to improve the communication between school and parents.

After the formalities of the AGM Janine McIntosh, Schools Manager of the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute, talked to us about the importance of mathematics and ways to support and encourage our kids in their maths education. As an experienced maths educator of children and teachers, she gave us some excellent advice on how to help our children. There were a couple of things that resonated with me as a parent:

First of all, one of the most important aspects of supporting our kids with maths is psychological: maths anxiety is very common, and it is contagious. If you have a fear of maths or don’t feel confident about your mathematical ability, the best thing you can do for your kids is to not show your fear and to be positive – fake it till you make it!

Another piece of advice was to keep encouraging our kids to persist even if maths is difficult or repetitive or boring: just like with any other skill that really matters (footy, anyone?) practice counts. We are already seeing a huge shift in what skills are required in the workforce. Australian society will need more mathematical skills in a broad range of occupations. Children who do mathematics until Year 12 also tend to do better in other subjects and have better chances of being successful in tertiary education.

It was great to see so many people show up on the night, to what turned out to be a very engaging event. On a last note, as the new School Council president I have taken it upon myself to regularly report back to you what the school council is up to. To start off, I would like to introduce you to the 2016 School Council members - elsewhere in this newsletter you can find “Meet the 2016 councillors”.

I hope you will take the time to read it and get to know a bit about us. And when you see us in the playground, come up and have a chat. We love to hear from you about what is going on in this great state school!

Maaike Wienk
President
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Join us on our nation’s journey at reconciliation.org.au/nrw and make reconciliation part of your future.
What’s NEW at your library?  Everything!
New books, DVDs and e Resources ensure we stay current with the needs of the community. PRC (Premiers Reading Challenge) books are clearly marked for your easy selection. We also ensure we have all the short listed books for the Children’s Book of the Year Awards, which highlight Australian authors and are presented in August during ‘Children’s Book Week’.

Children’s activities
Special events are ongoing through the year. Keep an eye out for them. Coming up we have,

**Evening Storytimes at 6.15pm:**
- Brunswick May 25  
- Campbell Turnbull June 14
- Fawkner June 6  
- Glenroy June 16

**Family fun nights at 6.15pm**
- Fawkner May 10  
- Glenroy May 19
- Fawkner May 24  
- Fawkner June 28

School holiday activity program, including digital gaming, can be viewed online or in the libraries from the 10th June, a week before the end of term.

In addition, our regular weekly activities cater for pre-school children. Whether it’s Rhymetime for babies up to 18 months, Toddler Time for infants 18 to 36 months old or Storytime for 3-5 year olds, you will find a program to suit your child at Moreland City Libraries.

**Brunswick Library**
233 Sydney Road  
Brunswick  
Phone: 9389 9600

**Coburg Library**
Corner Louisa and Victoria Streets  
Coburg  
Phone: 9353 4000

**Campbell Turnbull**
220 Melville Road  
West Brunswick  
Phone: 9384 9200

**Glenroy Library**
737 Pascoe Vale Road  
Glenroy  
Phone: 8311 4100

**Fawkner Library**
Jukes Road  
Fawkner  
Phone: 9355 4200

Meet the 2016 School Council

ASHLEY WHITEHEAD  DET School Council Member
I am a year 3/4 teacher at Brunswick South West Primary School. I have been teaching for 4 years, 3 of which at BSWPS. I am currently a member of the Education Subcommittee. I joined Council to learn more about the ‘behind the scenes’. I have learnt so much about how a school runs from joining school council.

CAROLINE WIGNELL  DET School Council Member
I have been a Junior School classroom teacher since 2009. I work 4 days a week, team teaching with Lizzy Gibney and job sharing with Kelly Leyden. I am responsible for supporting our school’s Student Representative Council - one of the key reasons I decided to re-join school council again in 2016. I am a member of the Engagement sub-committee which links well with my work with SRC, Engagement and Wellbeing Key Learning Group and the Kids Matter team. I also work with the ICT Key Learning Group. My work with this group involves gaining our school’s eSmart accreditation. I feel it is important to represent my colleagues in being able to hear what school council wants from both teaching and education support staff.

CHRISSY TEMPLE  DET School Council Member
I have been a teacher at BSWPS since 2007. I have been teaching P/1/2 since 2009. This is my 3rd year on School Council. I am also part of the Engagement Committee. I graduated from Victoria University in 2003 and taught overseas in England in 2006 and in Canada in 2012. I was awarded a Victorian International Teaching Fellowship (VITF) and I exchanged my house and job in 2012 with Kristy McAllister in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. I am currently the President of the International Teachers’ Association in Victoria and we support people who are currently on a VITF. I’ve also been a teaching assistant in America and I completed part of my University studies in Germany. My hobbies include: reading, playing tennis and volleyball, photography, sewing, paper craft, painting my nails, looking after my 8-year-old nephew and travelling. I joined School Council because it is interesting to know and learn more about how the DET works and the important role SC members can play in the running of BSWPS.

COLIN BELL  Parent School Council Member
My son Ruben is in Grade 6. In my daily life I am a Finance Systems Consultant, and in the School Council I am member of the Finance Committee. My motivation for involvement in the School’s committees is to be of service to the school community.

GLEN THOMSON  Parent School Council Member and Vice-President
I am the father of Chloe (Grade 4, Mel’s class) and Amelia (Grade 2 (Cathy/Naomi’s class). I work for Powercor, heading up their Energy Solutions business unit. I am Vice President, and part of the Engagement sub-committee. My motivation for joining the school council is working to help out where I can, support a dedicated bunch of active and engaged parents who are sacrificing their own time for the betterment of the school and our children.

JUDY HARRINGTON  Assistant Principal and DET School Council Member
I have been Assistant Principal at this school for 6 years. I commenced a position as 5/6 classroom teacher at BSW in 2010. My son Dylan Phillips attended this school for years 5/6 in 2010-11. I have been on BSW School Council and the Education Sub-Committee for 7 years. It has been a valuable experience as a professional educator, but also an opportunity to work with parents to provide the best education we can for the students.

LOUISE CHOCHOLIS  Principal and DET School Council Member
In July I’ll start my 23rd year as Principal of BSWPS, a member of its Council and all its Sub-committees. Coincidentally, as a child I lived in the area, in the grounds of Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital. While I attended school in North Melbourne, South Daly Street was the route to my grandparents’ house in West Preston! My first year of teaching was at Heathmont PS in 1970. However, I left the Department early in 1974 and headed overseas to Greece, and later, Canada. In 1981, back in Australia with my family, I returned to teaching and further study. Over the years, I’ve taught in a range of settings and all year levels. I’m passionate about: school being a great experience for each student; each student being excited about learning and achieving personal bests; BSW being the best it can be; State Education being the benchmark for Australian students’ learning outcomes. On a personal note, I’m learning the ancient art of change bell ringing and attend practice on Wednesday nights.
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<td>Parent School Council Member and President</td>
<td>I am the mother of Tim, currently in Grade 4, and Margot, who was a student here but moved on to high school in 2015. In my daily life I work as a finance and program officer at the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute, where one of my roles is to be the custodian of all kinds of data on the state of mathematics in Australia, which underpin our policy and advocacy work. I joined School Council in 2014, and have been a member of the Education Subcommittee ever since. I think the Brunswick South West community is a fantastic community and being a part of it has enhanced the lives of our kids and ourselves as parents. Joining the School Council has been a great way to repay the favour.</td>
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<td><strong>MARTIN REEVES</strong></td>
<td>Community School Council Member</td>
<td>I am the father of Oliver in grade 6, Hugo in Grade 4, and Lily in Grade 2 and partner of Kate Douglas. I am also the Founding Director of Outlines - A landscape architecture, architecture and urban design company that primarily delivers public realm works such as large streetscapes and urban squares, town plans, parks, playgrounds, train stations, universities, schools etc. I am a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects. I am part of the Building and Grounds committee, and also Bar Manager for the BSWPS Fete. My motivation for joining the school council is to become a bigger part of and contribute to the school community. I also like to ski, run, cycle and climb. And work / relax on our rural property in Central Victoria. I volunteer with Alpine Search and Rescue Victoria.</td>
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<td><strong>MUSTAFA HAMOUI</strong></td>
<td>Parent School Council Member</td>
<td>I have 2 children at BWSPS, one in prep and the other in grade 4. I work as a Project Manager for Local Government, delivering community infrastructure. I am member of the Buildings and Grounds subcommittee. My motivation to join Council is to contribute to the school community and improve the education experience for the students.</td>
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<td><strong>PHILIP CARR</strong></td>
<td>Parent School Council Member</td>
<td>I am the parent of Sophia Carr (Sharon 3/4) and Isabella Carr (Chrissy P1/2). My occupation is Management Consultant (My wife Melissa and I have our own business), and I am currently taking my turn at being a stay at home parent. I am general committee member and member of the Finance subcommittee. My motivation for joining the school council is to support the development of our school community and hopefully be able to provide guidance in areas where I have some experience.</td>
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<td><strong>ROSS ALLEN</strong></td>
<td>Parent School Council Member</td>
<td>I am the father of Levi Allen, prep in Chrissy &amp; Anya's class, and Vienna, an aspiring 2018 prep. I'm a new member of School Council, and am also part of the Education Sub-committee. In my professional life I support the implementation of urban water research for the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities at Monash University. I work in the space between research and practice, collaborating with academics, government and business practitioners across a wide range of disciplines to plan and implement water-management and green-infrastructure initiatives that support the wellbeing of communities and their environment. I chose to join School Council to support and get to know the BSW school community. My involvement in School Council is my way of giving back to the teachers, the students, and the broader school community, and of being actively involved in my children's education. Occasionally, I go for a long ride on my bike, or run...</td>
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<td><strong>STEPHEN VAN LANGENBERG</strong></td>
<td>Parent School Council Member</td>
<td>My son Ethan is in Grade 1 with Kay. I am a Relationship Manager in Banking looking after High Net Worth clients. I am a general School Council member and member of Education Subcommittee. I joined the School Council as I wanted to be part of the school community and contribute to the school that will be such a big part of my child’s life.</td>
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