Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

The cold weather has finally arrived. The tan bark below the SS playground equipment was white with frost yesterday morning. Last week, a wet day timetable operated on a few occasions. Do visit our grounds in their winter glory!

A good start to the day The dark, cold mornings can make getting up a challenge. However, you can give your child a good start to the school day by:

- ensuring your child has sufficient sleep. A good night’s sleep is a prerequisite for a happy and productive day at school. Primary school children need about nine to ten hours sleep. Children who have insufficient sleep are affected differently to adults. For example, they tend to ‘speed up’ rather than slow down. For more information, see https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/sleep-deprivation
- have a calm start to the day. Establish a routine which allows enough time for what needs to be done.
- arrive in time, about 8:50 am*, so that your child has time to greet friends. (Children don’t like being late for class. This often makes them reluctant to go to class. They are faced with catching up with whatever is happening rather than a calm start to the day.)

* Unaccompanied children are not to be at school before 8:45 am which is when yard
supervision commences. To exercise our duty of care, students in the grounds before then, (or after 3:45 pm), are sent to the Out of School Hours Care Program at their families’ expense.

**Reports** Over the past few weeks, teachers have been writing student reports in the evenings and at weekends. I started reading them last Friday. I especially enjoy the task when the students’ reflections accompany the reports. (Due to timing issues, frequently I see the reflections a week or two later.)

These JS students have given their permission for the following extracts to be published.

**At school I am good at:**

- *making stuff because I’m going to be a scientist.* (Rupert Lord)
- *Chinese because I like it.* (Alex Mornement)
- *writing because I use my editor’s check list.* (Addy Hutchinson)

**I am still working to improve:**

- *counting with tens towers.* (Levi Allen)
- *writing because sometimes my letters float in the air.* (Julian Rojas)
- *to remember to put a full stop and a capital letter.* (Salwa Dardouri)

**I would like to learn more about:**

- *art because there are so many arts in the world.* (Hugo Cairns)
- *rabbits – how their ears work – and how to make paper.* (Elena Fros-Salvatore)
- *mass – how much things weigh.* (Kiri Swift)

Yours sincerely

Louise Chocholis
Principal

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If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.

Nelson Mandela
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

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

LAMONT BOOK FAIR

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

SMALL JARS NEEDED

We are in need of small glass jars (250ml or less) for the Election Day Stall. Please drop them off at the office. Your help is much appreciated!

LOST PROPERTY

There is a lot of lost property—jumpers, drink bottles etc. Please come & have a look. Lost property 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.
**BSW ROCKS!**

**Musician of the Week...**

**Andrew Dixon**

**Instrument:** Piano

**Q1:** How many years have you been playing piano?
**A:** I have been playing for 2/3 years.

**Q2:** Do you like playing?
**A:** I like playing pieces but I don’t like practising.

**Q3:** Do you do lessons in or out of school?
**A:** Out of school in Clifton Hill.

**Q4:** What’s your teacher’s name?
**A:** Katie

**Q5:** Is anyone else in your class?
**A:** No it’s just me

**Q6:** What’s the favourite piece you play?
**A:** The Entertainer by Scott Joplin

**Interviewers:**
*Emilia Sawka and Isabel Turnor Navarro*

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**SCIENCE NEWS**

**Hard work creates simple life**

It takes a lot of information to make a human. It’s kept in our cells as DNA, which contains at least 20,000 genes. Some other forms of life can get by with much less DNA and fewer genes. Now one team of scientists think they’re close to making the simplest living thing possible.

The team used a bacterium known as *Mycoplasma mycoides*, which has a very small set of DNA. The team looked at all the genes in the bacterium and tried to work out which ones were most important.

It took a lot of experiments to choose what to cut. Some genes were easy to cut out, as they had unimportant functions. Sometimes, they would find two genes that did similar jobs. The bacterium could survive without one or the other, but died when they took both genes out!

After a lot of cutting, the team created an even smaller set of DNA. The new bacterium had 473 genes. They transplanted the new DNA into cells, which stayed alive and reproduced. They had created a new, living cell!

There’s still a lot to learn about this new bacterium, known as Syn 3.0. Scientists don’t know what 149 of its genes actually do. If we want to learn more about how bacteria work, those genes might be a good place to start looking.

*Article source: DoubleHelix Science by email.*

*Chantel Scrimshaw*

Prep 1/2 Teacher
Last week our students took part in the Australian Library Association’s **National Simultaneous Storytime** event.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 16th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children’s book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades 1 to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework.

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

By facilitating National Simultaneous Storytime, we aim to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher;
- promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country;

This year we joined thousands of student and families across Australia to read **I GOT THIS HAT** by Jol and Kate Temple with illustrations by Jon Foye. We watched the entertaining reading of the story on The Story Box Library (storyboxlibrary.com.au) and after the reading our students made newspaper hats!

**Jacinta Dimase**
Library
LITERACY SPOT

Visualise!
One of the most magical things about reading is the pictures you create in your head about the story. Draw a picture of one of the scenes from your favourite book!

SCULPTURE EXPO.....
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 hall way outside the office area.

Felicity Kingsford
Grade 5/6

IKEA DONATION TO BSWPS

This month Ikea was generous enough to donate 300 reusable plastic plates and cups to Brunswick South West Primary School.

The school is in need of plates and cups for the multiple large events that we host every year. The school has a new Sustainability Policy, and the introduction of reusable cups and plates is inline with a goal to minimise waste.

These cups and plates can be used at the Fete, Family Breakfast, Art Show, Book Fair, and other events.

This is an extension of other sustainability initiatives as school: waste free lunches, a kitchen garden, a Nature Warriors team, signing up to be a Victorian Resource Smart School, and the 24 kW solar system generating renewable energy for the school.

We thank Ikea for this generous donation.

SENIOR SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS SHOW

Thursday, 23rd June
In the HALL
2.00pm

ALL FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME
Come & enjoy a quirky show about energy!
REFUGEE WEEK 2016
WITH COURAGE LET US ALL COMBINE

REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS RECOGNITION AWARDS 2016
REFUGEE WEEK 19-25 JUNE / WORLD REFUGEE DAY 20 JUNE

Friends of Refugees warmly invites you to join us
in celebrating the valued contributions of refugees
and asylum seekers to Australian society.

The RASR Awards recognise individuals of a refugee and asylum seeker background for their outstanding contribution to the Australian community. RASR Awards also recognise the volunteers who have contributed significantly to the advancement of refugee resettlement and the betterment of refugees’ lives in Australia.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY, MONDAY June 20th 2016,
6.30PM-9.30pm at Carriolo Gantner Theatre, Sidney Myer Asia Centre,
158/761 Swanston St, University of Melbourne, Parkville VIC 3052

• Keynote speakers: Opening Address by Rev. Rod Bower (Anglican Parish of Gosford)
  Trevor Grant (Journalist & Author) Sr.Brigid Arthur (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project)
  Presentation of 2016 awards
• Cultural show & displays • Live performances & entertainment • Finger food & drinks 6.30-7.00pm
This Monday, we have a window into the future, with a BMW Electric car on show after school.

Did you know that they predict that by 2025 a quarter of all car sales will be electric cars!

- **What:** 100% electric car on show (BMW i3)
- **Where:** The school oval
- **When:** Monday 6th June
- **Time:** 3:30 to 4:30pm.
- **Who is invited:** School community and friends

Thanks to BMW Melbourne for bringing this car along for World Environment Day, in particular Nathan, the electric car expert at BMW.

Some stats on the car:
- 0 to 60 km/h in 3.7 seconds, 0–100 km/h in 7.2 seconds, acceleration from 80 to 120 km/h in 4.9 seconds.
- Maximum range in everyday driving up to 160 km, in ECO PRO mode up to 170 km, in ECO PRO+ mode up to almost 200 km.
- Li-ion battery
- Virtually silent motor
- Zero emissions

For more info go here: www.bmw.com.au/i3