Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Monday Assembly is a snapshot of the school week and ranges from twenty to forty-five minutes in length. Have you been recently? Do come, for as little or as long as you like. You’ll be impressed with our students’ poise and confidence in front of more than three hundred and fifty people.

Year 6 Young Leaders take it in turns to host the weekly get together and start by acknowledging the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners of the land. The National Anthem comes next and then I have a spot.

This week’s Nature Warriors, Ruben Bell and Sandro Mortimer, announced the JS & SS Rubbish Free Lunch winners, F-2 Cathy and Years 3/4 Sharon, and the prizes, homemade ice blocks. Esther Rankin-MacDonald and Chloe Paquient from Years 5/6 spoke about the SRC Book Swap which raised $640.65 for Indigenous Literacy. Bell Monitors, Year 4 students Elijah Lindsay and Stella Hughes, talked about selecting the theme for each week. Currently it’s The Beatles. Jean Land and Dominic Poletti from Years 3/4 Sarah/Barb talked about Social & Emotional Learning and the language of feelings. (See their work on the GB noticeboard.)

For future dates - please visit our website calendar: http://brunswicksw-ps.vic.edu.au/calendar
Assembly ended with a performance of Kirkcudbright Centipede by Chantel’s and Jacqui/Lucy’s F-Yr2 classes. They sang to their own pre-recording. (The new classroom microphone had been used for this.)

The SS students went to class and the JS had their Shining Star Awards.*

New Appointment  It’s with pleasure that I announce that Colin Bell is the provisional appointment to the Business Manager position. Many of you will know Colin as an active member of the school community and the father of Ruben who’s in Year 6.

Digital Learning Journals (DLJs)  All classroom DLJs have been updated recently. Use this link to visit the DLJ home page http://brunswicksw-ps.vic.edu.au/class-digital-learning-journals. Year 5/6 Alison’s DLJ has a glitch. Use this link for now http://alisonm.global2.vic.edu.au

Parent Survey REMINDER  A couple of weeks ago, some families received a Parent Opinion Survey. The Department conducts this survey every year to find out how satisfied parents are with various aspects of their child’s school. BSWPS uses the information to make our school the best it can be. Thank you to the thirty-seven families who have returned their surveys. Fifteen are still outstanding. I’d be very pleased, if a few more came in tomorrow morning. They would be just in time to meet the Department’s deadline.

Building Community  The Casserole Club Moreland is a partnership between Moreland City Council and Wesley Mission Victoria, that aims to connect older residents with community members that love to cook and share a plate and a chat. It’s a neighbour to neighbour food-sharing initiative that strengthens community relationships and reduces social isolation. See page 9 for more information.

Yours sincerely

Louise Chocholis
Principal

*This year JS Assembly had to be incorporated into the regular Monday Assembly. With the extra JS class, timetabling meant that some students have a specialist class on Friday afternoon.

Hi there!
We will be hosting an RSPCA Cup Cake stall on Monday 15 August between 3:30 and 4:00pm. You will find us at the front of the school.

Please come down and support this good cause by buying our delicious cupcakes!

Lily, Guilia, Alexis, Pippa and Jasmin

LITERACY SPOT

Do you have a favourite picture book? Practice reading aloud by sharing it with someone like a friend, cousin or classmate!
Father’s Day is fast approaching and the Brunswick South West Primary School Father’s Day stall is happening again.

This year, we are asking parents to donate homemade gifts (e.g. Homemade jams or preserves, plants, knitted items) that can be sold at the stall.

The stall will be the first week of September, so please help us make this year’s stall as homemade as possible. There will be a box in the office for you to place your donations in.

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

Thank you to all the people who donated books and money to our successful book swap. All donations will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. As a school, we raised a grand total of $640.65.

Without your help, our book swap would not have been so successful, and an extra big thank you to Caroline for helping us to make our book swap achievable.

Thank you!

Esther & Chloe

Castiglione Arts & Culture and the Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne present:

**Master Talk with Lu Sijing**

**FREE EVENT**

Monday, 15 August 2016 7PM

Sidney Myer Asia Centre, Carrillo Gantner Theatre, Basement, 761 Swanston Street, Parkville, VIC 3052

RSVP: Essential via Eventbrite
Asthma Management in Winter and Spring:
Asthma is one of the most common chronic childhood conditions, affecting 1 in every 10 children in Australia. Emergency admissions and hospitalisations peak during the winter for children with asthma and flare-ups are often more prevalent during the winter and spring. Good management however can help children with asthma and their carers get through this tricky time of year with more confidence.

Here are a few tips for parents and carers:
- make an annual appointment for an asthma review by your child’s doctor
- update your child’s Asthma Plan at the start of each year and provide a copy to the school
- talk to the teacher and other key staff about your child’s asthma – their usual triggers, symptoms and medication
- provide an in-date blue reliever puffer and spacer for use at school (clearly labelled with child’s name and date of birth)

Asthma Kids
Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help.

Check it out at www.asthmakids.org.au

Asthma app:
The new Asthma Australia asthma app brings together a raft of resources in one convenient place to help you ensure your child’s asthma is managed as well as possible. Sections include information on medications, device technique videos and Asthma First Aid in an emergency. The app is free at the iTunes store (Android coming soon).
The Moreland School Holiday program information and enrolment forms will be available for the September 2016 School Holiday Program from **Friday 5 August 2016, 5pm.** Bookings will close on Friday 19 August 2016.

Our existing families are able to make a booking via our online booking system using the **casual booking option** on [https://www.qkenhanced.com.au/external/](https://www.qkenhanced.com.au/external/).

New families to our program are able to contact us on **sd-schoolholidayprogram@moreland.vic.gov.au** and we will assist with setting up an online profile.

For those wanting to use a hard copy, 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 Phone: 9240 1111.

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**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP**

Over a 5 day period in the September school holidays, young people will work with professional theatre makers to collaboratively design and build extraordinary puppets and musical instruments out of discarded recyclable objects. All elements will come together at the end of the workshop when participants perform with their out-of-this-world creations in their own sustainable theatre spectacular.

* For students 5-8 years and 9-12 years living in Moreland.

**COST:** FREE

**VENUE:** Coburg Courthouse, 1a Main st Coburg

**DATES and TIMES:**

Monday 26th September – Friday 30th September 10am to 3pm each day
(with a performance on Friday afternoon at 5pm)

Workshop spaces are limited, to secure your spot, please book here:

[www.trybooking.com/MLIW](http://www.trybooking.com/MLIW)
Olympic Moments

Aoife’s Weekend
On Saturday morning I lay in bed awake, I didn’t move. It was the witching hour. I got out of bed, my feet were cold, the floor boards creaked as I trottled to the kitchen. I opened the fridge, wow! How cold was it! I tiptoed to the door of the lounge room, I peeped in. My eyes glittered like shiny stones, the Olympics was on, finally! I rushed back to my room, opened my drawer, I took out my torch. I struggled to get in on. Finally it was on and I went to the lounge room as the floor boards creaked behind me. I flopped on my dad’s lap; it was warm, cozy and squashy. I was just in time to see Australia come in. Anna Meares held up the Australian flag.

Any Latham
Prep/1/2 Teacher

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW ILLAWARRA FLAME TREE?

Wednesday last week, Alison’s class planted a tree that they received due to all the brilliant parents who attended the working bee.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and worked together to wheel many heavy loads of compost to ensure our tree has the best start to its growing life.

Alison Meehan
Grade 5/6 teacher

ENGLISH NEWS

BOOK WEEK

It's that time of year again and Book Week is upon us! To celebrate we are holding a special event in a couple of weeks. So check out the attached flyer, get your thinking caps on and be ready for the fun!!

Chris Goss
Reading Recovery & Library
Have you discovered Saturdays at CERES?

CERES Environment Park is an oasis right on your doorstep. A lush 10-acre urban farm and sustainability centre on the Merri Creek, CERES is the perfect place to relax, recharge and catch up with family and friends at the end of a busy week. Unwind, shop, eat, wander, explore and learn. **FREE ENTRY.**

**VISIT CERES ON SATURDAYS AND DISCOVER:**
* **Makers & Flea Market:** 9am-2pm every Saturday (10am-3pm Jun-Aug). Browse stalls of locally handmade, vintage, up-cycled, eco-friendly and pre-loved goods
* **Organic Grocery:** fresh organic produce, bulk foods and environmentally friendly products. Sit back, relax and enjoy a coffee, pastry and live music
* **Permaculture & Bushfood Nursery:** for all your gardening needs - or just wander through and enjoy the beauty and colour
* **Merri Table Café:** great food for all tastes and dietary requirements
* **Urban Orchard:** bring your home-grown produce to the swap table
* **Eco House:** take a tour and learn low energy housing tips
* **Bike Shed:** learn how to fix your own or a recycled bike
* **Community Shed:** gardens, chooks, nature play area, energy park and more

* Plenty of room for children to run freely, play, climb and explore
* **DOGS welcome** (on leads)

**MAKERS & FLEA MARKET STALLS:** $25. BOOK VIA “ORGANIC GROCERY” ON THE CERES WEBSITE. NEW AND RETURNING STALLHOLDERS:
Book 4 markets in 3 months and get the 4th FREE! (conditions apply)
Email ceresmakersandfleamarket@gmail.com

w: www.ceres.org.au
f: www.facebook.com/ceresmakersandfleamarket
i: www.instagram.com/ceresmakersandfleamarket #SaturdaysatCeres

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Toilets up to standard

Not all scientists are smashing particles, discovering new chemicals or exploring exotic environments. Some scientists strive to keep things working in your home. It takes a lot of science to test everyday objects, such as toilets, to make sure they work the way they should.

It starts when a group of people, including scientists and manufacturers, come together to write a standard. For example, “Without standards, you’re never going to be able to go to the toilet,” says Stephen Smith, a CSIRO scientist. “It’s going to leak and flood.”

Standards are very thorough. They list all the different aspects of a product that need to be checked. Stephen explains the standard for toilets in Australia: “It looks at the volume of water used, a flush that will wash away the waste, and safety.” The toilet needs to be strong so it doesn’t break when you sit on it, and it definitely needs to connect to the plumbing without leaking.

Once there’s a standard, the next step is testing. And yes, that means scientists make fake poo! “In America, they make stools out of soybeans,” says Stephen. “We use a sausage skin, and we put a finger bandage over the top of that. It has to be a certain weight – it’s in between floating and laying on the bottom. Then we check to make sure it’s the right consistency.”

It takes many different tests to make sure a toilet is fit to task. Some checks even involve flushing telephone book paper and sprinkled sawdust. Only when it passes all tests is a porcelain throne considered worthy.

So hopefully you’ve got a newfound respect for standards. But why is this article obsessed with toilets? Stephen was recently awarded for his work developing the standard for vacuum toilets, such as those used on planes. Next time you sit on a high-tech toilet, think about all the science that makes it possible!

Article source by Double Helix Science by email
Celebrate Book Week with us, by sharing a favourite story by an Australian author and dress up as a memorable book character.

WHAT: Dress up parade
WHEN: Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August
WHERE: The Hall
TIME: After assembly

Then time to share stories with your buddy class!!!
Computers and the internet are great for entertainment, finding information and communicating, however there are dangers and it is important to protect yourself.

Leading Senior Constable Lippiart of the Victorian Police will talk about cyber safety, including passwords, scams and meeting people online.

Register online: moreland.vic.gov.au/read-more
or phone 9353 4000