Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Teaching and learning  Improving teaching and learning is central to our work at BSW. As professional educators we know everyone can learn and, obviously, that means us too! The ways we do this are through reflections about our own practice, observation of colleagues, reading about and participating in research and advances in knowledge, eg, neuroscience of learning. While much of this work takes part in our regular meeting schedule, this week our professional learning is a little different.

Yesterday five colleagues, principals from my collegiate group, visited our school to observe a JS maths lesson. Our common focus is building excellence in teaching and learning with a current emphasis on effective feedback. I’ll visit other schools later in the year.

Today Maths Consultant, Dr Gaye Williams, and JS teacher, Lucy Williams, will present selected film clips from a problem-solving lesson, The King’s Present, which she did with her class. The clips will illustrate interesting thinking, teaching points, unexpected outcomes . . . I’m very disappointed that I need to attend a webinar rather than this rich professional learning.

For future dates - please visit our website calendar:  
http://brunswicksw-ps.vic.edu.au/calendar
**Our 2017 Twilight Fete**  Seeking, seeking four people! Our Twilight Fete is the highlight of your child’s school year. Please, see the notice on page 3 and be brave! Each day your child, as a learner, needs to be a risk taker. Do the same, and volunteer for one of these jobs! Be your child’s, and our, hero/ heroine! (After a brief reflection, I decided that, since BSW is a school and should promote a broad vocabulary, the feminine form of the noun should be included. I’m happy to entertain an alternative view.)

**Never too many books and stories**  On Monday, Maurice and Phaedra’s F- Yr 2 classes performed a Dream Time story at Assembly and then had everyone up dancing to Yothu Yindi. It was an appropriate lead in to 2016 Children’s Book Week, 20th – 26th August. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character to Monday’s Assembly. This year’s theme is *Australia! Story Country*. If you haven’t been recently, visit our wonderful library during Book Week.

A different story was *Aoife’s Weekend*, a student work which was published in last week’s edition. Her account took me back sixty years to the Melbourne Olympic Games. Each weekend I would go to the athletic field, with a cinder track, near Royal Park Station to watch the international athletes. The biggest, almost unbearable, excitement was being an arm’s length away from Betty Cuthbert.

**Road Safety**  Brunswick Police were monitoring the traffic and parking along South Daly Street after school last Thursday. I’m always pleased to see them because the roads around the school are dangerous for our students, mainly due to driving violations by parents, eg, parking in drop off zones, double parking . . .

Please, do your bit to make the roads around the school safer for our students!

**Wilful Damage**  On Sunday, the metal cover was removed from a drain on the basketball court. Despite enthusiastic searching by our students, the cover has not been found.*

Our grounds are a valued community asset. Do use them on the weekends, evenings and holidays! Your responsible use of the facilities encourages others to use them appropriately.

However, if you see anyone damaging school property, please, call the Brunswick Police on 8378 6000.

Yours sincerely

Louise Chocholis
Principal

* Thank you to the person who put a barrier around the pit on Sunday and the other person who supplied a temporary cover.
TWILIGHT FETE 2017 NEEDS YOU!

Are you a graphic designer? Would you like to be able to contribute to the Fete from home? Do you have experience in PR?
Then you need to sign up for the PR & Communications Crew!
We are seeking 1 individual to sign up for this Crew. You will become part of a Crew responsible for “getting the word out” about our Fete. We need a graphic designer to create the Fete Buzz, organise signage, flyers and letterbox drops and Fete day artwork.

Essential skills/experience:
Graphic design (experienced in InDesign)

Experienced Crew members signed up? None – make it your own!
Mentor willing to share previous experience? Yes

Want to find out more? Or sign up?
Send us an email at twilightfete@gmail.com or chat to one of the Crew members already signed up.
This month I would like to draw your attention to an important subject on the BSWPS agenda this year: The implementation of the Victorian Child Safe Standards. All Victorian schools and other organisations that work with children have to take a good hard look at the way they approach the prevention and response to child abuse. They will have to engage in cultural change and make sure that child safety is embedded in the everyday thinking and practices of leaders, staff and volunteers.

There are seven separate standards that our school needs to meet. I name a few: BSWPS needs to have a child safe policy, and a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children. Our school needs to have adequate processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse, and strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse. Also important are ways to promote the participation and empowerment of children, so that they feel safe to speak up if they are victim of abuse.

Of course our school already has some long-standing policies in place that aim to keep our children safe (one example is the volunteer policy which sets out who needs to have a Working with Children check). However, the new Child Safe Standards require the school to build on these, to implement new policies and review many existing policies through the lens of child abuse prevention.

At the School Council meeting last Monday we discussed the proposed child safe policy. This policy sets out our BSWPS' values and principles with regard to child safety. It also puts the broad guidelines in place for her implementation of these values. Most likely it will be ready to be endorsed at the next meeting. Phase two will be a child safe code of conduct for staff and volunteers.

I will keep you posted of the process along the way, and let you know when new policies are endorsed and ready to be published on the school website.

Keeping all children attending BSWPS safe from abuse concerns everyone of us, and is our collective responsibility as a school community. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, I encourage you to speak to me or Louise.

Maaike Wienk
School Council President
Head Lice

We have been notified of a case of head lice at the school.

Please check your child's hair tonight and, if necessary, treat it.

Information on how to treat head lice can be found at:


Bell Music this week

Modern Pop

By Elijah & Stella

“Hello” - Adele

“Fast Car” - Jonas Blue featuring Dakota

“Magnets” - Disclosure featuring Lorde

“Don’t Let Me Down” - Chainsmokers featuring Daya

“Faded” - Alex Walker
SCIENCE NEWS

Five fun science facts:

1. There is enough DNA in an average person’s body to stretch from the sun to Pluto and back — 17 times.
2. At over 2000 kilometres long, The Great Barrier Reef is the largest living structure on Earth.
3. The average person walks the equivalent of five times around the world in a lifetime.
4. An individual blood cell takes about 60 seconds to make a complete circuit of the body.
5. If all the LEGO Bricks ever manufactured were clipped on top of one another, they would make a tower ten times as high as the distance to the moon.

Science Club

The Nature Warriors held their first Science lunchtime club last week. They decided on the ‘Coke & Mentos’ chemical reaction activity. Check out the cool pictures of the kids learning together.

It was a bit of a fizzer, but the kids still had fun!

Stay tuned for more information about future Science Club activities.
FATHER’S DAY STALL

If anyone has any tangelos, limes, oranges, cumquats, mandarins, beetroots or chillies growing at home, can you help us to make jams and marmalades for the Father’s Day stall by donating any of these things to the school?

We could also use some more jars if you have any at home.

*Catherine Pfabe*
*Mother’s and Father’s Day Stall Co-ordinator*

LITERACY SPOT

Syllables are a great way to help with spelling.

How many syllables in your first name?
Who has the most syllables in their name at your house?

BSW ROCKS!

**Musician of the Week…**

**ERIN**

**Instrument: Flute**

Q1. How many years have you been playing flute?
   A: I have been playing for 2 years.

Q2. Do you do it in or out of school?
   A: Out of school.

Q3. What is your teacher’s name?
   A: Kane.

Q4. Is anyone else in your class?
   A: No, it’s just me.

Q5. What’s the favourite piece you play?
   A: Tequila.
National Asthma Week  1-7 September

The theme for National Asthma Week 2016 is Become a Better Breather. National Asthma Week coincides with the beginning of spring and as pollens are a known trigger for asthma, this is an excellent time to ensure your child’s asthma is well controlled.

Sections of the Asthma Australia website that can help with asthma management include:

- Take the Asthma Control Test to see if you could make improvements to help your child become a better breather.
- Manage allergies often linked with asthma, including allergic rhinitis (hayfever).
- Did you know? 90% of people with asthma use their medications incorrectly.
- Check your child’s technique to see if they are getting full benefit from their medication.

Regular review of your child’s asthma with your GP and pharmacist will help them to become a better breather.

Need help with your child’s asthma? Contact our Asthma Assist line on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) and talk to one of our friendly Asthma Health Professionals.

School sports and asthma:

Physical activity acts as a major trigger in up to 90% of people with asthma. Exercise Induced Bronchoconstriction (EIB), commonly known as exercise induced asthma, is the temporary narrowing of the lower airways, occurring after vigorous exercise. People with poorly controlled asthma are at a higher risk of EIB due to the sensitive nature of their airways. This may result in episodes of coughing, wheezing, a feeling of chest tightness/discomfort or shortness of breath, often worsening 5-10 minutes after exercise.

To ensure your child can safely participate in sports and exercise at school, the first step is to make sure their asthma is well controlled. If your child is requiring their reliever medication more than twice a week, it is a good idea to see their GP for a review as this may indicate poorly controlled asthma. Also provide the school with an Asthma Plan from the doctor, particularly before a sport carnival or excursion. The plan will include any instructions for EIB (e.g. use of their asthma reliever prior to physical activity). You can help them check that they are using their asthma devices correctly by watching our videos on the Asthma Australia website.
Invitation to Junior Cricketers

Brunswick Cricket Club is an historic club of over 100 years standing in the Brunswick community, with senior Men and Women sides as well as a progressive junior program, dedicated to the principles of participation, enjoyment and development.

JUNIOR CRICKET:

Brunswick fields U12, U14, U16 teams in Saturday morning competition and U10, U13, U15 teams in Friday evening competitions, with all teams open to boys and girls. Pre-season training starts on Sunday September 4th with matches starting in the first week of October.

MILO IN2CRICKET:

Brunswick runs a vibrant Milo In2Cricket centre on Friday evenings from Friday October 28 through to February. This entry level program for 5-7 year olds involves fun, safe activities that teach boys and girls the basic skills to play cricket, in a supportive environment. Each participant receives a pack containing a backpack, bat, hat, shirt, and ball.

New players for the 2016/17 season will be most welcome for our junior teams and Milo In2Cricket program. Registration can be complete through a simple online process.


For further information or to register your interest to join please contact Scott Mackenzie on 0438890224 or via email at brunswickccjuniors@gmail.com
Our Assembly Speech about Wellbeing this week:

Clancy: In wellbeing in Caroline and Lizzy's class we have been learning to identify how someone else might be feeling.

Ari: We read Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley. We discovered that Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are great friends because they always notice how each other are feeling. If Charlie Parsley is scared, Pearl Barley is brave for him. If Pearl Barley is cold, Charlie Parsley warms her up.

Zach: We acted out a play to show how someone might feel when no one wants to play with them. Some emotions we thought of were:

- Angry
- Sad
- Disappointed
- Lonely
- Rejected

Ella: Then, we acted out how we would feel when someone asks us to play. Some emotions we feel when someone invites us to play with us during break are:

- Joyful
- Valued
- Super
- Happy
- Awesome

Thank you.
OSHC NEWS

BOOKINGS and CANCELLATIONS
To book or make cancellations, please do it online or by smartphone. (APP) We need it to be done this way as we usually need to contact more staff for safety and correct staff/child ratios. If you need to book your child in after 3pm you will need to call Sun Nie (0415 312 736)

CANCELLATIONS If your child is not attending After School Care it is extremely important that you also let Camp Australia know online and let Sun Nie know. Thank you.

This week we are going to open the OSHC arts & craft stall to raise money for ‘The Smith family’ so please bring along some change to spend at the stall. On Tuesday and Thursday the children will also be able to watch a movie at After care for a gold coin donation.

About The Camp Australia Foundation (tCAF)
tCAF is our not for profit organization. Camp Australia enables us to work with charity partners to develop an exclusive program to improve the lives of primary school children throughout Australia and internationally. This term we have committed to helping raise money for ‘The Smith family’.

REMINDERS
How to get started before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online.

Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

How much will I save on cost? Call The Family Assistance Office 1300 105 343.

Camp Australia is committed to ensuring that children in our care receive a variety of healthy food choices to meet their nutrition requirements for a healthy body and mind.

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