Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

National Literacy & Numeracy Week, 29th August to 4th September  This annual event highlights the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all students. This year digital literacy has been included for the first time. Digital literacy involves knowing: how to use a range of technologies; how to act safely and respectfully online.

Over recent weeks, senior classes with their Junior School buddies read a picture book with a number theme. They then demonstrated their learning in some way. Many were in digital formats; some were shared at Monday’s Assembly. These included an art display in the hall and a PowerPoint called Hands Down Counting by Fives by F-Yr 2 Chantel and Jacqui/Lucy and Yrs 3/4 Mel and Sharon, a movie of The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins by F-Yr 2 Anya and Chrissy and Yrs 5/6 Carly and a PowerPoint Zero is the Leaves of the Tree by F-2 Lizzy and Caroline/Kelly and Yrs 5/6 Alison.

If you weren’t there, you don’t need to completely miss out; F-Yr 2 Phaedra’s and Yrs 3/4 Ashley’s classes made a picture book, Diamond Frog and

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

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For future dates - please visit our website calendar: [http://brunswicksw-ps.vic.edu.au/calendar](http://brunswicksw-ps.vic.edu.au/calendar)
Friends, which is now displayed in the foyer to people to read.

Yesterday I was invited to F-Yr 2 Cathy/Naomi’s class to see something special; a 5 x 4 array of the 20 chickens in Louise, the adventures of a chicken which was under construction.

Spring and National Wattle Day, 1st September Spring has arrived and so too has National Wattle Day!

While Wattle Day has been celebrated for more than one hundred years, I was surprised to learn that the Golden Wattle (Acacia pycnantha) was only officially declared our national floral emblem on 1st September, 1988. Australia has more than 1,000 wattle species; not all varieties flower during spring.

I wonder how many wattle trees and varieties grow at our school. Quite a few are in the front garden.

SunSmart Next Monday is Hats On Day!

From September to April in Victoria, UV levels regularly reach 3 or higher. This is high enough to damage unprotected skin and increase the risk of skin cancer so SunSmart schools implement their sun protection measures. Hats are mandatory.

However, students are encouraged to use a combination of the following five sun protection measures:

- **Slip** on clothing that covers as much a skin as possible (no singlet tops)
- **Slop** on SPF30+ broad spectrum sunscreen (remember to reapply it before going outside)
- **Slap** on a wide-brimmed or legionnaire-style hat that shades the head, face, neck and ears
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on some wrap around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067)

Phantom Mowers This wonderful group cuts all the grassed areas of BSW, except the oval, which Moreland Council mows. Spring is the growing season. The group is always looking for more volunteers. Mowing can be done at any time, day, evenings, weekends, except during school breaks. The school has a new lawn mower. If you are able to help with the mowing, please contact the office on 9387 6886. I hope to be swamped with calls.

Yours sincerely

Louise Chocholis
Principal

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**Important Sports Dates**

**MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**
GRADE 3-6 CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS AT COBURG ATHLETICS TRACK

Please contact Carly on rilen.carly.e@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are available to help out on this day.

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**CIRCUS & DRAMA**

Circus & Drama renewals for Term 4 are going out this week. It would be appreciated if you could return the forms & pay promptly.

Please note that there is NO Circus on at all in Melbourne Cup week.

Last classes for the year will be held on 5th & 6th December.

Heather
**GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

Grade 6 Graduation this year will be on **Thursday, 15th December 2016**.

Further information will to come in Term 4.

*Meg Densley*

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**BIKE EDUCATION**

Over Term 3, Year 4 students participated in four weeks of Bike Education sessions, which included a theory component and a series of practical exercises. It was fantastic to see the skills and confidence of the group improve as the program progressed.

This culminated in a Big Bike Riding excursion with a group ride around footpaths and shared trails in the local area. A smaller group of students will go on their Big Ride before the end of term.

All students have shown enthusiasm, persistence and resilience, great teamwork and communication skills whilst riding. Well done Year 4!

Many thanks to the parent volunteers (Sachiko Tanaka, Tony Hughes, Linn Asgautsen, David Palmer, Kylie Moreland, Karen Seligman, Kate Douglas and Rifqi Sjarief) throughout the program and on the excursion, we couldn’t have done it without you. Also thanks to teachers Ashley Whitehead & Mel Waldron for supervising.

*Sarah Stewart*  
*Year 3/4 Teacher*

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**FATHER’S DAY STALL**

Just a quick notice to remind everybody that the Fathers Day stall will be held this **Friday, 2nd September**.

This year we have jams and marmalades, cordials and spice rubs, plants and seeds as well as the usual key-rings and pens.

Cost of gifts range between $1.00 - $6.00

**Junior School**  
9.00am - 11.00am

**Senior School**  
12.00pm - 1.00pm

See you then.

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

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**LOST & FOUND**

**LOST**

It’s that time again.

During Monday morning Assembly (5 Sep) the **Lost Property** will be outside the Red Brick Building.

Please come & have a look & collect any items that might be yours.

**FOUND**

A Library book from Mooney Valley Libraries has been left in sick bay - "Ranger’s Apprentice".

Bike helmet also left in sick bay.

Please claim from the office.
ITALIAN CAMP

Notices have been sent home regarding Italian Camp.

Please pay $115 by Friday, 2nd September at the latest, or the place goes to the next person on the waiting list.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The countdown is on with less than three weeks remaining of the 2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge (PRC).

The PRC will close on 9 September 2016.

LITERACY SPOT

Comprehension tip for the week. When you are reading always check your words.

1. Does it look right?
2. Does it sound right?
3. Does it make sense?

BSW ROCKS!

The Australian Girls Choir is coming to Brunswick SW on Friday 9th September.

They will be listening to girls sing in a group workshop to see what level of training they would be suitable for in the Australian Girls Choir.

If you have a daughter in grades 1-6 who would be interested, the notices will be coming around this week.

Please return the permission slip to the office. Extra forms will also be available at the office.

CROCHET WORKSHOP

Free Crotchet Workshop (Beginner)

Friday 9th September, 1-3pm

BSWPS Handmade invites parents / guardians to a free workshop to be led by Suzy Fry (parent and past fete handmade stall-coordinator).

Come along and meet other parents while learning a new skill in a relaxed environment. (Venue TBA)

To reserve your place contact:

Andrea Thomson 0408 367 634 or Lucinda Pridmore 0435 097 900
Venus, cool past

In some ways, Venus is Earth’s twin — it’s the closest planet to Earth, and it’s almost exactly the same size. But poor Venus flies too close to the Sun. Brighter sunlight and a runaway greenhouse effect makes Venus unbearably hot, with temperatures averaging more than 450 degrees Celsius. But recent climate simulations suggest that Venus wasn’t always a terrifying hellscape. About 750 million years ago, it might have been just as mild and pleasant as Earth!

So how do we know what Venus’ weather was like? Scientists have developed complex computer programs to simulate the Earth’s atmosphere. These models are very useful in forecasting the weather, and also for predicting climate change. Recently, a team of NASA scientists adapted one of these models to look at the weather systems on Venus.

Since Venus is not Earth, the researchers had to make a few changes to the model. First, they increased the power of the Sun. Around 750 million years ago the Sun was not quite as bright, but even then, Venus got a lot more sunlight than Earth does now. They also needed to change the oceans – Venus probably had much less water than Earth. Finally, they changed length of a day. One Venusian day is about 5830 hours long!

When the researchers ran their simulation, an amazing thing happened. One side of the planet – the side in daylight – was covered in cloud, while the other side was clear. The white clouds reflected most of the sunlight back into space, keeping the rest of the planet cool. There was liquid water on the surface of Venus!

Scientists are not certain whether Venus was habitable 750 million years ago. To be sure they would probably need a lander to take rock samples on Venus. But maybe, back before animals emerged from Earth’s oceans, our planet had a twin!

Article Source: DoubleHelix Science by Email
Head Lice

We have been notified of more cases 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:


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Techspert Help Desk

Need help with your computer???

Leave a comment on our Techspert Help Desk if you have any technical issues that you would like us to help you with.

We will create a post with a solution just for you.

Click on the link below and comment on the NEED HELP???? post.


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SINGLE PARENTS ACTIVE KIDS PROUDLY PRESENTS:

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

HARMONY PARK, COBURG, 191 GAFFNEY ST
SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
STARTING 12 NOON

FREE BBQ, ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS:
MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS/RENEWALS AND MORE.

EVEN IF YOU CAN’T ATTEND THERE ARE PLENTY MORE OPPORTUNITIES

HERE IS A LINK TO OUR VERY ACTIVE WEBSITE:
http://www.singleparentsactivekids.org/

LIKE MINDED SINGLE PARENTS TO CHAT WITH,
ACTIVE KIDS WANTING TO PLAY WITH YOUR ACTIVE KIDS, WIN WIN!

“SINGLE DOES NOT MEAN ALONE”

PLEASE RSVP TO info@singleparentsactivekids.org or call Moush on 0430 504 119.
NATURE NEWS

The little insectivorous bats are back, working the school ground at twilight. We could see two flying about near the fence line, so there could well be more. Wouldn’t it be interesting to know what type they were, or whether they were using those fancy new nest boxes in the Sugar Gums? (Or indeed, that standing dead Sugar Gum, which is already developing some great wildlife sized hollows).

The wattles in the school are just beautiful at present. Have you noticed the rare red flowered one beside our fence? A friend gave it to me a couple of years ago and I put it there so everyone could enjoy it. It has been out for 2 weeks and looks great.

The magpies are busy at their nest near the cricket nets, so if all goes well there may be chicks to look out for in a few weeks from now. There were Black Cockatoos flying over in Autumn, and lately there has been Currawongs (Pied) about. I think I heard Silvereyes yesterday too.

Jan Flack

Chinese DLJ News

Chinese DLJ is up and running on our school website where students are able to access various digital resources under different categories.

We presently have a link on the Class DLJ homepage to the journal and our icon will be added to the page shortly or you can access on the link below.


“Winner of Chinese DLJ Icon Design Competition”

We had a competition where the grade 3 students designed an image for the Chinese DLJ. Students have shown great interest in this task and contributed a lot of wonderful entries. After much discussion, Felix’s dragon image with Chinese characters has been selected. Congratulations on him and I thank everyone so much for all the work you have done!
2017 Netbook Program
Order Process

KEY DATES

For Year 2 students (and current Year 3 students without a netbook)

**Information Session (Parents Only)**
**Attendance is optional.**
Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} September 2016
8:45 am OR 7:00 pm
School Library

**Netbook Orders Due (order slip & deposit to office)**
Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} September 2016

**Netbook Induction & Collection**
*Parent & Student must attend*
EARLY DECEMBER 2016 (final date to be advised)
8:45 am OR 7:00 pm

Students will collect netbook and take them home until the start of the 2017 school year
OSHC NEWS
Beginning of week: 5/9/16 – 16/9/2016

BOOKINGS and CANCELLATIONS
To book or make cancellations, please do it online or by phone. (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.

‘Smith Family’ Fundraiser
For the last two weeks the children at aftercare have been busy raising money for ‘The Smith Family’. Thank you to all the parents that kindly donated items to sell in our stall and all the parents that donated money. Overall we raised $120. Great work guys!

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.

Camp Australia----- 1300 105 343
OSHC-9389 3329, Mob-0415 312 736

www.campaustralia.com.au
Saturday 17th September 2016
9am-12pm
Moonee Valley Athletics Track, Corio Street, Moonee Ponds

- Boys & Girls aged 5-15 of all abilities are welcome to join
- Registration fees: $135 per child. Family discounts for 3 or more children
- Registrations now open online at www.lavic.com.au
- New season starts Saturday 1st October

Come & Try Day

Family, Fun, Fitness

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