Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

Welcome back! The work for this last term is new learning, time for consolidation and reflection, and finalising goals set earlier in the year. An exciting and busy time is ahead.

Active Travel/Walk to School and swimming* are F – Yr 6, whole-school activities during October. As well, this week some Senior School students will be taking part in the Division Athletics Meet and the Italian Experiienza. Other events this term include Music: Count Us In, Woorabinda Camp, Transition, report writing and Graduation. To know what’s happening, please, make a practice of checking the calendar on the school website, http://www.brunswicksw-ps.vic.edu.au/calendar

**The Wonder of Nature**  As I was walking from the back gate into school on Monday, I was assailed by the smell of wet earth and eucalypts and the racket of lorikeets, wattlebirds, mynas and magpies. Our grounds are such a tonic. Later I saw five small birds “mobbing”, (swooping and dashing at), a perched raven, most likely to drive it away from a nest. Do share your wonder of our universe, in all its states, with your child!

**Aussie Backyard Bird Count, 17th – 26th October**  In a little more than ten days**, this Australia-wide science project will start. To be involved, all you need is 20 minutes in an
outdoor space, sometime during the week. Scientists will use the data to see how Australian birds are faring. To register/learn more, go to http://aussiebirdcount.org.au/

**Virus on curriculum server** A virus, which encrypted teachers’ and students’ files, was discovered during the holidays. This meant that the school’s IT Technician, Wassef Almir, had to restore the server from backup and check all teacher laptops, student netbooks and school computers before they could be reconnected to the network. I’d like to acknowledge and thank Wassef for the huge amount of extra work that he completed, in a very short time, to minimise disruption to our school program.

**Thank You Phantom Mowers** Our Phantom Mower/s were busy before the start of term. This amazing group cuts all the grassed areas of BSW, except the oval, which Moreland Council mows. At this time of year, with the rain and warmth, the grass grows quickly. The Phantom Mowers are always looking for more volunteers. Mowing can be done at any time, day, evenings, weekends, except during Breaks 1 and 2 when students are outside. The school has a new lawn mower.

If you are able to help with the mowing, please contact the office on 9387 9328. I hope to get lots of calls.

**SCHOOL 2017** In order to make appropriate arrangements for classes and teachers, I need to know the students who will be at BSW in 2017. **If your child/ren will/may be attending another school next year, please let me know as soon as possible.**

Yours sincerely,

* A special timetable will operate during the Swimming Program. It will be uploaded to the website early next week.

** The website has a countdown clock.

Yours sincerely

Louise Chocholis

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**5/6 ABORIGINAL EXHIBITION**

The 5/6 students have created an exhibition of Aboriginal artefacts about the time prior to colonisation. Please take some time to take a walk through the foyer. Their artefacts are related to their essential questions which are on the walls above the exhibits.

Please take the time to have a look, we are all very proud of our work.

Alison Meehan

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**CROCHET WORKSHOP**

**Free Crochet workshop (Beginner)**

**Friday 21st October, 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 have fun learning something new in a relaxed environment.
MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

Emilia

Instrument: Piano

Q1. How many years have you been playing piano?
A: I have been playing for 4 years.

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

Q3. Do you learn after school or on the weekend?
A: After school.

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

Q5. What’s the favourite piece you play?
A: Tarantula
Philae found!

It’s been a wild ride through space for the Philae lander. Two years ago, Philae hitched a ride aboard the European Space Agency spacecraft Rosetta. Together they took a one-way trip to a comet known as 67P. This little lander became the first spacecraft to touchdown on a comet.

Unfortunately, Philae’s harpoons didn’t fire properly during landing, and it bounced into the shade. Without sunlight to charge its batteries, Philae shut down after only 64 hours of experiments.

Scientists thought they would never hear from Philae again. But last year, as the comet approached the Sun, a trickle of sunlight woke Philae. It sent a few more signals before going silent for the last time.

Now the comet 67P is on its way out of our solar system, and Philae is unlikely to stir again. But the Rosetta spacecraft is still orbiting 67P and it finally managed to take a snapshot of Philae just last week.

It turns out that Philae is lying in a crevice with one leg in the air. This more precise location information will allow scientists to better understand the data Philae sent home.

So it’s farewell to Philae. And soon, we’ll say goodbye to Rosetta too. Scientists are flying Rosetta closer and closer to the surface of 67P to take better photos. It’s risky, but they want to do as much science as possible before Rosetta runs out of power. If everything goes to plan, in two weeks Rosetta will hit the ground and join Philae once again.

Article source: DoubleHelix Science by email
The 2017 Fete Committee are holding their next meeting on **Monday 10th October at 7.30pm** (in the staff room).

If you are keen to get more involved in the Fete
we’d love you to join us!

Alternatively, send us an email at
**twilightfete@gmail.com** to find out how you can help.
Ignorant Australians are the threat to my society

Jenna Price
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In 1968 I topped the scripture exam by quite a distance.

I had, still have, quite a good memory. So remembering various verses from various bits of the New Testament was no challenge really. Good memory, fiercely competitive.

The top student would receive a tiny box of scrolls, which had those same New Testament verses written on them in teensy-tiny writing. And when you opened the box, what you saw was the end of the scrolls, so it was teensy-tiny circles facing upwards. There is no commandment to say you shouldn't covet scrolls if they are up for grabs.

But it turns out those scrolls were not up for grabs by anybody. Although I came top – did I mention that I came top by quite a distance? – I didn't receive the scrolls. That prize was given to the best Christian, although that particular criterion was not in writing and, perhaps even in those days, someone was self-aware enough to recognise the intellectual poverty of that decision.

Regular readers may know I'm Jewish. Or what people who have no idea call "culturally" Jewish. That's meant to make my Jewishness less significant, as if regular sex with a lapsed Catholic should somehow wipe away all my family history; or disconnect me from it. Following all the rules doesn't make you more or less of something, except more or less observant. I'm less observant but I am Jewish. I even say so on my census form despite my fear of surveillance.

Shanah Tovah, by the way. It's Jewish New Year and Shanah Tovah is the regular greeting for this time of year. Yom Kippur is around the corner and – public service announcement – don't wish people a happy Yom Kippur. It's the Jewish Day of Atonement and so we're busy atoning. In my case, extremely busy. At the same time, it's the Islamic New Year.

Now, I bring you news about Jews and Muslims because I know it will make some of you very uncomfortable. Research published by Matteo Vergani, a research fellow at Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, using recent data from the Australian Survey of Social Attitudes, showed that nearly two-thirds of Australians felt concern – to varying degrees, from 21 per cent who were very concerned to 15 per cent slightly concerned – about a Muslim marrying into their family. One-third would also have reservations about a Jew marrying into their family, where 5 per cent would be very concerned to 16 per cent slightly concerned.

So much concern. Vergani doesn't have more data on why Australians are so ignorant – except to explain that's exactly what some of you are. Ignorant. His research shows that the more you know about a religion the less likely you are to be a bigot. Accurate knowledge breeds tolerance, as opposed to those who "think" they know what Muslims believe (and Matteo assessed accuracy of knowledge by using a quiz). What he does know about Australians is this: about 40 per cent believe practising Muslims pose a threat to Australian society and 36 per cent believe Muslims should be searched more thoroughly than others in airports and stations.

What exactly does a "threat to Australian society" mean?

Mort Weinfeld, a professor of sociology at Canada's McGill University, is in Australia this month talking about divided loyalties. Does it matter if you barrack for the team of your birthplace instead of the team of the place you live? As Weinfeld points out, divided loyalties – divided identities – aren't a problem until someone makes them a problem, either real or perceived. He doesn't mention Pauline Hanson but I will.

"And when that happens, you have to have a process of law to protect vulnerable minorities and a process of negotiation on the part of the minority to confirm their good standing," he says.
So the law has to protect them, and then members of vulnerable groups must also protect themselves. We need to negotiate, to prove ourselves, as loyal as anyone else. That means the rest of us need to get in there, shoulder-to-shoulder, and defend the objects of the hatred: Muslims, Asians, Jews, Indigenous Australians. Don’t allow yourself to be persuaded by identity warriors who say only those groups should speak for themselves. I say this every time: if only my grandparents had lived alongside Christians who stood up for Jews. Had lived.

So, how well does Australia do at protecting vulnerable minorities? Every year there are attacks on Jews and on Muslims. If you look at the reports of the Online Hate Prevention Institute you’ll see bigots still ply their trade. Muslims are terrorists. The Holocaust never happened. Muslims are oft beset by those who can’t distinguish between Islam and Islamic State; and I get similar correspondence because, in the same way the ignorant imagine that all Muslims are terrorists, they also conjure up all Jews as Zionists, murderers of Palestinian babies.

I get into heated debates about racism and bigotry constantly. The responses are ludicrous. "Some of my best friends are Muslims/Jews/Aborigines." Or: "I live next door to Asians." Or: "I don’t believe this kind of racism/bigotry/hostility exists any more. I’ve never seen it." A young woman recently told me she didn’t believe that the hatred of Asians had ever been as bad as the current hatred of Muslims. If I’d told her anti-Semitism still existed, I’m sure she would have laughed at me. We now have a third of Australians saying they’d be anxious if a Jew married into their family.

What’s the solution? Let me say this. I promise you that if you educate yourselves on what it means to be someone else, you will get those tiny scrolls.

Or, at the very least, be a decent Australian.

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*This story was found at: http://www.canberratimes.com.au/comment/ignorant-australians-are-the-threat-to-my-society-20161003-gtke3.html*

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OSHC NEWS
Beginning of week: 5/9/16~16/9/2016

Welcome back everyone!
We hope you had a great holiday and somehow managed to squeeze in some fun, rest and a bit of relaxation! We managed to recharge our batteries, and we’re excited to play with OSHC kids.

BOOKINGS and CANCELLATIONS
To book or make cancellations, please do it on line or by smart 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.

Pocket money System during term 4
This term we are introducing the pocket money system. When we notice children helping other children and staff we will be rewarding them with ‘pocket money’, this ‘pocket money’ will then be redeemable at our stall at the end of term.

Hats and washing hands
Now that we are well and truly into spring we will be reminding all children to wear their hat at all times when they are outside. We will also be reminding children to wash their hands before and after meals in order to help prevent the spread of germs at the service.

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

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MILO T20 Blast is a program that has been designed to allow girls (Aged 7-12 years) the opportunity to play modified safe and fun cricket matches in a T20 atmosphere.

MILO T20 Blast is the perfect progression for girls who have participated in the MILO in2CRICKET program, or new to the game that want to develop their skills further playing real games before joining traditional junior club cricket.

The format allows parents and coaches to interact with participants throughout, ensuring the skills of the game are taught in an explosive, fun, safe, action-packed 90 minutes. A skill session will be run before playing a game each week. All equipment supplied.

This is a great way to play with your friends or make new ones, Coordinated and delivered by trained Cricket Victoria staff.

For more information contact Darren Driscoll 0414 689 045 darren.driscoll@cricket.com.au
Or register at www.playcricket.com.au

| Week 1 Sunday | 13th Nov 2016 9.00 - 10.30am | Free Come & Try Coburg Cricket Club | Information session for parents to ask questions and see how the program works. |
| Week 2 Sunday | 20th Nov 2016 9.00 - 10.30am | Free Come & Try Coburg Cricket Club | Start to see what numbers are like and what extra team managers / helpers are needed, plus invite friends to try. |
| Week 3 Sunday | 27th Nov 2016 9.00 - 10.30am | 1st Session Coburg Cricket Club |
| Week 4 Sunday | 4th Dec 2016 9.00 – 10.30am | 2nd Session Coburg Cricket Club |
| Week 5 Sunday | 11th Dec 2016 9.00 – 10.30am | 3rd Session Coburg Cricket Club |
| Week 6 Sunday | 18th Dec 2016 9.00 – 10.30am | 4th Session Coburg Cricket Club | Break for Christmas Melbourne Renegade giveaways and Sledge |
| Week 7 Sunday | 5th Feb 2017 9.00 – 10.30am | 5th Session Coburg Cricket Club |
| Week 8 Sunday | 12th Feb 2017 9.00 – 10.30am | 6th Session Coburg Cricket Club |
| Week 9 Sunday | 19th Feb 2017 9.00 – 10.30am | 7th Session Final Session Coburg Cricket Club | Gala session with giveaways, Renegades bowling tunnel and Sledge. |
| Friday | 24th Feb & 3rd March 2017 5.15 - 8.00pm | Under 10’s format Free come and try | Location of games will be confirmed |