Hello everyone

The storm which hit Melbourne in the early hours of Sunday morning did not deter the many volunteers who enthusiastically attended our Working Bee later that morning. We were delighted to see so many families represented and much was achieved. While the wind made the task of blowing or sweeping leaves challenging, our determined workers soldiered on and managed to make the grounds look much tidier. Gardens were weeded and mulched; trees were trimmed back; walls and windows cleaned; and guttering and drains cleared. The junior playground sand pit was refreshed with new sand and a new seat was installed in that area as well. Balls were retrieved from the roofs and our ‘service area’ (read junk cage!) was cleared out to make way for our new chicken coop. Obsolete furniture was discarded and many minor repairs were effected. We are extremely grateful to the following families who gave of their time and energies to make our school grounds more attractive, functional and safer: Evans-Maher, Georgiou, Casey, Wallens, Fullard, Stavrikis, Rizzo, Craik, Ashdown, Crupi, Li (Yolee) Arlovic, Featherston, Bell, Zhang (Alex), Dassanayake, Denipityya, McHugh, O’Keefe, Firth, Tobin, Schelbach, Han, Dingle, Booth, Gosling, Lofting, Woodman, Sian, Keyse, Ma, Tsai, McNerney.

More generous volunteers have worked hard to put things in place to help celebrate Mothers’ Day. We hope all those mums who are attending tonight’s Mothers’ Day Dinner at Fire Chief Hawthorn East have a wonderful evening and we thank Laila Genitsaris and Caroline Reynolds for their efforts in getting this event organised. This will be followed up with the Mothers’ Day Stall tomorrow, where the children will be able to purchase gifts for a special woman in their lives. (Dads – don’t forget to secrete some cash in the bottom of the school bag!) We are grateful to Jane Fellingham and Sia Papadopoulos for working diligently to organise this important event.

Fresh from their performance at the Boroondara Eisteddfod, the orchestra entertained us at Monday’s assembly playing A Little Bit of Swing. Thanks musicians – we enjoyed your playing immensely. Care, Learn and Share Awards were awarded to Yuichi Chang for helping out on the museum excursion by carrying the medical bag all day; Batool Kudrati for her high level of engagement and enthusiasm for learning; Ethan Lay for working hard in class and making great progress; Simon Phung for being a kind, considerate and generous member of our grade and Ted Spanos and Amy Dingle for helping a friend learn something new; Chess Awards for Term 1 were presented. In the Intermediate section, Alex O’Keefe was 1st, Ryan Copsonis 2nd, Michael Roberts 3rd and Alex Everett was Most Improved. The place getters in the Advanced section were Jesse Zafirakos 1st, Lachlan Craik 2nd, Olivia Gibson 3rd and Carl Lu Most Improved. Well done to all our award recipients.

3KJ entertained us with a French song and we promoted the French Poetry competition which is open to our Grade 3 children. Tiah Diplaris and Sienna Moscatelli announced the winners of the drawing competition they had conducted to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital and Zara Hardy, Milla Harrison and Ellia Tsamourtzis promoted their upcoming skipping competition. Student Leaders Sucheta and Caelin informed the children about a new initiative entitled Games on Grass (GOG) which is designed to support children to play co-operatively through games. The members of Killara were thrilled to hear that their efforts at the Fun
Run / Cross Country event had earned them recognition as the winning House in that event, which has been dominated by Cooma for years (only missing out once in the last 15 years!) Congratulations Killara!

Last week our Grade 5 and 6 students completed the **Students Attitude to School Survey**. The survey is designed to gauge the student’s thoughts and feelings about their teachers, the curriculum, their safety and well-being, and their relationships with their peers. The surveys are anonymous and sent to DET to be processed. The school will receive the aggregated data later in the year with the results helping us to evaluate how we are tracking. This survey, along with the **Parent Opinion Survey** and the **School Staff Survey**, form major components of our accountability requirements.

Another accountability measure is the **NAPLAN** testing process. These assessments, carried out with our Grade 3 and 5 students, will be conducted next week and cover the areas of Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. BPPS has never placed undue emphasis on these tests as we view them as just one of many assessment tools available for our use. Should you require further information about NAPLAN, or wish to seek exemption for your child, please contact Mr Symons.

Next Monday, 9th May, is our official **Open Day** as part of Education Week (which is actually the following week, but it works better for us to recognise it this coming week). We hope to have many families visit the school to see BPPS in normal working mode as we’re confident they’ll be impressed by the calm industrious atmosphere which permeates the school. This will be followed by our **Information Evening** on Thursday 12th May at 7.00 p.m. Again we hope to have many prospective families present to hear of the philosophies, structures and programs that make BPPS such a good place to be.

Thanks to **Kye McConnell** and **Philip Wing Shing** for helping to put up signs on the external gates. To assist with safety and security of the school community, we ask if you can keep the gates closed during school hours please.

We hope all those who celebrated the **Greek Easter** festivities last weekend had a wonderful time with friends and families.

**Eric Regester**

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**KIDSPEAK by Jane Woodman**

This week I continued to interview children who are new to our school. My questions were:

How are you settling in? Did you have any challenges? How did you overcome your challenges? What’s the best thing about BPPS?

It’s good here. At first I couldn’t find the toilets or the canteen. I found some toilets but then my first, newest friends said that there were other toilets which was helpful to know. It wasn’t hard getting friends because I was popular. The best thing about BPPS is that I have good friends that I have lots in common with. We all like purple. **Barbara**

It was easy settling in. I have four friends. The best thing is Mrs Cozzio and my friends. **Jason**

It’s really good, really good, really good. It’s been easy. I enjoy Maths and I want to be a robotic engineer. I like chess and meeting new people. I’m relaxed at BPPS. **Yianni**

It’s really good except for the difference between lunch and recess. I get really hungry. My old school had lunch at 12. I enjoy Maths and English is OK. There are lots of things I really like about BPPS. **Alexander**

**We had lunch at 2 o’clock at my old school. I have made lots of new friends and I am studying well. I feel teachers are not as strict here. I have enjoyed making new friends. **Cherry**

I don’t have a favourite thing at BPPS as I like lots of things. Meeting new people has been fun. **Matthew**

I like BPPS. I have good friends and good teachers. I like to learn like Maths. Friendships and not knowing anyone was sometimes lonely because you miss your old friends. I have plenty of friends now. My favourite part of BPPS is sport and the PE program. **Simon**

It’s good here. I’ve already had my name in the newsletter. Making friends was hard at first. I knew one person and that helped. Now I’ve got lots of friends. There’s more playground than my last school and lots of equipment. **Monique**

I like it here. It’s been easy to settle in. I like BPPS because it’s big. There’s lots of space to do things. I like chatting with my friends. At first I was a bit nervous because I thought I wouldn’t make friends but I did. **Amy**

I like Music. I’ve only done recorder and I don’t know what else we will do. There were quite a lot of challenges getting friends. It is hard to get friends but I’ve got plenty of friends now. I like PE and Music. **Andre**

**BPPS is big and has nice people. I’ve made lots of friends and there weren’t any challenges. I came at the end of 2015 so that helped. My favourite part is the kids and the equipment even though I don’t play on the equipment that much. There’s a cool game that’s like tiggy. It’s called the beast game. **Christian**

Well, I think I knew one person which helped. I made friends straight away. I’m not a sporty person but I like doing Art and PE. **Emma**
WORKING BEE THANK YOU
Sincere thanks to all the parents, children and staff who attended our recent Working Bee. Much was achieved with many willing hands and we very much appreciate your help.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY ADDITION
Please add the following details to the 2016 Foundation School Directory:
Leif Lloyd FSA
Mother: Stephanie Fry 0400 330 098  stephanie-fry@hotmail.com
Father: David Lloyd 0481 574 637  davidlloyd3855@hotmail.com

2016 SCHOOL FAIR NEWS

Save the Date!  2016 BPPS Fair Saturday 19th November 2016

This year’s BPPS Fair will be held in November, offering a fun community day full of stalls (for some early Christmas shopping) rides, food, free activities and more.

Further information will follow as we will need plenty of volunteers to help with all aspects of planning and preparation leading up to and at the event. Thank you to those who have volunteered already.

Any ideas or enquiries contact Bek and Jacquie and  BPPSFair@gmail.com

MOTHER’S DAY CLASSIC

Mother’s Day Classic

The Mother’s Day Classic is an opportunity to do something active and fun on Mother’s Day, while paying tribute to those who have been affected by breast cancer and raising money for breast cancer research. It is not too late to register; children, grandparents and friends are welcomed to participate in the Walk/Run.

When: Sunday, 8 May 2016
Where: Alexandra Gardens and the Tan Track, Melbourne
Register: www.mothersdayclassic.com.au
Register your details – it will ask if you are part of a team – Type TEAM IRMA

Meeting Point –

Meeting Time: 9:00 am
Walk Wave – 9:35 am 4km or 8km
Additional information on event please go to

Donations – Donations can be made to Team Irma. We have raised $670 and we are aiming for minimum $1,000. Keep the donations coming.

How do I donate?
You can donate by going to: www.mothersdayclassic.com.au
Click on ‘Fundraise’ and select ‘Find a fundraiser’
Type: “Team Irma” and click on the radio button ‘team’, click search
Team Irma will come up. Click on the button ‘Donate Now’ and select your amount. Follow the prompts to complete the donation.

CONTACT – Staff 9422 224 570 OR angelkovic.sk@gmail.com
ARTIST OF THE WEEK

The 'Artist of the Week' for next week will be Coco Sun from 2LK. Coco has used a number of skills to create her window of falling autumn leaves, beginning with her food dye wash for the background. Coco used a combination of warm colours to sponge paint paper to make her frame and form the basis for her autumn leaves. She applied rubbings then traced leaves collected from the playground. The end result is extremely effective. Well done Coco.

Chris Trollope & Jennifer Hortin

SPECIAL NOTE
A big THANK YOU to those people who spent the Working Bee cleaning the Canteen. I am so appreciative.

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From the Art Room

Second Hand Uniform Stall

The next Second Hand Uniform Stall will be on **Friday 06 May at 3pm** in front of the school hall.

If you have any clean, wearable items of school uniform no longer required by your children, please place them in the green wheelie bin in the “old” hall.

Thank you to those who have put themselves forward to help. There are many days still to fill; please complete the Canteen Helpers form if you can help. If you feel you cannot commit to the canteen the whole day remember anytime you can help is appreciated. If you are unable to work on your selected days, could you please let me know on 0419 506 318.

Di Cleary, Canteen Manager
La Sfida di Mario! (Mario’s challenge)

This is this week’s Italian challenge:
ECCO QUA, VENTICINQUE DOLLARI!
All you have to do is remember these Italian words, translate them in English and say them with your best Italian pronunciation to Signora Higgins before Tuesday afternoon.
WINNER: Angelina Aviaridis 4RP
Your name will go in the newsletter and at the end of each term there will be CL@S awards for the top 3 winners.
Buona Fortuna (Good luck!)
Signora Higgins

Le défi de Tintin (Tintin’s challenge)

This is this week’s French challenge:
Ma tante n’est pas là
If you know the answer and you can say it in French, find Madame Higgins before next Tuesday afternoon. You will win house-points and have your name printed in the newsletter.
WINNERS: EAMON CHONG FGB, CALLUM CHONG 2LK, JAY SH FGB
At the end of each term there will also be CL@S awards for the winners.
Bonne chance! Good luck!
Madame Higgins
(PS watch out for missing accents!)

Performing Arts

Performing Arts & Music at BPPS

Assembly Performance
Thank you to our BPPS Orchestra for their entertaining performance in our last assembly on Monday 2 May. A great way to start the week! Well done!

Good luck Senior Choir!
Wishing all the members of the Senior Choir all the very best for the Boroondara eisteddfod tomorrow, Friday 6 May. Good luck to all involved!

Junior School Concert Here! TICKETS ARE ON SALE!
Tickets for the Junior School Concert are selling fast! Please make sure you follow the instructions provided on the notice given to each child in prep and grade 1/2 last week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Liaaneath Poor & Beth Stephen (Performing Arts Teachers)
School photos have arrived and will be distributed through the classrooms by the end of the week. Those parents who specifically indicated that they would collect their packs in person will need to pick them up from the school office.
FKS PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Ms Schultz and FKS parents for morning tea on Tuesday 10 May from 9—9.45 in the Staffroom

4CB PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA
Please join Miss Brennan and 4CB parents for afternoon tea on Tuesday 10 May from 2.15—3 in the Staffroom

2MC PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA
Please join Mrs Cozzio and 2MC parents for afternoon tea on Wednesday 11 May at 2.40 in the Staffroom

2LK PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Miss Kanaris and 3KJ parents for morning tea on Thursday 12 May from 9.10—10 in the Staffroom

3LA PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Miss Ainger and 3LA parents for morning tea on Tuesday 17 May from 10-10.40 in the Staffroom

3KJ PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Miss Jones and 3KJ parents for morning tea on Tuesday 17 May at 9am in the Staffroom

FTL PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Mr Longmuir and FTL parents for morning tea on Thursday 19 May at 9am in the Staffroom

4BM PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Miss McHugh and 4BM parents for morning tea on Monday 23 May at 9.50 in the Staffroom
Time to Declutter? Don’t forget to Bag it and Bring it!

Bag it and Bring it and raise money for BPPS!

By placing your family and friends outgrown or unwanted clothing in bags and bringing them to school, you will be raising money for our school AND helping those in need.

Note - our collection bins are now located inside the School Hall next to the Canteen.

Spread the word and start collecting from family and friends...the more bags the better!

What to Bag:
- Clean undamaged clothing
- Paired footwear
- Handbags, jackets, hats, belts, swimwear
- New underwear, bras, socks
- Sheets, blankets and towels

Please contact Kylie McCarthy, 0422 002 245 if you have any questions

Australia’s Wastesavers

Treat MUM this Mothers Day

BPPS has the biggest range of Mother’s Day gifts ever! Plenty of presents for your Mum, Grandma or other special person.

Over 2,000 gifts for:
- the gardening Mum
- the cooking Mum
- the fix-it Mum
- the organized Mum
- the fashion conscious Mum
- really every Mum!

Bring plenty of money and a bag for your purchases on Friday 6th May

Presents range in value from $1 to $10. Students are welcome to buy multiple gifts. (Some small change would be appreciated.)

Happy shopping!!!

HELP NEEDED

Friday 6th May, 8:30am-1:00pm, Stadium foyer
Please email availability to Jane or Helen at hschweiger@optusnet.com.au

Mother activity proudly brought to you by the BPPS Parents and Friends Association

WE ARE OPEN FOR MOTHERS DAY

Book Now!

Come meet our friendly staff and try our fresh, home made food
- Open for breakfast and lunch, Monday - Sunday
- Pastries, sweets and takeaway cakes

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Present this flyer to our Balwyn North cafe & receive a FREE COFFEE
with any meal purchased from our breakfast and lunch menu

Valid until 31-5-16. Not to be used with any other offer. Coffee size is small. T&C’s apply, see website for details.

Telstra employees - can you help??

Do you or a family member/friend work for Telstra?
If yes, we’d love to hear from you!

BPPS is actively seeking Telstra employee sponsors to assist us with the Telstra Kid’s Fund grants.

If you are new to the school and are eligible to help, or if you are a previous sponsor (but have not assisted in the past 3 years) and would like to help us out again, please get in touch without delay! Registrations are currently being taken for the next round of grants. The more sponsors we have, the more funds we can potentially receive to benefit our school!

To register your details or for more information, please contact Olivia Keenan (Grants Coordinator) on 0413 945 056 or email o_keenan@outlook.com.
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**Saturday 21st May 2016, 10am - 12pm**

Cnr Midvale Ave & Turnley St, North Balwyn

Come and experience Boroondara Preschool, where children learn and grow through positive play in a stimulating indoor and expansive outdoor learning environments.

For enrolment enquiries please contact City of Boroondara on 9278 4444

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- FREE Sausage Sizzle & Coffee Cart
- No zoning rules apply
- Experienced Educators

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