Hello everyone

We often say that there is a lot happening at BPPS – and this week has been no exception. Active travel, French celebrations, radio station gimmicks and a visit from someone who may one day live on Mars have made for an interesting and busy few days.

Our Active Travel activities commenced on Monday as the first classes gathered to produce smoothies via pedal power. The City of Boroondara provided the Smoothie Bike, the school supplied the ingredients and the students supplied the energy to push the pedals to mix their drinks. The students could choose between a Better by Bike with milk, banana and honey or a Penny Farthing made up of blackberries, blueberries, raspberries and apple juice. As well as being a lot of fun, it demonstrated to the children that an energy source, other than those that can have negative impacts on the environment, could be used to power a blender. We are very grateful to Mrs Woodman who sourced the ingredients over the weekend, which included a trip to Hoddles Creek for the 30kg of berries. She ordered 300 bananas from the local greengrocer and then found out, when collecting them, that Casey and Simon from Greythorn Fresh Fruit were supplying them to us at no charge. If you’re in the Greythorn shop area, please drop in and thank these kind gentlemen – and maybe spend a dollar or two there as well. Thank you to the parents who assisted with the preparation of the ingredients. They were Mailen Farag, Bek Hay, Kim Burhop, Donna O’Hoy, Mary Georgiou, Daniela Ciavarella, Julia Tardini, Julie Roberts and Nicky O’Keefe. Thanks also to the Keen Green Energy Team boys (Cody Greenwood, Josh de Lacy-Turner, Josh d’Ambrosio, Cooper Chochovski and John Tsiandikos) who were on hand to lend some pedalling power if it was required.

Wednesday was our day to focus on getting to school by means other than car. Our student leaders were waiting at the gates to present stickers to all those who walked, rode, scooted or skated. It was fabulous to see how many children were displaying stickers throughout the day, especially given the inclement weather. Our Walk Wheel Wednesday (WWW) data collection revealed that an impressive 74% of our children had chosen an active means of travel. As a comparison, the previous week’s WWW figures showed a 56% participation rate. There were about 20 bikes and scooters in our makeshift bike shed (currently being transformed into a chicken coop!) which is about four times more than usual. You’ll be pleased to hear that a new, covered bike/scooter storage facility is soon to be built at the front of the school, inside the gate near the Almond St crossing. Well done to all those who were active travellers and please give serious consideration to continuing this practice more frequently in future.

Tuesday’s French Day was also a lot of fun. We are always blown away by the creativity of many of our families, demonstrated by the diversity of clever costumes on display. Our Grade 3 entrants in the French poetry competition acquitted themselves very well, but we have to wait to hear back from the Alliance Francaise adjudicator to find out if any of them were successful in progressing to the next stage of the competition. Di in the canteen had done a fantastic job putting the French Meal Deals together. We thank her and her regular assistants Anna Alexander and Narelle Kay, as well as all those who pitched in on the day. The whole day was tres bon!

We had whole-school Care, Learn & Share activity on Monday afternoon, as we had the good fortune to have Dianne McGrath make a presentation to the children. Dianne spoke to the students about the Mars One project, which aims to send a group of people to live on Mars in 2016. Sounds like science fiction doesn’t it! Over 200,000 people applied to be part of this inspiring project and Dianne is one of 100 people still in the running to be included. It was fascinating to hear of the planning and considerations that need to be factored into such an ambitious venture. The students asked insightful and thoughtful questions and were clearly intrigued by the concept. The thing that gob-smacked most of us is that this voyage into space is, at
this stage, a one-way ticket. Current science and technology does not yet have the capacity to devise a means of launching return space ships so those entering into this quest are aware that it is, literally, a lifetime commitment! Many thanks to the McCallum family for putting us into contact with Dianne.

The Parent’s and Friends Association conducted their June meeting on Tuesday evening. A feature of the meeting was a presentation from Bek Hay on plans for the School Fair on 19th November. As per Jacqie White’s presentation to School Council last month, Bek impressed with the thoroughness and professionalism of their planning. We wish to reassure people that arrangements are well under control and that, if you have already put your name forward to assist in some way, you will be hearing from the ladies in the not-too-distant future. They are always contactable via bppsfair@gmail.com if you have any queries or would like to volunteer to assist. There is also the new Fair-specific Facebook site; search for BPPS Fair 2016.

More immediate assistance is required for the Federal Election Day activity. We are desperately searching for someone to step up and coordinate a sausage sizzle or some other event on Saturday 2nd July. As the school is a polling place, we have always conducted fund-raising activities which have enabled us to capitalise on the thousands of visitors who come here to vote. This year, perhaps because the date is during the middle weekend of the holidays, we have not been able to find anyone to assist. Please give this some serious consideration as it is a great chance to have people from outside of the school contribute monetarily. Perhaps a small group of you could get together …

We wish to give you early notice that there will be a Cyber Smart evening on Thursday 14th July. This event will focus on our Year 5 and 6 students and their parents attending together. Please watch for further details as they become available. Don’t forget the Family Life evening on Thursday 16th June (ie next Thursday). Bookings need to be made via www.trybooking.com/LGJP

This week Mrs Woodman, Mr Symons and I placed almost 50 items of school uniform into the second-hand uniform bin (after we had laundered them of course!) All of these items were from our Lost Property collection; none of them were named, or the name of past students appeared on them. We had little option but to do this as the Lost Property bins were overflowing and most of the items had been there for weeks (sometimes months) without being claimed. Please ensure all school uniform items are clearly named.

Congratulations to the Alexopoulos family on the safe arrival of a baby girl Pia, a little sister for Katia PG.

Eric Regester

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**CHESS CLUB TERM 3 2016**

Enrolment forms for Chess Club Term 3 are available from the office. Forms and payment of $64 are required by 15 July.

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**Keen Green Team**

One week ago, on Sunday the 22nd, Mrs Ballot went to Bulleen art and gardens to buy shrubs and trees for our school gardens. She showed the owner of the store a letter that a few Keen Green Team members had written, explaining about the Keen Green Team (a garden group made of grade fives and sixes) and their goals to transform our school yards into an environmental habitat. The owner, Mr McConnon, kindly supplied Mrs Ballot $400 worth of plants!

Thanks Mr McConnon, the owner who generously provided us plants, we can create natural habitats for our school so that it attracts native birds and animals.

Hopefully the plants will grow and attract birds and reptiles for our school yard. Mr McConnon has helped us with his generosity and kindness. A letter will be delivered to thank him for his support. The Keen Green Team intends to thank him as soon as possible, and hope that in the future our school will be teeming with native and exotic plants. If you ever see Mr McConnon at the Bulleen Art and Gardens, please thank him for the plants he kindly donated to us.

Jasper Kay-Kneebone
COMMUNICATION

On the last Monday of this term each parent/carer will receive an email with a document outlining our school’s processes of communication for Term 3 and beyond. Within this will be information about our new website. To the right you can see a preview of the front page. Some of the new features will be links to planning documents and support websites for families to maximise the learning between home and school, a calendar of events as well as a section called ‘Student Voice’. It will also include our school’s focus on the environment as notices will be sent electronically – no longer will you need to rummage through your child’s bag. In time this will lead to permission forms being authorised online as well as payments when required. We’ll be streamlining the use of the Skoolbag app as a tool to communicate if there have been changes to event or for last minute reminders. The new website will be accessible via http://www.bpark.vic.edu.au

KEEN GREEN TEAM

The ‘Waste’ sub-group of our Keen Green Team has been planning their approach towards BPPS becoming a rubbish free school. In an upcoming newsletter they’ll be presenting information on the amount of rubbish, both landfill and recycling, our school generates each year. It will also include our paper costs. I won’t give away the actual amount but let’s just say it could buy a small car including GPS and other mod-cons! Part of their work will be to promote nude food – food that doesn’t come in wrappers. If your child doesn’t have a partitioned lunch box (see picture) you might like to investigate purchasing one.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In a newsletter item in April, I referred to the number of students arriving late to school. An arrival after 9am is considered a late arrival. We understand that the morning is a busy time in households with getting children ready and potential traffic delays, and that sometimes lateness is unavoidable. Educational research also tells us that 10 minutes each day of lateness is a whole learning session over the course of a week and that regular lateness impacts on learning time and personal organization. In Term 1 we had 421 instances of such. As of last week the number for Term 2 was 559. These numbers are significant and in some cases are the same children several times a week . Towards the end of this week families of students who are regularly late will receive a letter outlining these numbers. We will continue to track these numbers and if improvement isn’t shown we will follow up with phone calls to families.

An exciting innovation will be the use of a ‘kiosk’ for late arrival and early departures. At this stage the plan is for each student to receive a tag which they will attach to their school bag. This will have the school’s logo on one side and an individual bar code on the other. If arriving late the student’s tag will be scanned with the parent/carer choosing the reason for the lateness. If leaving early a parent/carer will type in their family name, choose their child and again select a reason for the early departure. Once they have done this a ‘slip’ will be printed that they will take to their child’s class to present to the teacher. These processes automatically update the class’s roll. We will begin the trial next week before it’s fully implemented. If you arrive after 9am please send your child to the kiosk at the office rather than your child’s classroom. I’d like to thank Justin Hone and our school’s technicians for making the kiosk happen so effortlessly.

Thanks

Randal Symons
Thank you to those who have put themselves forward to help. There are many days still left 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

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From the Art Room

**Artist of the Week**
The 'Artist of the Week' for next week will be Oliver Louey from 5CB. Oliver has produced a wonderful plaster facemask involving outstanding painting technique and a clever and interesting design. Oliver’s precision and care is evident and this has resulted in a mask that will be a keepsake for years to come. Well done Oliver.

**Free to a good home**
Do you need a dictionary or a thesaurus?

We are looking for a good home for a large quantity of dictionaries and thesauruses. They would be suitable for students around the reading age of 8-13 years.

If you would like to take one (or more) yourself or know of an organisation that would like them as a donation, please see Monica Lindau in Room 4.

Chris Trollope & Jennifer Hortin
La Sfida di Mario! (Mario’s challenge)

This is this week’s Italian challenge:

In inverno fa freddo...

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 Tzavlaridou 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:

En hiver

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: Jay Shi FRG, Joel Dickenson FRG
Eamon Chong FRG, Kate Dickenson 2MC

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

Recycling Materials – WANTED
This term our Prep will be making noisy instruments out of recycled materials and we are in need of the following items:

- Glad Wrap Roll (no toilet rolls)
- Shoe or Tissue Boxes
- Rubber bands
- Tin Cans (Nothing with milky substances or nuts due to allergies)
- Balloons
- Jam Jar lids
- Plastic soft drink bottles

If you have any of these items at home and are willing to donate them for our noisy project, could you please leave them in the box labeled ‘Noisy Instruments’ in the Stadium Foyer (near the office door).

AMEB Exams
Wishing all those students involved in AMEB exams in the coming weeks all the very best of luck for a fantastic exam. For those who have just completed an exam congratulations on all your hard work!

Llaaneath Poor & Beth Stephen (Performing Arts Teachers)
In preparation for the HoopTime Competition coming up in early Term 3, students in Years 5 and 6 have been participating in basketball sessions with Andrew from Basketball Victoria. Andrew is the import player for the Keilor Thunder and the students have loved having him to teach and develop their skills.

The last two weeks have also involved the difficult process of selecting our All-Star teams for 2016. I would like to thank Mrs Owens, Mr Longmuir, Miss Brennan, Mrs Ballot and Mr Mulder for giving up their time to help assist me in choosing our teams. We certainly have many talented basketballers!

Speaking of HoopTime, I am still looking for many more helpers for coaching and scoring on the day. A reminder that our Junior Day (Year 3/4) is Thursday 21st July and our Senior Day (Year 5/6) is Thursday 28th July. Any assistance is certainly appreciated and no basketball experience is necessary. If you are able to assist, please let either myself or your classroom teacher know ASAP.

On June 7, the following students participated in BPPS’s first « Alliance Francaise- Berthe Mouchette »
Poetry Competition :

Blake Ashdown-Moore, JM Campbell, William Harding,
Teddy Hawke, Zac Karathanassis, Marvin Kwee,
Claire Liang, Maadhav Maheshwaran, Leia Ong,
Ben Reynolds, Eleanor Smith, Audrey Stavrakis,
Shanshan Wang, Oliver Woodman, Ethan Wu,
Robin Zhang and Alice Zheng.

A big BRAVO goes to all of them for MEMORISING the poem, learning their actions, coming to lunchtime rehearsals and having the courage to remember all their lines and French pronunciation in front of a judge from Alliance Francaise!

WELL DONE EVERYONE!
Madame Higgins

MR BATT’S SPORTS REPORT

5DJ PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA

Please join Mrs Jacobs and 5DJ parents for afternoon tea on Tuesday 14 June at 2:40pm in the staffroom.

Tennis Lessons with Russell Cornehls

There were no tennis lessons with Russell Cornehls yesterday (8/6/16) because the stadium was unavailable. Russell will run a class next Wednesday 15 June which will be the last lesson for this term.
French Day... Ooohlala
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

The kids had fantastic SCIENCE WEEK fun at OSHclub, experimenting and exploring basic chemistry. Monday they explored Surface Tension and up-side-down drawing, Tuesday Monster Slime and mug Muffins, Wednesday Chromatography and Ice-cube painting, Thursday Invisible Ink and mini Parachutes and Friday Milk Fireworks and Domino Challenges. The children loved playing group games like Number soccer, Wrist Ball, HELP relay tag, ShipSharkShore!, Night @ the Museum, Silent Ball and Table Tennis.

***Next week is Winter Week, with a craft and Wintery cooking activity each day***

Note to parents: Please note that OSHclub will not run a program on the Public Holiday. Also just a friendly reminder that our Program hours are 7am-9am and 3:30-6:30-pm.

Artist of the Week:

To Cody S. and Ted S. for helping make a strong and useful handball target for footy day.

Best & Fairest:

Thank you Ange for your incredibl e effort in helping us recycle/repurpose old items and reorganise the rest in our storeroom.

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Parent Information

OSHClub program phone: 0412 263 319

Coordinator: Joey Arnold
Assistants: Amy Stephenson (BC&ASC), Greta Bramley (ASC)

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember enrolment is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
40,000 young people and their families participate in Family Life Victoria sexuality education programs every year. Our programs emphasise the importance of family and is conducted by trained, experienced educators. This program is designed to encourage communication on topics of Health & Human Relations and is attended by adults & children.

**Date:** Thursday, 16 June, 2016  
**Venue:** Boroondara Park Primary School

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**Session 1: Body Basics**  
*Recommended for Years 1-2*

This session helps children understand their own family unit and opens discussion on different types of families, the key message being that families come in all different shapes and sizes. Male and female similarities and differences are discussed, including discussion on stereotypes. Appropriate language for male and female body parts is introduced and conception is explained in terms of sperm and egg joining together for a baby to begin. Families are encouraged to talk about some of the features of an unborn baby and what happens at birth.

**TIME:** 5.45pm - 6.45pm

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**Session 2: Where Did I Come From?**  
*Recommended for Years 3-4*

This session supports and acknowledges the many different kinds of families and family relationships. The session will encourage naming of body parts and their functions, building on and extending children's understanding of conception and fertilisation. Foetal development and the birth process is also discussed.

**TIME:** 7.00pm - 8.00pm

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**Session 3: Preparing for Puberty**  
*Recommended for Years 5-6*

This session helps prepare young people and their families for the changes they may expect during puberty. The physical changes of puberty are discussed, emphasising that puberty can be different for everyone. Periods and sperm production is also explained. Some common social and emotional experiences during puberty are discussed as well.

**TIME:** 8.15pm - 9.15pm

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**Admission:**  
One session only - $20 per family  
Two or three sessions - $25 per family

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Check out [www.familylifevictoria.org.au](http://www.familylifevictoria.org.au) for the full range of books available
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 Jacqui and BPPSFair@gmail.com

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