Hello everyone

Last Thursday’s Free Dress Day was a resounding success. It was fascinating to see the range of ‘costumes’ the children selected to depict what they’d like to be when they’re older. We have some very aspirational students – which is fantastic! The purpose of the event was to raise money to support our sponsor child Yem in Ethiopia. It was great to see over $600 collected on the day.

Last week we had many mini-scientists performing experiments and looking at physical and chemical changes in a range of materials. This was a result of our Grade 1 & 2 children immersing themselves in a wonderful incursion called Silly Science where they rotated through four fascinating activities. Designed to complement their studies on Change – Stimulating Science, this activity certainly hit the mark. This was followed yesterday with our Foundation children experiencing their first excursion. They headed into the Botanic Gardens and had a great time despite the cooler weather. They involved themselves in planting, nature walks and checking out the worm farm, all of which complemented their Change- the five senses. Many thanks to the parents who accompanied the group to assist with supervision.

This week the majority of our Grade 3 and 5 students have undertaken the NAPLAN tests. On Tuesday they completed the Writing Conventions and Writing tests, Reading was on Wednesday and Numeracy today. As mentioned last week, BPPS does not make a big fuss about NAPLAN. We use a range of assessment tools throughout the year, most of which provide a more immediate analysis of the students’ performance than NAPLAN does (we don’t get the results until about September). We find it bemusing to hear that some schools put other programs on hold and spend months preparing their students for the tests. We can only assume that they are anxious to impress with their results on the NAPLAN. We use a range of assessment tools throughout the year, most of which provide a more immediate analysis of the students’ performance than NAPLAN does (we don’t get the results until about September). We find it bemusing to hear that some schools put other programs on hold and spend months preparing their students for the tests. We can only assume that they are anxious to impress with their results on the NAPLAN.

We’re looking forward to meeting many prospective BPPS parents at tonight’s Foundation 2017 Information Night. Commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Library, our aim is to inform those families who have already enrolled, as well as those who are considering enrolling, of the many positive attributes of BPPS. If you know of any families that will have Foundation children in 2017, please encourage them to attend.

There is much excitement brewing in anticipation of the Junior School Concert next Tuesday night. The children have put much effort into their rehearsals so it promises to be a terrific night of music, song, dance and action. We remind parents that they need to have their children at the venue (The Besen Centre, Mt Scopus College, Station St Burwood) by 6.45 p.m. for the 7.15 p.m. start. Please make sure you have purchased your tickets via www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=197846&bof=1 The students will spend time at the Besen Centre on Tuesday morning to get a feel for the venue and have one final rehearsal. Our Foundation students will leave school at 9.00 a.m. and return around 11.15 a.m. while our Grade 1 & 2 students will leave at 10.15 and return at about 1.30 p.m.

Family Life Victoria informs us that there have been some problems with the Trybooking site used to support our upcoming program. If you wish for you and your children to be involved in the program to be conducted at the school on Thursday 16th June, they
advise you use www.trybooking.com/LGLP (leaving out the “au”). Many thanks to Evan Englezos who, with assistance from Teresa Everett, is coordinating this most valuable program.

Good luck to the 54 BPPS Grade 3 – 6 students who will be competing at the District Cross Country tomorrow. To be held at Mac-Leay Park, we hope our competitors all achieve personal bests and enjoy the event.

Welcome to Gabe Kahwati who joined us in 3SG this week. We wish Gabe and his family a wonderful time at BPPS.

Eric Regester

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Randal Symons

CLASSROOM ORGANISATION AND GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
5HF – Hannah Francis

The first time I visited Hannah’s class was before the school year had begun - immediately I was impressed by what I saw. Apart from being well organised I could see the Grade 5 students were in for a great year of learning. This has proven to be the case on each of my visits.

The e5 instructional model was developed by the Department of Education and Training (DET) around 2008. The five e’s are: engage, explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate. They are not sequential in their implementation but are required to maximise student-learning outcomes. The lesson I observed involved all five.

The activity was ‘A city by a river – the Yarra River’. Hannah told the class that the actual book could not be found and all that was left were 14 pictures from the text. The student’s task was to put the pictures in order while providing a narrative around each one.

Hannah referred to the excursion the class had been on, revisiting information gained from the experience. Hannah provided clear instructions using Showbie, an app utilised in the school for sharing, collaborating and providing feedback on work.

The students had 14 images to download. They had to zoom in to analyse and create a timeline using another app, Book Creator. They had to list what they could see and what they couldn’t see while estimating which year each picture was from. The students were asked to test themselves, to challenge and justify their thinking using the clues and evidence from the pictures. Below you can see Hannah explaining the task and the students beginning such on their iPads. I’ve included a section from one of the completed pieces. If you’d like to see more, they are currently showing on the television in the foyer of the school. I wish I was back in Grade 5. Learning is so engaging in 2016, especially in 5HF.
SECOND HANDED UNIFORM STALL

Many thanks to everyone who came to our Second Hand Uniform Stall last Friday.

We raised $172, all of which goes directly to the school.

Thanks also to Debby Cope and her team for facilitating this service.

SECOND CHOR

Two weeks ago I was fortunate to accompany Llaaneath Poor and the orchestra to the Boroondara Eisteddfod. Last week it was with the senior choir with our second performing arts teacher, Beth Stephen. With 46 students we traveled to the Hawthorn Arts Centre to take part in heats along with other schools from the state, Catholic and private sector.

As you may have read in a previous item I have a music background so the opportunity to take part in the morning was a great chance for me.

Over the past 10 or so weeks the choir had been performing the two pieces at their weekly 8.00 a.m. rehearsal time. They’d had one opportunity to sing at assembly in preparation for the event. We were fortunate to have Beryl Nagorka’s involvement. Beryl was Beth’s choirmaster when she was a student at Canterbury Girls. Beryl came to two of the choir’s rehearsals and was the pianist at the eisteddfod. Along with two parents we were all very proud of the choir’s performance.

Some of the comments from the adjudicator included: ‘what a lovely tone – sweet, strong and age appropriate. Beautifully prepared – a great choice – with rhythmic challenges that you managed beautifully. I love the effort that you went to - you looked fabulous - a most enjoyable performance.’ We all agreed with their opinions.

NEW WEBSITE

This is advanced notice of our new website for Boroondara Park. Stayed tuned as we near the launch date!

TRANSLATORS AND INTERPRETERS

We are looking for parents who could assist with translating. The languages we require support in are Mandarin and Cantonese. If you are able to assist BPPS in this area or have questions could you email me at Symons.randal.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thanks

Randal
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Chris Trollope & Jennifer Hortin

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SUSHI ORDERS

Help keep sushi on the canteen menu!
Place your order by Tuesday for Thursday lunch

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CANTEEN ROSTER

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

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La Sfica di Mario!  (Mario’s challenge)

This is this week’s Italian challenge:
Buongiorno, desidera?
Una pizza margherita per favore!

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 Tavlaridis 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:

Elle est allée à l’opéra

If you know the answer and you can say it in French, 3rd Madame Higgins before next **Tuesday afternoon**. You will win house-points and have your name printed in the newsletter.

**WINNERS:** Eamonn Chong FBG, Joel Dickenson FBG, Kate Dickenson 2MC, Jay Shi FBG

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!

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**Performing Arts**

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**Performing Arts & Music at BPPS**

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**Good luck Senior Choir!**

Congratulations to all the members of the Senior Choir who participated in the Ecorondara eisteddfod last week, Friday 6 May. The adjudicator’s feedback was great and aptly reflected how well you performed! Well done!

**Junior School Concert News:** **TICKETS ARE ALMOST SOLD OUT!**

Tickets for the Junior School Concert are almost sold out! Please make sure you follow the instructions provided on the notice given to each child in prep and grade 1/2 two weeks ago or click on this link:


We look forward to seeing you there!

**Junior School Concert News:** **TICKETS REMAINING**

Foundation and Grade 1/2 parents please expect a notice regarding final reminders for next Tuesday’s Junior School Concert. All students are expected to arrive at 6:45pm, ready for a 7:15pm start. The concert should run until approximately 9:30pm.

**Inclusion Concert**

All those members of the Senior Choir, Girls Vocal Group and Orchestra who are interested in participating in the Inclusion Concert on the Karalyka Theatre on Wednesday 18th May please return your form to Miss Stephen ASAP.

Llaneanth Poor & Beth Stephen (Performing Arts Teachers)
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
This week the kids have been constructing and setting themselves challenges for Construction Week! They've completed Lego creation challenges, Zoob building challenges, and worked together in a group to make a train from recycled materials. We've also been busy in the kitchen! The kids have been chopping, rolling, stirring, mixing, mashing, and blending different recipes. We've made colourful Lego biscuits, beautiful Apple Roses, sticky Honey Joys, and warm Pumpkin Soup! Yum!

Jade, Chloe & Aston cooking up a storm! Apple Roses Ezekiel's Lego construction!

Artist of the Week: Goes to Sullivan! For his recycled train creation!

Best & Fairest: Goes to Megan & Angelina! For working together to construct this unconventional Jenga block creation!

Next Week is Sewing Week!

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Parent Information
OSHC program phone: 0412 263 319
Coordinator: Joey Arnold Assistants: Amy Stephenson
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000 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.

Remember the rules even when it’s wet
Wet days mean more traffic, hazardous driving conditions – and less visibility! Use your lights when driving, bring an umbrella, obey traffic signs, and be prepared to walk further than usual to drop off and collect your child.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!
During the past two weeks and for the next two weeks, all students in Years 1 – 4 have been participating in a soccer program during their allocated PE session. These clinics have been organised by the Ashburton United Soccer Club and we thank them for giving up their time to help teach our students all the skills required to play ‘the world game’.
SCHOOL DIRECTORY AMENDMENT

Please add the following details to the 2016 Foundation School Directory:

Nicholas Priaris FSA
Mother: Vicki 0409 526 096

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

FOR HELPING AT THE MOTHER’S DAY STALL

To all the wonderful people who helped set up, pack up and those who acted as personal gift selectors to the children.
We hope your Sunday was full of fun and surprises!

Jane Fellingham & Helen Schweiger
Uniform Shop News

ORDERING UNIFORM:
Can’t get to the Uniform Shop on a Friday or simply wish to avoid the queue! Drop in a pre-paid order at the office or send with your child to school in an envelope addressed to the Uniform Shop. Current order forms are available at the office or the BPPS website. All orders must include payment; this includes correct cash, EFTPOS or credit card at the office, no Bpay payments please. **Orders delivered to your child’s class Monday/Tuesday only.**

SHOP DAYS:
We now open the uniform shop on Fridays only, if you would like to have the shop open on a second day I am looking for helpers each week. If any parents wish to volunteer on a Tuesday or Wednesday and I have 4 parents each week, we can open on another day. I have had 1 parent volunteer so please let me know if you can help so we can open on another day. The uniform shop is run by the P. & F.A. as a service to the school community.

**Helping is a great way to meet new people at the school and offers a great sense of community.**

**WINTER SCARVES:** Navy Polar Fleece scarf only $5.
**RAINCOATS:** We stock raincoats perfect for excursions and school camps!

**TERM 2 SPECIALS:** Limited sizes available
- Old style bucket hat size large **only $5**
- Windcheaters sizes C14, C16 & A14 **only $10**
- Cotton Drill Pants size 14 **only $5**
- Polar Fleece Vests size 14 **only $15**

**Poly/Cotton T-shirts:** Going forward the uniform shop will be stocking 100% cotton t-shirts only, so only current stock of the poly/cotton t-shirts are available.
**Long sleeve 100% cotton t-shirts:** Only current stock available no longer able to order from supplier.

Stock in 8 & 10 only.

Regular Shop Hours; Friday 3.15pm – 3.45pm staffed by volunteer parents.
**NO LATE ARRIVALS PLEASE,** as parents need to bank and leave with their children.
If the uniform shop is busy, please place order with payment at the office.
**If you wish to pay by EFTPOS you will need to do this at the office prior to getting your uniform from the shop.**

Please keep your receipts for exchanges or refunds. Please note refunds can’t be processed on your credit card.
We can give cash or a cheque will be issued. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.
Further details on our uniform policies please see the school website. All prices mentioned above are per item.
**Julie Dussin - 9857-5137 please leave a message with the office, or Email: uniform@park.vic.edu.au**

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**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**
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

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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

FKS PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Ms Schultz and FKS parents for morning tea on Tuesday 24 May from 9—9.45 in the Staffroom

5HF PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Miss Francis and 5HF parents for morning tea on Thursday 26 May at 10am in the Staffroom

6CR PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Miss Russell and 6CR parents for morning tea on Tuesday 31 May at 9.50am in the Staffroom

6SR PARENTS MORNING TEA
Please join Mrs Reeve and 6SR parents for morning tea on Wednesday 01 June from 9—9.50 in the Staffroom
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OPEN DAY
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

Open Day
Saturday 21 May, 10am - 12pm
The Merrell Kindergarten
92 Maud Street, Balwyn North

At The Merrell Kindergarten, we understand the importance of a positive start to your child’s educational journey.

Join us on our open day and explore our centre, learn about our innovative educational programs and meet our dedicated educators.

For more information please call us on 9859 1259.

Bellevue Kindergarten

OPEN DAY
Saturday 21st May, 10am - 12pm

• Hamper Giveaway • FREE Sausage Sizzle & Coffee Cart
• No zoning rules apply • Experienced Educators

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