Hello everyone

This week the teachers have completed the demanding task of preparing the Students’ mid-year Reports. Each teacher, whether classroom or specialist, has spent countless hours collating data and considering the appropriate comments to describe each student’s performance. We are now going through the process of proof reading and double-checking before the reports are made available to parents, via the Sentral Portal, (https://sentral.bpark.vic.edu.au/portal) next Tuesday afternoon. As is always the case, if the contents of your child’s report cause any concern or you require clarification, please make an appointment to meet with the respective teacher through the Portal Message facility.

Many parents have already made use of the Kiosk in the foyer to register late arrivals or early departures. The computer kiosk uses the Sentral software to record this information, immediately updating the class attendance rolls. The system we have been using, which employs forms at the office counter, required our office staff to manually transfer information. This process was time-consuming and tedious, and meant there were always delays in having up-to-the-minute attendance records – something which could be problematic in an emergency situation. Please note that the kiosk is there for PARENTS to use. We assume children who arrive late have had an appointment or have another valid reason so should therefore be accompanied by an adult. It is not appropriate for students to be ‘signing’ themselves in late. We thank Mr Hone and Mr Symons for getting this efficient and streamlined process up and running.

Parents will receive information regarding further developments in our electronic communications via an email to be sent home next Monday. Mr Symons has compiled a detailed summary of how our communication processes will operate from the beginning of Term 3. Please watch out for this email and start preparing yourselves for the demise of the paper notice. This will require all of us to adjust our thinking and accept that, for the most part, important information will no longer arrive home scrunched up in the bottom of a school bag, stained by last week’s un-eaten banana!

Electronic communications of a different sort will be the hot topic at the Cyber Smart forum planned for Thursday 14th July, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The forum is designed for year five and year six students AND their parents. The event will be run as a workshop where both parents and their children are invited to engage in a tailored presentation designed to encourage online participation in the digital world by educating and empowering our students to be smart and therefore safe online. Invitations to attend and further information was emailed from Kristen Schultz last Friday. Please RSVP to this communication with the number of attendees from your family. BPPS is in the process of becoming an eSmart accredited school. eSmart is a whole school framework to help schools manage cyber safety by planning and implementing whole-school behavioural change; where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is the cultural norm. The framework is coordinated through the Alannah and Madeline Foundation - https://www.esmartschools.org.au.

Mrs Woodman and I had a chance to watch and listen to some of the performers at last night’s drum and guitar concert before School Council commenced at 7.30 p.m. We were very impressed with the talent on display and pleased to see all of Sebastian’s students performing – whether they had been learning for 4 years or 4 months. There will be another concert tonight for those who weren’t included in last night’s program. Please note that these concerts are being held in the gallery area between our new classrooms which are adjacent to the stadium. They have previously been conducted in the Library, but the gallery space is much more suitable. Our Family Life sessions are to be held in the Library tonight.
With the Federal Election on Saturday 2nd July and BPPS as a polling place, we were hoping to be able to run a Sausage Sizzle or some other sort of activity which may generate funds from outside of the immediate school community. While my plea in last week's newsletter yielded only one offer to assist (thank you Irene Iape), School Councillor Anna Alexander has offered to coordinate the event. We are extremely grateful for Anna's commitment, but a little disappointed that the job has fallen to someone who already does a power of work around the school. Anna will no doubt be seeking much assistance so please contact Anna directly, let the office know or watch out for details as to how YOU may volunteer. Fundraisers such as these usually bring in over $3000.00 to support the teaching and learning programs at BPPS.

A major topic of discussion at last night’s School Council Meeting was the success of the Active Travel Day where 74% of our children came to school by means other than car. It raised the obvious question as to why this isn't the case on days where there is not a focus on active travel. We're hoping that the new bike and scooter storage facility, to be built at the front of the school early next term, will encourage more students to ride. We’re also hoping that the footpath decals, to be painted in various locations within comfortable walking distance from the school, will act as meeting points where students can gather and walk together. We acknowledge that some families have to drive due the distance they live from school, but we hope these points will be a great place for children to be dropped off to alleviate the traffic issues around the school. More details about the decals will be provided shortly.

One such traffic issue was reported to us by a parent regarding an incident on 7th June. The email read (with minor edits), “This afternoon while I was waiting on Vicars St, trying to turn right onto Almond St at around 3.35 p.m., a car overtook me from the right hand side and turned into Almond St - which I thought was very dangerous. He then drove on the wrong side of the road, then drove onto the nature strip to cut through the traffic, then zipped into his driveway and parked his car at a house in Almond St. While he was zipping around in the usual congested traffic, he clipped another parent's side mirror. He got out of his car and checked the other car’s mirror, then walked into our school, I assume to pick up his child”. Unbelievable! Such behaviour is illegal, rude and incredibly dangerous. The driver obviously thought his needs were more important than those of others. His attitude is in total contrast to the values of patience, consideration and care we try to develop in our students and is irresponsible behaviour that we would not like our students to witness again.

We are now only just over a week away from the end of second term. Where did the five months of school disappear to? We will conclude the first half year next Friday (24/6) with our usual end-of-term assembly which will commence at 1.50 p.m. after which the students will be dismissed at 2.30 p.m.

Eric Regester

1/2C PARENTS MORNING TEA

Please join Mrs Cronin and Ms Chiera and 1/2C parents for morning tea on Thursday 14 July at 9:50am in the staffroom.

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.

Drivers: young lives are in your hands

Approach a children’s crossing cautiously and expect to stop. It is illegal to park within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres of the departure side.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

KIDSPEAK   by Jane Woodman

Dear Parents and Friends,

Kids never cease to amaze me. They are able to spontaneously answer a random question from a funny looking woman roving around the playground with a fake microphone.

My interview question this week was ‘What do you value most at Boroondara Primary School?’

Here are some of the responses:

The learning. You can learn stuff and you know way more. Alice
I really like the friendly people. I really appreciate the way people come up and see if you’re OK or when you need some help. Tia
I like Maths. Lacey
I like Science because there’s lots of things to learn about. Moni
Playing with my friends and making new friends. Nicholas
Good teaching facilities. Christian
The way we have very good playgrounds. Adam
All the kids are really nice and we have a nice principal Mr Reg. Xavier
Well, I love that there are so many people to play with. There are lots of opportunities here. There’s something for everyone. Henry
Well, that we learn a lot of stuff and you get smarter every day. Will
Nature, learning and everything like that. Lucas
The staff are great. Molly
We have different personalities and we can all do something different. Ellie

Further to my random sampling in the playground this week, at the start of the term we conducted a more structured survey about school values during a CLaS session. We started by revising our current values (care, trust, respect, learn, fostering growth and development, share, shared purpose and valuing diversity). These values are in the four year strategic plan. It was fairly obvious during this exercise that the students were very clear about care, learn and share being our school values. The other ones were not very well known or understood by the students. We asked the students to add other values they thought were important and then nominate the top two. Two points were given for the first choice and one for the second choice.

The results were as follows: Respect 117, Care 77, Trust 70, Fostering growth and development 42, Kindness 40, Valuing diversity 38, Learning 38, Share 34, Helping and encouragement 33, Honesty 21, Inclusiveness 16, Teamwork 9, Manners 9, Paying attention 8, School pride 8, Fun 8, Shared purpose 7, Fairness 6.

Other suggestions included: enthusiasm, gratefulness, responsibility, humour, inspiration, understanding, safety and believing in yourself.

How insightful are our students to be able to articulate and rate a complex idea about values as they have? I’m feeling loads of school pride about our students and greatly appreciated their well-considered opinions.

Cheers, Jane Woodman
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

Reminder regarding LATE LUNCH ORDERS

The number of orders submitted after 9am is increasing– sometimes orders arrive at lunchtime!!! To ensure that your child will receive their requested lunch please make sure orders come to the canteen first thing in the morning.

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From the Art Room

With so many fabulous masks created by the children from grades 5 and 6, it has been very difficult to choose just one more for another artist of the week. However, Christina Antoniadis’ (of 5HF) mask really is a stand out. Painted a vibrant blue with gold highlights, Christina has also added felt and bells to give her mask the look of a court jester. She really took the opportunity to showcase her creative thinking and skills. Well done Christina! And well done to all the other children who did such good work on their own masks.

Chris Trollope & Jennifer Hortin
Art Teachers
Le défi de Tintin
(Tintin’s challenge)

This is this week’s French challenge.

En automne il fait du vent

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 FBG, Ramon Chong 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!)

La Sfida di Mario! (Mario’s challenge)

This is this week’s Italian challenge:

In autunno tira vento

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

Performing Arts

Performing Arts & Music at BPPS

This term our Preps 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).

This week, our Grade 3/4s will be receiving a notice relating to the creation of a sock puppet for their Term 3 Performing Arts Unit, ‘Prolific Puppets’. If possible, we would like all students to try and make a puppet at home to bring (the ones created at school will be quite basic and won’t allow for embellishment). If you have any queries regarding the construction of the puppets, please feel free to come and see us.

Soloists wanted

For the members of all our ensembles please save the date for the upcoming Oxfam concert next term, Thursday August 11 2016 at 7pm. More information to come... watch this space!

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!

Llanaeth Poor & Beth Stephen (Performing Arts Teachers)
Program Update
Brr!! It's about time for Winter Week at OSHclub!
To celebrate this beautiful, frosty time of year at OSHclub the children made Kirigami Snowflakes, Frosty Paintings, Elsa Snowflake hair clips and ice-cube painting. They also made yummy cheese toasties, Snowflake Marshmallows And Pumpkin Soup. The children loved playing group games like Number soccer, Wrist Ball, HELP relay tag, Ship!Shark!Shore!, Night @ the Museum, Silent Ball and Table Tennis.

***Next week is Flight Week with a craft and cooking activity each day***

Note to parents: Just a friendly reminder that our Program hours are 7am-9am and 3:30-6:30 pm. On the last day of term, we start the OSHclub program from the early dismissal time of 2:30pm and run through to 6:30, as usual.

Artist of the Week:
Rachit Bhardwaj for his incredible upside-down drawings of a jar of flowers and a horse. Well done Rachit!

Best & Fairest:
To Joyce for supporting and encouraging Ruben to use the building materials. Well done both of you!

Next Week is Flight Week

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Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0412 263 319 OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
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

**Session 1: Body Basics**  
**TIME:** 5.45pm - 6.45pm  
*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.

**Session 2: Where Did I Come From?**  
**TIME:** 7.00pm - 8.00pm  
*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.

**Session 3: Preparing for Puberty**  
**TIME:** 8.15pm - 9.15pm  
*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.

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

Check out [www.familylifevictoria.org.au](http://www.familylifevictoria.org.au) for the full range of books available

Bookings can be made through [www.trybooking.com/LGJP](http://www.trybooking.com/LGJP)
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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