FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello everyone

What an absolute pleasure it was to witness our wonderful F – 2 students in action at Tuesday night’s Junior School Concert. The Boroondara Park Broadway Musical was an outstanding production full of fantastic singing, dancing, colour, costumes and talent. I’m sure all the parents were exceptionally proud of not only their child/ren’s performance, but of all the performers. We certainly were! The fabulous Miss Poor had put together a diverse and entertaining program featuring numbers from hit Broadway musicals. Further to that she had taught the students the songs, trained them in the use of instruments and guided them through their movements. How lucky are we to have her on our staff!

It takes more than one person to bring such a production to fruition so we acknowledge and thank the F – 2 teachers, Specialist teachers and Integration Aides who assisted, and the parents who sourced and/or sewed costumes, with special mentions to Gillian Seery, Sarah Shaw and Irene Iape. Our Performing Arts Captains Emily Leonidis and Caelin Loffel were terrific comperes and we also need to acknowledge the work they did off-stage. They were continually encouraging the young performers and were always positive and purposeful – what great role models! Well done and thanks to everyone involved, especially the F – 2 students – you were brilliant! (NB. We apologise to a couple of families who had issues with their bookings and hope that the entertainment sufficiently compensated for your inconvenience).

We wish our Senior Choir and Orchestra all the best for their performances tonight at the All Inclusive Performance Festival at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood. Our other fabulous music teacher, Miss Stephen, has arranged our first-time involvement in this terrific initiative. The Festival allows community groups, primary and secondary schools, special development schools, disability providers, tertiary institutions and other community organizations to come together and explore the performing arts in an open, engaging, accessible and enjoyable way.

Our children’s musical talents were also on display at Monday’s assembly. The Senior Choir sang a song they had performed at the recent Eisteddfod and proved to us why the judges had made such complimentary comments regarding their abilities. Ayvah De Rozario then wowed us, singing four short pieces accompanied by Mrs Tenace on the keyboard. Ayvah has a beautiful voice and her ability and courage to perform solo in front of 700 people is amazing for a seven year old. Care, Learn and Share Awards were presented to Naintaara Kanodia for responding well to feedback and making good learning choices; Olivia Kikeris for her determination and hard work with her school work; Chloe Jacklin for courageously sharing her ideas with others; Kun Jie Wu for much improvement in class and making good learning decisions; Jacob Lowrey, Tyson MacKenzie, Jack Casey and Christopher Karathanasisfor showing leadership and initiative as part of the T-Ball team, and always offering to help; and Adam Jiang, Savina Vitinaros, Gigi Douglas and Christina and Stephanie Antoniadis for voluntarily assisting to clean up a big litter and recycling mess around the dumpers.

Coco Sun and Sofia Pandeli stood proudly by pictures of their art works as Artists of the Week, Haig Chahinian and Christopher Karathanasis told the audience about a table tennis competition, while Zara Hardy, Milla Harrison and Elia Tsamourtzis presented certificates and prizes for the skipping competition they had conducted. A group of our student leaders informed the students about BPPS Stars, a talent quest to be conducted next term, and 4JH again proved their dominance in the Walk Wheel Wednesday Challenge by winning the prestigious shoe trophy two weeks in succession. Environment Captains Hugo and Peter informed us of the Resource Smart initiative and how the BPPS Keen Green Team is trying to reduce waste, encourage energy saving and develop areas of biodiversity in our school grounds.

The Information Night we held last Thursday for prospective Foundation 2017 families was most successful. Over 30 families attended to find out about our school; its ethos, philosophy, programs and practices. Student Leaders Chloe, Scarlett, Thomas and Cae-
lin (standing in for Henry who was unfortunately unwell) were terrific in telling the audience about their experiences at BPPS and Rebecca McMenamin did a great job of portraying the school from a parent’s perspective. Transition Coordinator Ms Schultz and Foundation Leader Miss Amiconi also spoke as did all three Principals. Many thanks to all of you for your contributions.

Last Friday 54 of our long distance runners competed at the District Cross Country at MacLeay Park. They all gave of their best – so much so that BPPS was placed 3rd overall at the end of the day. Well done to all our runners and special congratulations to the six students who have qualified to progress to the Division event on 2nd June. They are Hannah Spencer, Anthea Kordas, Kamil Hegazi, Ben Gale, Alex Karaeleftheriadis and John Tsiandikos.

Jacquie White was a special attendee at last night’s School Council Meeting. Jacquie came along to report on the planning and budgeting she and Bek Hay have worked on for this year’s Fair, to be held on Saturday 19th November. We were all extremely impressed with their professional approach and attention to detail. Jacquie and Bek have been running a Save the Date weekly in the newsletter, but this will soon be ramped up with greater detail as the months roll on toward November. Please keep a look out for information as to how you can become involved in what promises to be an outstanding event. You are welcome and encouraged to contribute ideas or make enquiries via the specially set up email BPPSFair@gmail.com

We remind all families about the Family Life Evening to be held at the school on Thursday 16th June. The one-hour sessions are recommended for Grade 1 to 6 children and cover age-appropriate topics facilitated by trained and experienced educators from Family Life Victoria. Click on the link https://www.trybooking.com/LGJP and you will see an outline of each age group’s session including the content, times and cost per family. (Our apologies for the typo in last week’s newsletter which led people to sign up for ‘Mick’s 40th’ - we hope he has a great party!). Details of the sessions also appear elsewhere in this edition of The Press.

We remind all families that, unless your children are attending the Care Program or involved in an organised school activity (eg Choir rehearsal, sports’ practice) they should not be at school until 8.45 a.m. We currently have many children in the playground as early as 8.00 a.m. The school cannot accept responsibility for supervising the children at this early time so they are at risk.

Please remember we have a Pupil Free Day on Friday week, May 27th, to provide the opportunity for the teachers to work on the children’s mid-year reports. Students are NOT to attend on this day.

Welcome to the following students who joined us this week: Kye Stavrianos (3SG) Suri Chen (4CB) and Tiger Chen (1JT). We wish these students and their families a wonderful time at BPPS.

Condolences to the Nixon family (Darcy in 3KJ) on the death of their maternal grandmother.

Eric Regester

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

This year is a School Review year. Every four years schools self-evaluate their past performance and set a vision for the next four years. The first part, the self-evaluation, seeks to invite active contributions and dialogue to arrive at a shared understanding of the school, what it stands for and how the school is currently meeting the expectations of its community. The next stage, the development of a new Strategic Plan, sets a vision for the next four years, what we aspire to in the future and what adjustments we need to make for the vision to be realised. This rigorous and highly valued process means that in the next two terms we will devote time for reflection, data analysis, contemplation and imagineering. (No, not a typo, it’s a combined term of imagining and engineering – so imagining the ideal and how that would work)

At Boroondara Park, that means our next Strategic Plan will last until 2020. That sounds a long way away but as you know our children grow up quickly and before you know it, your little Foundation children will be graduating from BPPS. We are asking you, the community to assist and engage in our school review year. We will be requesting input from you in a range of ways over the next two terms.

We will be forming a sub-committee from school council members to support this community engagement process. A couple of parent forums will be organised. The first one will be in the review stage and the final one is when the Strategic Plan is set to inform you of our school’s vision for the next four years. There will also be a survey for you to complete this term. Your input from this survey will be used to inform us about the direction we take in the future. Please stay informed through the Boroondara Press and the website so that you can be part of this important process.

I will finish my newsletter piece today with this very ancient and frequently used quote from Aristotle. I thought it might get your ideas flowing in preparation for the upcoming parent survey. This is where you will have the opportunity to do some imagineering about what the ‘ideal BPPS graduate’ would be like in 2021.

“Give me a child until he is seven and I will show you the man.” Aristotle

Stay tuned,
Jane Woodman
ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Ari Ziskov of FSA is the next Artist of the Week. Ari was chosen for his very careful and precise weaving of curling ribbon into rubber matting. The prep children were offered a variety of materials to weave into the matting - sticks, feathers, lace, pipe cleaners and the curling ribbon. Ari decide to stick with the ribbon and to thread it into every row, rather than randomly. He was very satisfied with the process and the result. He worked with great concentration over two whole lessons - a long time for Foundation students - and would have liked longer to complete more rows! Well done Ari!

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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From the Art Room

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Safe crossing procedure

Choose a safe place to cross, either at a pedestrian facility or where you have a good view of approaching traffic and where drivers can easily see you. STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK whenever you cross a road.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!
La Sfida di Mario! (Mario’s challenge)

This is this week’s Italian challenge:

E` nuvoloso!

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:

Nonours, saute en air!

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 FBG, Joel Dickenson FBG, Jay Shi FBG, 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

CONGRATULATIONS on our JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT
I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made last Tuesday’s Junior School Concert ‘The Boroondara Park Broadway Musical’ such a fantastic night. Congratulations to our wonderful students for displaying their amazing talent!! We are incredibly proud!

DVD Notices for the Junior School Concert
Notices for the purchasing of Junior School Concert DVDs will go home early next week. Please make sure you return them to the office ASAP.

Noisy Instruments in Prep – RECYCLABLE MATERIALS WANTED
This term our Preps will be making noisy instruments out of recycled material 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).

Congratulations to those who performed at the ‘Maroondah Inclusion Concert’
We would like to congratulate all those who attended the ‘Maroondah Inclusion Concert’. We were one of many schools in attendance, to celebrate inclusion and harmony within our school communities! Well done on a fabulous performance BPPS!

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

Program Update
This week we have been busy sewing and learning how to construct useful objects from fabric. The kids made bookmarks, Roll-up pencil cases, Alien pencil toppers, Footy player finger puppets, finger knitted bag-tags as well as cupcakes and berry smoothies.

I want to welcome Greta Bramley to BPPS OSHclub team. As BPPS OSHclub grows, we need more excellent staff at OSHclub and are delighted to be working afternoons with the very talented, caring and friendly Greta.

A big thank you to Amy, Clare and Gabby, the OSHclub coordinator from Blackburn PS, for making sure everything ran smoothly when Amy and I were both unwell last week.

Note to parents: Please book into the Curriculum Day program on 27th ASAP. We will run a full-day OSHclub program if we receive enough bookings. Accounts will email you with confirmation of the day running and cancel without charge all bookings if the day does not go ahead.

Artist of the Week: To J.M. Campbell & Elliot Fromm
for creating a whole lego story about a dinosaur and comets, with their construction.


Next Week is our favourite animals theme!

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Parent Information

OSHClub program phone: 0412 263 319
Coordinator: Joey Arnold
Assistant: Amy Stephenson, Greta Bramley (afternoons)
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 any day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
The Boroondara Park

BROADWAY MUSICAL!

Rave Reviews by 1ML! ★★★★★

Yesterday when we sang Mamma Mia, I felt glorious. I liked my costume and the concert was amazing. Charlie

I felt brave, happy and cool. I liked the bright lights. I had a great time and I felt like sunshine. I ‘broke a leg’ and I hope I do it again. Jay

I was happy because I could sit on a chair in the balcony and I can go on the stage. Sarah

I had make up on and silver lightning bolts on my cheeks. I loved all of the numbers. Thank you for the concert! Robert
District Cross Country

On Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} May, 52 students from Years 3 – 6 competed in the North Balwyn District Cross Country at Macleay Park. All students performed exceptionally and it was fantastic to see all Boroondara Park students supporting each other.

Boroondara Park PS finished 3\textsuperscript{rd} overall out of the 14 schools in the North Balwyn District which is a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to these students who finished in the top 10 of their race and will now compete in the Division event at Ruffey Park on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June.

- 2\textsuperscript{nd} - Ben Gale (11 Yr boys)
- 5\textsuperscript{th} - Alex Karaelefftheriadis (11 Yr boys)
- 5\textsuperscript{th} - John Tsiandikos (12 Yr boys)
- 5\textsuperscript{th} - Hannah Spencer (12 Yr girls)
- 6\textsuperscript{th} - Anthea Kordas (12 Yr girls)
- 8\textsuperscript{th} - Kamil Hegazi (10 Yr boys)
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**  
**TIME:** 5.45pm - 6.45pm  
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?**  
**Recommended for Years 3-4**  
**TIME:** 7.00pm - 8.00pm  
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**  
**Recommended for Years 5-6**  
**TIME:** 8.15pm - 9.15pm  
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.

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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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Saturday 21st May 2016, 10am - 12pm
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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 21 May 2016
10.30am to 12pm

- Hamper Giveaway • FREE Sausage Sizzle & Coffee Cart
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