Hello everyone
It has been delightful to hear happy, convivial chatter and laughter emanating from the staffroom over the last few weeks as parents from particular grades share morning or afternoon tea with the class teacher. This is a wonderful community-building activity and we are most grateful to the Class Reps for organising the opportunity. All of the attending parents have followed the ‘unwritten protocol’ of not trying to have a spontaneous parent-teacher interview – the occasions have been purely social. Thank you to all those that have or will attend, and to the teachers who have made themselves available during their busy days.

The staff, present and past, also enjoyed a very happy occasion last Friday afternoon after school. We held a farewell for Daniela Cursio who retired at the end of 2015 after almost 40 years of teaching. Daniela had been at BPPS since the school officially opened on this site in 1993, so had been with us for over 20 years. Speeches praising Daniela’s career were made and the lady herself entertained us with anecdotes and tales that teachers collect over the years. It was lovely that her mother, her sister, her two sons and their partners, and her grandchildren could be here to gain a greater sense of Daniela’s contribution to state education. We thank the hard working group who organised this most fitting recognition.

We conducted the first of our four annual mandatory evacuation drills on Tuesday morning. We are always impressed with the sense of seriousness that the students display on these occasions which inevitably means we have a successful outcome. Please read Mr Symons’ article regarding the drill in his column this week.

Schools in the Victorian Government sector work on four-year Strategic Plans. As our current plan was devised in 2012 to take effect from 2013 – 16, and so is coming to an end, we have commenced the process known as a School Review. The process commences with a School Self-Evaluation (SSE) where we review the work we have done to see how we have fared against the goals we set ourselves four years ago. It is an enormous undertaking which requires collating, examining and analysing four years of performance data. The school’s leadership team has commenced the SSE and the whole staff team were involved in a complementary activity at their meeting on Tuesday morning. The SSE involves the entire school community so parents and students will also be given opportunities to play a significant role. Once the SSE is completed we commission an independent reviewer to assess our findings and provide their opinions on how successful we have been. The second part of the School Review is, in many ways, even more important. Having reviewed where we’ve been, what we’ve achieved and what we could do better at, it is then time to compile our new Strategic Plan which will set our direction and foci for 2017 – 2020. We will also include the whole school community in this process. Please watch out for information which will be published over the next few months related to the ways you can become involved.

Mrs Woodman, Mr Symons and I will be out of the school from Wednesday afternoon to Friday as we will be attending the annual Boroondara Principals’ Network Conference. With renowned educationalist Simon Breakspear leading us though topics entitled Leadership for Learning in Faster-Moving Times and Leading Agile Improvement Cycles for Better Learning, it promises to be a stimulating couple of days. Our Leading Teachers Ms Chiera, Ms Schultz and Mr Hone will be looking forward to the school in our absence.

Last week I wanted to focus on the overwhelming success of the Junior School Concert so I desisted from including a grumble. However we must express our disappointment about the number of parents who videoed the performance. It was clearly stated numerous times during the lead up and on the night that private videoing was not permitted. We hire a professional organisation to
record the show and they make these recordings available to all parents. Individuals who choose to record breach the agreement we have with this company, putting in jeopardy the opportunity for ALL our families to enjoy watching it over again.

Please don’t forget that **THIS Friday, 27th May, is a Pupil Free Day** during which the teachers will be working on the students’ mid-year reports. The students are NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.

Eric Regester

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**VISUAL ARTS AND NETWORKS** – Jennifer Hortin

At Borroondara Park we’re fortunate to run a comprehensive specialist program. A component of this is the Visual Arts which all students take part in a weekly, 50 minute session. Our two staff are Chris Trollope and Jennifer Hortin. As well as running the Visual Arts program at BPPS Jennifer and Elly Johnson from Camberwell Primary School lead the Borroondara Network of schools in regular professional learning opportunities. Week of 5 of Term 2 and 3 are network-wide learning opportunities across the 27 schools in the Borroondara Network. During these weeks all staff have an opportunity to attend sessions which vary from transition, English, Maths, autism, Digital Learning and more.

The Visual Arts network has been a very well attended network for many years. It has a great reputation which is evident by the number of teachers who attend. Not only are the attendees Visual Arts teachers but they also include people working as casual relief teachers and even those who have retired. To support their work the group have set up a Facebook page. The Visual Art network operates throughout the year and this time BPPS was the host.

Jennifer ran a session on bookplates. The purpose was to explore bookplates and their structure. A bookplate is a stamp or sticker, impressed with an image which represents the owner of the book. Bookplates can be found on the inside cover of a book. Jennifer spoke about the Australian Bookplate Design Award which will take place in 2017 and the opportunities for our students to be involved. Jennifer demonstrated various ways that a bookplate can be created. These included linocuts, potato prints, scraper boards, collographs and rubbings. If you’d like to know more about the Design awards the following may be of interest – [www.bookplatedesignaward.com](http://www.bookplatedesignaward.com)

**COMMUNICATION**

As this term has progressed so has our work on improving our communication processes. Part of this includes a new website which incorporates links to teaching and learning and the partnership between home and school, a template for excursion notices, streamlined use of the Skoolbag app, translation services and feedback mechanisms.

A significant focus is on maximising the use of our communication and management system, *Sentral*. This term we continued this work by initiating the ‘Parent Portal Messages’ system. Next term we’ll be utilising the ‘Portal Messaging’ system (which is different to the Parent Portal Messages despite the unfortunate similarities in name). This will lead to permission forms being sent electronically with online authorisation and, where required, payment. Towards the end of this term we hope to implement a ‘kiosk’ opposite the front office for late arrivals and early departures. At this stage the plan is to provide each student with a key tag which contains a bar code. This will be attached to their school bag. For late arrivals the key tag will be scanned. This will update the class roll automatically. For early departures a parent/carer will need to access the kiosk to print out an early departure ticket that they will take to the classroom teacher. Again the early departure is logged and the roll updated. Towards the end of the term we plan to send home a document which will outline our updated processes. We look forward to informing you closer to the time of its installation.

**OH&S – onsite evacuation**

All schools are required to provide and submit an Evacuation Management Plan to the Department of Education and Training. Part of this includes practising the evacuation. This Tuesday the staff and students were involved in an onsite evacuation. All classes were required to assemble on the oval where rolls were marked and the time noted. After the evacuation, feedback was sought in order to improve our processes. The students were extremely well organised. Our next evacuation is offsite where we will assemble at Leigh Park. For those who have Skoolbag you would have received an alert about this. Interestingly the students were not aware of the evacuation but some have the Skoolbag app on their iPads and they too received the alert.

Thanks
Randal
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Chris Trollope & Jennifer Hortin

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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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SUSHI ORDERS

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

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

This is this week’s Italian challenge:

Fa bel tempo!

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.

Winners: Angelina Tavlaridis 4R/P

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, assieds-toi par terre!

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, Joel Dickinson 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!)

Performing Arts

Performing Arts & Music at BPPS

Assembly Performers
Thank you to our Ayah De Rozario and the Senior Choir for their fabulous performances in our last assembly on Monday 16 May. A great way to start the week!! Well done!

DVD Notices for the Junior School Concert
Notices for the purchasing of Junior School Concert DVDs can be collected from the office if you didn’t collect one on Tuesday night. 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).

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

Program Update
We had a great child-suggested theme this week of: Our favourite Animals. The children made Animal Ear Headbands, Hand Print Birds, Carp Kites, Koala Pencil Tops and mini dog and cat Box Dioramas. We had a successful week in the kitchen making cheese and lemonade scones, Spanakopita, Gluten-free banana pancakes and homemade gnocchi on the Curriculum Day. There were lots of group and sport games to participate in including number soccer, octopus tag, markers up, four square, basketball relay, skipping. What’s the time Mr Wolf?, Night at the museum, silent ball and story time too.

***Next week is Sport week, with a different feature sport each day.***

Artist of the Week: Chloe Snaden for her fantastic Hand Print bird picture.

Best & Fairest:
Lani Bell for bravely singing ‘Let it Go’ in front of 50 children at OSHclub. So great to see your confidence growing.

Next Week is Sport Week

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Parent Information
OSH 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.

Visiting Primary School Nurse

Cathy Gray a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0438 519 037.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office.
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

6CF afternoon tea with Mrs Fleming
Dear 6CF parents, please come and join us for afternoon tea with Mrs Fleming.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Date: Thursday 2nd June 2016
Time: 2:40pm
Place: 6CF classroom
Your class reps,

Lisa Casey (Jack’s mum) & Athena Andonopoulos (Peter’s mum)

1JT PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA
Please join Mrs Tainsh and 1JT parents for afternoon tea on Friday 03 June at 1.50pm in the Staffroom

Congratulations
to the
CHANDIRAM family
(Addy in 2MC)
on the arrival of a baby girl

SCHOOL DIRECTORY AMENDMENT
Sara Angelkovik 2JC
Nina Angelkovik 5HF
Mother’s email: angelkovik.s@gmail.com

Suitable for iPads 2, 3 and 4 models (not Airs or minis)

Available from the office for $15. Limited colours and quantities!
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
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**  
**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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