

Brunswick East Primary School

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BEPS Mother's Day stall: Wednesday 6 May (all BEPS classes will visit the stall) and **Friday 8 May**

Next Friday Market : Friday 8th MAY (Pink Friday)

Our Vision: To create confident, passionate and curious learners who are highly literate and numerate, have high expectations and are engaged in their community.

www.beps.vic.edu.au

PLEASE NOTE: Children are supervised at school between **8.45am** and **3.45pm** each school day. They should not be on school grounds outside those times. If you require your child to be supervised outside those times they need to be at OSHC.

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From Janet

Hi Everyone,

Well it has been a great week! It is fantastic to walk around and see the buzz of excitement students are displaying about their learning. This week I have been over with the Preps as we finish off making our birds to hang in the Artiller. This is a simple activity that allows me to get to know the students a bit better and it has been fantastic to watch them select (and reselect) the coloured glass they want for the body, wings, beaks and eyes; listen to them chat away about their bird; and the enthusiasm, excitement and joy that they put into this activity. It has truly been a pleasure to be with them.



In last week's newsletter I mentioned the Ruby Goldberg machines the students in Bicicletta are making. Well this week I got to watch all of the group's videos with the students. Some were so fast that we needed to play the video a couple of times to see what was causing the bell to ring. Others we watched in s...l...o...w motion. The thinking, designing, creativity and persistence that have gone into these machines is just awesome and again the level of excitement was infectious. Well done to the students and teachers involved in this learning experience.



Yesterday Jill and I went to Su Nei Cielì to talk to students about their gardening projects. Small groups of students presented their ideas, plans and costings. It was great to see the level of commitment each of the students had to the project as they articulated the thinking behind their plans. We were particularly impressed with the inclusive language used by these students as they talked about welcoming spaces, for students, parents and visitors and the desire to improve the grounds at BEPS. I hope we can move these ideas forward and initiate conversations between the students and the parents at BEPS to provide improved outdoor facilities.

It is also great to see the level of parent/grandparent participation around the school. As I have walked around I have observed the large number of parents in the classrooms reading, helping students to publish their work, doing art, cooking, gardening or helping teachers. I have also been amazed by the number of parents just dropping in something that they have made for the Mother's Day stall and the dedicated group of people who have made gifts to sell and set up the stall. The quality and variety of gifts is outstanding. Thank you to each and every one of you for all the time and effort that you put in. We at BEPS really appreciate it! You all help to make this a better school and above all you clearly say to your children that their education matters.

Having said all of this we all know that for some parents it doesn't matter how interested you are, you just don't have the time, or in some cases the perceived talent, to help out. That's ok too, because you support the school and your child in other ways such as asking them about what they are doing and listening to their response, listening to their reading or reading the LC blog or newsletter so that you can connect with the school, reflect with you child and engage in their learning. For all parents please participate where you can but don't feel guilty if you can only participate a little. If everyone participated a little think of how much support that would be across the whole school.

This year we again have a group of very talented and dedicated students going over to Coburg College for debating. This is a great transition activity for our senior students. On Tuesday the team debated the topic "Should we ban horse racing?" The group had the task of arguing that we should and not only presented a strong case for their stance but provided strong rebuttal to the opponent's arguments. When talking to the debating students at lunch



time it was clear that they were: passionate about their arguments; well researched; compassionate individuals; and above all, supportive of each other. Their win on Tuesday was well deserved.

Congratulations to all of the students involved for their enthusiastic efforts, persistence and above all for their courage to take on an academic challenge that required them to make a commitment to a team, research the topic, use all their persuasive talents to formulate a stance, stand up and present their point of view and to be proud of their effort. All of these students have done extremely well. Congratulations!

Next week the grade 3 and 5 students will be doing the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All grade 3 and 5 students should come home today with an information leaflet but if you want more information please go to www.nap.edu.au or email us. These tests are not meant to be stressful for anyone and we will do our best to reassure students and make this a valuable experience for them. Please keep in mind that although the tests are valuable in specific areas they represent only one data source.

I hope that everyone has a great weekend and the week ahead is a pleasant learning adventure.



Janet

Weekly Aftercare & Beforecare Program Plan

- Framework for School Age Care: Focus Outcomes;
1. 'Children have a strong sense of identity'
 2. 'Children are connected with and contribute to their world'
 3. 'Children have a Strong Sense of Wellbeing'
 4. 'Children are confident and involved learners'
 5. 'Children are effective communicators'

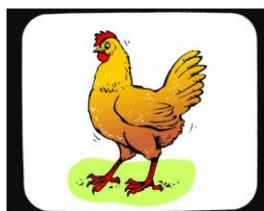
AFTERCARE

Day	Date	Activity
Mon	11 th May	<p>Oliver: 'Board Games'</p> <p>Phyllis: 'Lego/hall activities'</p> <p>Glenda: 'Skipping/Adventure Playground/Master Chef'</p> <p>Rusty: 'Hockey'</p> <p>Olivia: 'Finger Knitting With help from Nova'</p> <p>Indiana: 'Wheels Day' (Bring in your own wheels of choice: bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters: protective gear must be worn')</p>
Tues	12 th May	<p>Justine: 'Pom Pom Art'</p> <p>Glenda: 'Adventure/ Glenda's Hairdressing Salon'</p> <p>Harri: 'Dream Catchers'</p> <p>Rusty: 'Hall games'</p> <p>Indiana: 'AFL/Soccer'</p> <p>Oliver: 'Footy'</p>
Wed	13 th May	<p>Indiana: 'Wheels Day' (Bring in your own wheels of choice; bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters: protective gear must be worn')</p> <p>Harri: 'Sewing Club; Sock Monkey's'</p> <p>Glenda: 'Adventure playground/Master Chef'</p> <p>Olivia: 'Music Games in hall'</p> <p>Justine: 'Fimo Animals'</p> <p>Rusty: 'AFL'</p> <p>Phyllis: 'Science Lab; Crystal Star'</p>
Thurs	14 th May	<p>Oliver; 'Drama Games/ Music games'</p> <p>Indiana: 'Lacrosse'</p> <p>Harri: '3-D Magazine Collages'</p> <p>Rusty: 'Soccer'</p> <p>Glenda: 'Cooking Club; Pizza muffins'</p> <p>Olivia: 'Outside Adventure Playground'</p>
Fri	15 th May	<p>Rusty: 'Wheels Day' (Bring in your own wheels of choice; bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters: protective gear must be worn')</p> <p>Glenda: 'Adventure/Masterchef/Outside Games'</p> <p>Indiana: 'Handball'</p> <p>Oliver: 'Board Games/Lego'</p>

BEFORECARE

Day	Date	Activity
Mon	11 th May	Phyllis: 'Connect 4 & Card Games' Olivia: 'Puzzelations'
Tues	12 th May	Phyllis: 'Hall Games; skittles/parachute games' Olivia: 'Fairy, Monster & Animal Drawings'
Wed	13 th May	Olivia: 'Cellophane Stained Glass Windows' Phyllis: 'Hall Games'
Thurs	14 th May	Olivia: 'Origami' Phyllis: 'Board Games'
Fri	15 th May	Phyllis: 'Drawing Games' Olivia: 'Puzzellations'

Chook Roster



There are plenty of spots available over the next couple of months on the weekend chook roster - if you would like to help out with the care of the school's chickens, please email Bec at bec.casey@icloud.com indicating your preferred dates, and contact phone number.

It's a fun and easy thing to do with the family and helps ensure that our feathery friends have everything they need to be healthy and happy! All you have to do is pop in to school once over your allocated weekend to check in on the girls to make sure they have food and water and just see that everything is ok. You also get to take any eggs home!

Mother's Day gift stall

ON

Wednesday 6 May

each BEPS class will go shopping at
the **Mother's Day stall**
and have a chance to buy gifts
ranging in price from \$1 to \$10.

Students who forget their money will be able to
visit the stall on Friday 8 May.

All the
gifts have been
handmade by
someone in
the BEPS
community

ON

Friday 8 May

the BEPS community is invited to come shopping for
mother's day gifts, with the stall open from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

You'll find jewellery, plants, soap, knitwear,
craft, cards, slices, sweets and much more.

All funds raised from the Mother's Day stall go back to our school.

It's also **PINK FRIDAY MARKET** with proceeds from cakes and treats
going to Australian Breast Cancer Research.

Family and friends welcome. Don't forget to wear pink!

PINK FRIDAY'S BACK

FRIDAY 8th MAY 2015: Pop it in the diary

What's happening?

We're turning pink again to support the National Breast Cancer Foundation's (NBCF) goal to be **Breast Cancer free by 2030**. It's time to celebrate the courage and hope in our own community and salute the women and families affected by this disease with the **Pink Friday Market straight after school on Friday 8th May**.

All proceeds from the day going to NBCF.

What can I do?

- **WEAR PINK** Pink it up - Children, staff and families look the part and pinkify yourselves for the whole day.
- **DONATE** Bring a gold coin donation to help fund the research for prevention and a cure.
- **BAKE** Pink up your imagination and bake or bring something pink to sell at the afternoon market. Donations can be dropped off to the Art Room on Friday.
- **BUY** Come along to the Pink Friday market after school.
- **HELP** Offer your time to help set up, sell, or pack up at the market.

**Be a part of this great event BEPS is proudly supporting.
Together we can change the future for our daughters.**

If you'd like to get in touch:

Rachel Alembakis has kindly offered to co-ordinate the afternoon, she can be contacted at alembakis@bigpond.com

Don't forget the **Mother's Day stall** will also be open from **3.30pm Friday** with all kinds of crafty presents for mums. All gifts are handmade and proceeds go to BEPS.



saving energy by wearing layers

Environment & Sustainability Newsletter April/May 2015

No heaters on in April challenge!
What the kids thought:

"For me it was fine because at home we don't really put the heaters on, so it didn't bother me." Amy

"For me it was great for sport, When I come inside it's very cool, so I like it. It calms me down and so then I can get on with my learning. I like it." Flynn



bottle caps for preps project

HELP!
Can you bring in plastic bottle tops?

For the preps recycled project. Just drop them in a box at the front office. Thank you.

WASTE FREE MARKETS

Coming...
Re-use cutlery & cups with the help of a WASH station.

See more info soon on the BEPS website.

AUTUMN SUSTAINABILITY GARDEN UPDATE

Sei Nu Ceili are looking at gardening and sustainability. They have been creating recycled items for their Friday market stall.



Community Ads

After School Chinese Program

Learn mandarin Chinese while having fun!

Chinese Painting, Crafts, Cooking, Games...
Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing basic Chinese.

中文



When: 3:45 – 5:00 pm, Wednesdays.

Where: Brunswick East PS

Start date: 3 June

Cost: \$10/class for Term 2. From Term 3, it will be \$100/term

Contact: Jeanine Ma

jeanine.ma@xjs.vic.edu.au

9888 1688 (10am – 2pm, Mon-Fri)

Program Coordinator

Xinjinshan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc.

Please provide some water and snacks for your child/ren.

To enrol, please email or call Jeanine.

Please **don't** try to enroll through Brunswick East PS

Northcote High's Inaugural Literary Talk-Fest

A panel of Australia's finest writers discuss the topic 'Writing Women'. Come and join Hannah Kent, Steven Carroll, Tony Birch and Simmone Howell as they discuss how women's perspectives and experiences are captured in literature. Is there such a thing as a woman's voice?



hannah kent
tony birch
clare wright
simmone howell
steven carroll

Chaired by Clare Wright, Northcote High parent and winner of the 2014 Stella Prize for *The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka*.

7:30 - 8:30pm Thursday 7th May 2015 Northcote High Hall

Tickets: \$20/\$12 Conc <http://www.trybooking.com/HFZO>

Books for purchase and signing by the authors on the night
Prizes and give-aways sponsored by The Stella Prize
Support contemporary Australian writers.

Funds raised support NHS Green Team and FemFN (Feminist Collective)



The Moreland School Holiday program information and enrolment forms will be available for the **June/July 2015 School Holiday Program from Friday 15 May 2015, 5pm, bookings will close on Friday 29 May 2015.**

Forms are available from:

- Local Primary Schools in the municipality;
- Council's website and;
- Citizens Services Centres – Monday to Friday between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.
 - Coburg Offices, 90 Bell Street, Coburg
 - Brunswick Offices, 233 Sydney Road, and
 - Glenroy, 796N Pascoe Vale Road, Glenroy

If you have difficulty accessing the information and enrolment forms or general queries, please contact Council on Ph: 9240 1111.