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Next Friday Market : Friday 21st August (Chiara Il Nido)

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

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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,

Some very important news this week so please keep reading.

What you need to know:

1. We have received the **2015 NAPLAN results** for students in Grades 3 and 5. These results have been sent out earlier this year in an attempt by the department to make the results more relevant. They will be available for pick up as of **Monday 24 August** and held at the general office for the next two weeks. Could you please make a time to pick up your child's NAPLAN results? The results, while a bit old, do provide some information about your child's progress but should be considered alongside school and other developmental considerations. Some of you will find that the grade 5 NAPLAN results are required by some secondary schools when you come to enrol next year. Please make sure that you put them in a safe place because we do not keep a copy of the results statement at BEPS.
2. The **Fathers's day gift stall** will run on **Wednesday 2 September** during school hours. The stall is staffed by parents and we have 32 1-hour spots on the roster to fill. Please help out if you can by signing up here: <http://vols.pt/Kzubod>
3. **Spettacolo**, our Italian inspired Arts festival will be on **Thursday 17 September**- 6pm to 8pm. It is shaping up to be a great night with Teatro, Piazza, Café and Galleria. Please put this date in your calendar.
4. **Camps** for all students in grade 1 to 6 have now been organised. If you have paid your deposit, "Thank you". If you have not been able to do so yet, could you get it paid as soon as possible, or please contact us to advise that your child is not coming. We need to finalise numbers for each camp. Thank you.
5. **Twilight Market** will happen on **Friday 27 November** - 3.30pm to 8pm – please put it in your calendars! It's not too late to get involved, if you can help out in any way please let us know, most roles are being shared by small teams, so there's plenty of support. Please contact Cate or Susi for more information – cjelnkner@yahoo.com.au or susiall@yahoo.com.

What you might like to know:

Trivia Night

The highlight for this week has to have been the Trivia Night! A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise, set up, clean up, donate goods, help out on the night and to those who came along and just had fun. The event was sold out and was just a really good night to catch up with friends, get to know others and raise funds for BEPS. The theme this year was brilliant as it enabled people to go all out and 'dress up' as Olympic skiers, ice queens and fairies, a polar bear, a yeti, seasoned skiers just down from the slopes or for people like me it just allowed me to put on my big coat and be part of the fun.

The questions were a bit hard for the teachers and their friends as we didn't appear to have much idea about the winter Olympics of any year, popular TV, music or in fact anything they asked about. Hence, I am disappointed to say that our table did receive the lowest score on the night. However, if the organisers had applied any empathy, listened to our well-constructed arguments, or taken any of our bribes the story may have been different.

Again THANK YOU to everyone who made this a great community and fundraising event.

NAPLAN

We all know that the NAPLAN results indicate something about each child and their ability to answer a set of standardised tests, in a set time frame, in a particular week in May. We also know that although we do give the students a look at some typical NAPLAN questions, we do not set aside weeks of learning time to teach-to-the-test. Hence when you look at the NAPLAN results with your child please try to look at them positively. For grade 3 students it is the first time that they have done a test like this. We work hard to get all students to attempt them without stress and anxiety. Sometimes this means that they take their time and don't get the test finished. So what? It takes time and practice to learn the game of doing tests. For the grade 5 students, they have a little more experience, after all it is their second attempt at the NAPLAN tests. I am pleased to say that on the whole the grade 5 students attempted the tests willingly and showed little anxiety. This is a testament to you and the teachers for making them a routine as possible. What is most important as we look at the grade 5 results is that they are making growth and continuing to learn from grade 3 to grade 5. I cannot say this often, or loud, enough; it is not how quickly that we learn – it is that we keep on learning. We have a whole life to do it.

If you have any questions please check with you child's teacher or come along and talk to me, so that we can give more insight into the results.

BEPS Writers festival...

Please remember that the BEPS Writers Festival topic is **MATES**.

I already have the first entry entitled "My First Day at School". Through this writers festival we are trying to encourage the students to embrace writing in all its forms, celebrate that we have a new library and link the writing to our values of **Empathy, Friendship, Creativity, Resilience, and Wonder**. Hence, I am asking that you encourage your child/ren to participate in this festival. All entries will be displayed at the school, in the Library, during September. They could write a non-fiction or fictional story about Mates; a picture story book, a poem, song, advertising campaign, cookbook or whatever they enjoy writing. Can they write a story in exactly 50 words? Can they provide the illustrations for someone else or illustrate a story with NO words?

Remember that we will use the notice board in the foyer for you to advertise your skills or put up a wanted add.

I am still looking for parents who could come in to read in an LC, or maybe at lunchtime?

How can you use the Writers Festival as an opportunity to participate in your child's learning?????

We have had a few days of sunshine this week and the daffodils are in full bloom. Sure indications that we are heading for Spring. Please look after yourselves and have a great week.



Janet

BEPS Community Events

FATHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

Baking or making – can you help?

The BEPS Father's Day gift stall is **on Wednesday 2 September** and we are hoping for **300 handmade items and 500 food items** (baked goodies, jams, chutneys) to sell at the gift stall for between \$1 and \$10. Every little thing you can make helps us get there – please put contributions in the **tub in the art room kitchen by Monday 31 August**. Past items have included potted plants, seeds, jams and preserves, knitted and crocheted things, wooden things, magnets, key rings.

Please email BEPSmakers@gmail.com if you can help out a little, or to book in for a workshop.

Volunteer on the stall

Help kids choose cool gifts for dads by signing up for a shift on the stall, held during school hours on Wednesday 2 September. You can view the roster and sign up here: <http://vols.pt/Kzubod>

Group making sessions

Join us in the school art room to produce and price bulk stock for the stall. No talent or experience is necessary – these sessions are a fun and relaxed way to connect with others in our community, out of usual school/work hours.

Soap and beard oil making – Saturday 22 August, 12pm to 4pm

Learn how to make blokes' soap and beard oil. These are easy recipes that you'll be able to replicate at home. **TWO SPOTS LEFT!**

Giant make-fest: a general making session – Sunday 23 August, 12pm to 4pm

Whether you're handy with a glue gun or not, we've got a bunch of things can try. Great way to meet people and get some easy ideas, or bring your own ideas and materials! We'll make cards, comic book coasters, MacGyver paracord key rings, ceramic mug graffiti, magnets, pet rocks and more. **PLEASE HELP!**

Soap cutting, wrapping and pricing – Saturday 29 August, 12pm to 4pm

You don't need to have done the soap making workshop to do this one. In fact, we need more hands to wrap and price the soap than we do to make it. Lots of time for chatting in this workshop as the soap is packaged for sale.

Pricing and packing craft items – Monday 31 August, 7.30 to 9.30pm

Affixing price stickers and tags and a chance to preview the gifts. Plus a glass of wine for your time.



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Put up your hands



About the BEPS makers

The BEPS makers coordinate the Mother's and Father's Day stalls and believe that many hands make light work. Everything sold at these stalls is proudly made by the BEPS community with all funds raised going back to the school. We raised \$5,000 from this year's Mother's Day stall. There are no barriers to participation, and talent or crafting experience is a bonus. If you can help occasionally, or want to know more, please email BEPSmakers@gmail.com.

Kids posture and laptops

We would like to trial using Laptop risers in the LCs. At this Friday market, 21st August you will get a chance to purchase donate a riser for this trial.

- \$2 buys 1.
- \$10 buys 5.
- Or due to popular demand donate \$6, buys 2 for school and take one home!



Have you had back problems or know someone who does?

Bad habits we learn in childhood can lead to back/neck problems later in life. So we think that it is worthwhile teaching our kids about good habits so that they make good decisions later on. We design our LCs so that they provide a number of different areas for kids to learn in. We provide a variety of ways for kids to learn and they are not sitting at a desk for long periods of time. However, as we move away from work stations and use more mobile technology we are looking to see if we need equipment to improve the ergonomics for students. This is because when using a laptop the percentage of our focal field which we can use for fine focus activities, such as reading, is under 5% of our total visual field. Optimally the top of the screen should be level with our eye height. If our eyes are not at the correct height, then we might shift our focus by adapting our posture and slump or drop our heads down and forward.

Some of the kids in 4,5,6 have suggested \$2 Lap top risers one possibly and are a hit with some kids!



If you would like to donate towards this trial, or discuss this matter more, please talk to me Juliet Hall at the stall on Friday.

Community Ads

SINGLE PARENTS ACTIVE KIDS PROUDLY PRESENTS:

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Edwarde's Lake Reservoir, Corner Griffiths and Leamington St.

SUNDAY 13th of September.

STARTING 12 Noon.

FREE BBQ, ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS:

MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS/RENEWALS AND MORE.

EVEN IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THERE ARE PLENTY MORE OPPORTUNITIES, HERE IS A LINK TO OUR



VERY ACTIVE WEBSITE <http://www.singleparentsactivekids.org/>

LIKE MINDED SINGLE PARENTS TO CHAT WITH, ACTIVE KIDS WANTING TO PLAY WITH YOUR ACTIVE KIDS, WIN WIN!

"SINGLE DOES NOT MEAN ALONE"

PLEASE RSVP TO info@singleparentsactivekids.org or call Moush on 0430 504 119.



Sports Camps Australia SCA Junior Soccer Camp - Brunswick

Location: Clifton Park, Brunswick

Dates: 21-23 September 2015

Times: 9am-3pm

Fees: \$240

Skill Level: All Skill Levels Welcome

Age Group: 6-16 Years

Gender: Co-ed

Sibling discount available for this camp, please contact SCA head office to book!



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Our Story



Community Forum

Living and learning at Brunswick Technical School & Brunswick Secondary College

Where: Brunswick Secondary College
Dawson St. Brunswick

When: Thursday September 10th

Time: 7.00pm

As part of our celebrations of a hundred years of state education at Dawson Street, the BSC Centenary Project historian Lyndel Caffrey is giving an illustrated talk on the life and times of the school, its staff and students.

Our current school community as well as past staff and students are warmly invited to attend. Lyndel's presentation will be followed by refreshments in the school library, where you will have the chance to share stories, meet up with old and new staff and students and get involved in our oral history project.

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We look forward to your company!