

Brunswick East Primary School

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BEPS Calendar includes term dates

Next Friday Market

From Janet:

Community Ads

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Wednesday 27th January: Teachers commence

Thursday 28th January: Grades 1-6 commence

Friday 29th January: Preps Commence

Friday, 18th December: Last day Term 4 2015: 1:30 Dismissal

Next Friday Market : Friday 18th December (No Market)

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,

We have come to the end of 2015 having grown as individuals and as a community. Congratulations to our Grade 6 students who now go forward into secondary school. I hope that you carry pleasant memories of your time at BEPS and have the confidence to try new things, make new friends and above all persist when things get tough. You are a great groups of students which was reflected last nights graduation.

Thank you to every student, parent/carer and staff member for your contribution to making BEPS a fantastic school. Please take time to relax and recoup over the summer break and when possible take the time to enjoy the company of friends and family.

I hope that you have a very happy and safe holiday.

1. **Enrolment next year:** I hope that we now know of all children who are moving school for any reason in 2016 but if we don't know, could you please inform us now. This is simply as a courtesy so that we can make reasonably accurate decisions for next year.
2. **Dates to remember:** Please check the calendar for other important dates
3. **Last day term 4, 2015 is Tomorrow** 18 December at **1:30pm**. There will be a final assembly at 1pm. Students do not have lunch at school on this day. So **NO lunch orders**.
4. **First day for students in grades 123 and 456 in 2016**, is Thursday 28 January 2016
5. **2016 preps** start on Friday 29 January

Thank you to those of you who came along to the special assembly on to farewell Margaret, our garden educator.

Tomorrow we also farewell Sarah and Jo who are taking 12 months leave, Wendy who returns to the Canadian winter and next year we welcome back Robyn and Mark from their year away. Mel will continue on two days a week next year and we have 2 new members of staff; Nathaniel Shaw from Yarra PS and James Goode who is a graduate teacher.

We have worked hard this year to improve some of our processes and practices. We have improved the reporting system and trialled new assessment methods for Maths, English and Reading. We are now confident that we have a number of things in place for next year to improve student learning at BEPS. One of the areas we want to improve is our assessment and planning for flexible student groups. We believe that one of the benefits of multi-age Learning Communities is that students are grouped in a number of different ways depending on their stage of learning, learning disposition, desired learning outcomes and interest. All Learning Community teachers, Curiosita and the wider community play a part in the education of your children. Hence, it is important that we focus on the whole Learning Community.

Next year we will have structures in place to improve communication between; parents and the LC team; LC team and Curiosita; and across LCs. The students will be put in groups – just like home groups but we might call them a different name. You and the children will have a teacher who is your point of contact, does the role and 3-way conferences. Just like now. The system will be similar to now, it will just have a bit of tweeking to improve our practice, and your child's learning.

The LCs are nearly finished. We have had a number of new enrolments this week (and today) and so balancing LCs has been tricky. We will get all groups out to you on the first day next year. Thanks for your patience and support.

Have a great Christmas.



Janet



Important Information for Parents about Lunch Orders for 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been advised that in 2016, D1UNO will be taking the lunch ordering system online. The system is designed to allow parents and students to order in advance and pay direct for their order through a user friendly App called Qkr.

Orders will be directly emailed to D1UNO daily and delivered to the BEPS as usual. The cut off time for parents will be 8.30am daily, at which point a list will be generated. Student orders will be bagged and labelled with the students name, classroom and item ordered.

We believe that ordering lunches and paying electronically will have advantages....There will not be any more scrambling around in the morning, to find change to put in a paper bag for your child's lunch, or waiting for change from your order. You can pre-order lunches, including set-up regular lunch orders, if you want.

So, again we advise that from the beginning of 2016 all lunch orders for BEPS will be via the Qkr App. To avoid disappointment on your child not getting their lunch order, please take a moment to read this information.

The following is more information on the Qkr App

Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply tap the magnifying glass in the top right of the Qkr home screen, type QKRPS2, create a fake child profile. You are able to make a transaction on this school and your card will not be charged for this purchase as this demo account does not have true payment credentials.

The following video is an introduction to Qkr and what it can be used for.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42lr56ghY6Y&feature=youtu.be>

Mill Park Heights Primary School Principal and Business Manager discussing Qkr

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l54K6Y71aw4>

Yours sincerely,

Janet Di Pilla
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2016 STUDENT BOOK LISTS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

OfficeMax is supplying our book packs for 2016. Instructions for ordering on line are provided on the book lists. Payment of book packs, and Essential Education Items Fees, for student requisites for use in class, can also be paid on line.

We encourage all families to order a Student Book Pack through our supplier. The advantages to you are:

- No need to shop for these items over the holiday period
- Competitive prices are ensured through our bulk ordering
- Quality materials are guaranteed
- All children will have the same materials to work with in the classroom

It should be noted that many of the required books cannot be easily purchased elsewhere.

We highly recommend that you purchase the individual Student Book Pack items and pay for Essential Education Items through our supplier.

Ordering

To order your books, please complete the booklist order on-line as soon as possible. (There is further information about on-line ordering on the booklist).

Orders must be completed on-line by FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2015.
Book Packs will be delivered directly to Brunswick East Primary School for distribution to your child's classroom.

**PARENTS DON'T NEED TO COME TO THE SCHOOL TO COLLECT
BOOK PACKS.**

Thank you for your continued support. With your help we are confident of continued improvement at BEPS and another successful school year for our community in 2016.

OPENWORLD

"Make the Fun"

Summer School Holiday Program 2016

8am - 6pm 12th to 23rd January

Venue: Cretan House, 148-150 Nicholson Street,
Brunswick East VIC 3057

Join the OPENWORLD team for a school holiday program where your child will learn to "make the fun"!

Our program of building and creativity features:

- Minecraft
- LEGO
- Robotics
- 3D Printing
- Coding
- 3D animation
- Games design
- Movie-making
- Arts, crafts and more!

The program is perfect for children aged 8 to 15. All skill levels are catered for and there's something to keep every child entertained!!

**Book for single or multiple days at
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OPENWORLD programs are designed to enrich children, develop potential, and fire young minds. Our programs fuel creativity, strengthen problem solving, and encourage logical thinking - key skills for supporting academic subjects like Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

**** Early bird special - save 20% ****

Book now and pay only \$59.99! Offer ends 25th December.

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Regular price - \$75 per day per child

Contact: Openworld Australia, (03) 9481 7868 or info@openworld.com.au

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EVERY DAY MINECRAFT MINI GAMES HANGING PLANTS NEW CREEP SPLIEF	TUES 12TH CIRCUS CRAFT ROLLER COASTERS FAIRGROUND MACHINES	WED 13TH HERO CRAFT MINI GAMES STOP THE VILLAINS	THURS 14TH POSTRESS BUILDS CASTLE CRAFT SIEGECRAFT	FRI 15TH SOUL FLIES ULTIMATE ARCHITECTURE MEGA CRAFT MAKING EPIC WORLDS	SAT 16TH WILD CRAFT!!! PREHISTORIC
MON 18TH SPACE CRAFTING KERBAL	TUES 19TH WILD CRAFT!!! PREHISTORIC	WED 20TH GAME CRAFT COMMAND BLOCKS MAKING EPIC WORLDS GAME MECHANICS	THURS 21ST POWER MINING REDSTONE MOB FARMING CRAFTING	FRI 22ND CIRCUS CRAFT ROLLER COASTERS FAIRGROUND MACHINES	SAT 23RD POSTRESS BUILDS CASTLE CRAFT SIEGECRAFT
EVERY DAY MINECRAFT	EVERY DAY ROBOTICS	EVERY DAY MOVIE MAKING	EVERY DAY 3D PRINTING	EVERY DAY LEGO BUILDS	EVERY DAY UPCYCLE ART

PLUS EVERY DAY - CODING GAMES, STOP MOTION & MACHINIMA, PEPAKURA, PAPER PLANS, JEWELLERY, PLANKS, AND MUCH MORE



Moreland City Council

Immunisation Services at Moreland City Council

The Australian Government recently announced new immunisation requirements that commence 1st January 2016 (subject to the passage of legislation). Parents who do not fully immunise their children (up to 19 years of age) will cease to be eligible for family assistance payments including the Child Care Rebate, Child Care Benefit and the Family Tax Benefit Part A end of year supplement.

Moreland City Council wishes to advise that our free immunisation sessions continue to run over the school holidays and that we are happy to answer any questions regarding immunisations your child may have missed, and to assist you in completing these.

Contact details: Janelle Hyatt 9240 1121, Liz Masulans 9240 2403 and Gayle Baddeley 9240 1202

Moreland City Council Website: <http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/community-care/immunisation/immunisation-dates/>

Australian Government:

<http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/immunisation-related-payments-for-parents>

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We will be fielding the following teams in 2016: U8s, U9s, U10s, U11s, U12s, U12 girls, U13s, U14s, U15s, Under 15 girls, and Colts. Online registration is now open to returning players and new players in the above age groups



Interested families should email our Registration Officer, Ali Beswick, at



registrations@brunswickjfc.org.au

*For more information you can visit our website at
www.brunswickjfc.org.au*

*We look forward to seeing you at **The G** in 2016*