

# Brunswick East Primary School

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Friendship

Empathy

Resilience

Creativity

Wonder



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**BEPS Calendar** includes term dates

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**Next Friday Market**

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**From Janet:** Do you have a child starting school in 2017?  
Please enrol ASAP to secure a place.

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**BEPS Community Events**

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**Community Ads**

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**TERM DATES: 2016**

**Term 4:** October 3 to December 20

**Next Friday Market:** Friday 9 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.*

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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,

For those of you who have not noticed, there are only 7 days of school left for 2016. This is a scary thought as there is still plenty of work to be done before the end of term. We found the gas leak(s) and is high on my priority, along with finalising teams for next year. Students will find out their teaching team next week – Wednesday. My thanks to the wonderful BEPS staff for their patience because finalising staffing has been a little more complicated this year than other years and so fitting all the bits together has taken considerably longer.

We had two school visits last week that we are really proud of. One school was Huamin Primary School in Indonesia, the other school was Golden Sands School, Papamoa Beach, New Zealand. Both schools came to look at our pedagogy (inquiry learning) and philosophy. The number of schools who are now choosing to visit BEPS is having a fantastic impact on improving our students' learning as both teachers and students are being given an opportunity to demonstrate their practice and understandings and take pride in what they are doing.

A number of families are planning to start their holidays early this year. If this is you, please make sure that you have contacted me, to ask for permission to take your child out of school early. I realise that this is just a compliance measure and I haven't ever blocked a family holiday because I see that they are important, but school attendance is also very important. So if you can just let me know that would be fabulous. Thank you.

**Congrats to our lucky raffle prize winners.** This year they all go to BEPS families. Well done and enjoy!

First prize: Fiona Norquay (\$2000 Travel Managers travel voucher)

Second prize: Lisa Cohen (Mornington Peninsula beach house accommodation, valued at \$1750)

Third prize: Dom Gibbs (\$250 Treetop Toy Shop voucher plus shoes)

Fourth prize: Kerrii Cavanagh (\$250 Entrecôte dinner voucher)

Fifth prize: Ange Koutsofrigas (\$150 MAdE Establishment dinner voucher)

Special thanks go to BEPS Dad Gus Macmillan, of the Devil Goat Family String Band, and Jovanka from the front office, who were inadvertently missed from last week's thank yous.

Did you have fun at the Twilight Market? Interested in getting involved next year? Some of the organisers are staying on, but they'd love fresh energy and input. Email [twilightmarket2016@gmail.com](mailto:twilightmarket2016@gmail.com) if you'd like to be part of our big shebang in 2017. Helping out with fundraising can be very hard work for a few people but the more people that get behind the activities the easier it is for everyone and the more fun everyone has. The fundraising this year has raised approximately **\$80,000**. With this we can continue the Garden Program for another year. We already have parents working on the refurbishment of the kitchen area off the Art room so that it can be used to: cook vegies from the garden; provide a kitchen for Bicicletta and Terra Verde; and provide better facilities for food preparation by parents for fund raising activities. We are also looking at covering the Basketball Court and improving the office area and the toilet facilities. However, we will need a planned approach to all of these projects. If you have the time and ability to project manage any of these projects, maybe you can draw up plans, contact the council, build any of the structures or just contact people, establish a team and keep things moving, then please let me know and I will put you to good work.

Thank you to the parents and grade 6 students who sold sausages and raffle tickets at the RRR BBQ last week end. Your efforts are included in our total for this year. Thankyou also to Kat and Rachel for the Mangos.

**3-way conferences** started successfully on Tuesday with another 2 nights scheduled for Monday and Thursday nights next week. These dates have been well advertised. Please do not

ask the teachers to run 3-way conferences outside of the official hours but if you have any problems getting a time please contact me on [di.pilla.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:di.pilla.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Your Grades do not define you. As you go to the 3-way conferences and the discussion you have with your child at home can I please ask you to focus on their attitude, efforts and character. We all have different talents and strengths. It is more important to be resilient, enjoy learning and pursue it passionately rather than get a particular grade. Carol Dweck, from Stanford University [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTXrV0\\_3UjY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTXrV0_3UjY) encourages professionals and parents to "Praise the process that kids engage in: their effort; their strategies; their focus; their perseverance; and their improvement." In other words focus on the process not the end result.

Speaking of positive improvement: **According to our school reviewer** "Brunswick East Primary School was successful in achieving the goals established in the last strategic plan which lead to improved outcomes in student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

It was the overall finding of the panel day discussions that the framework of strategies to improve student outcomes had been successfully implemented and the focus on excellence in teaching and learning was evident in the progressive improvement in student achievement. There was a positive endorsement from the school staff towards the school climate and an ongoing improvement in student and parent satisfaction results." If you would like to read the full report please go to: <http://beps.vic.edu.au/2016-summary-of-the-schools-performance-excerpt-from-peer-review-report-2016-cycle/>

**Friday 16 December** is the **whole school picnic**. Please remember that there will not be any lunch orders on this day. Your child will need their hat, water bottle and food for recess and lunch on the day. We will come back after lunch for the **final assembly at 2:30pm** when we farewell all grade 6 students and families that are leaving. In the last week Monday is a planning day and **Tuesday 20 December is the last day of school**. Students leave at lunchtime, 1:30pm, there will not be an assembly on this day.

Book lists are still open for one more week. Please make sure that you get the orders placed in time as it ultimately makes it easier for you and the students. Please remember that you can just pay for the books when you place the order and then pay the essential education fee in instalments after that. If you tick to have the books delivered to BEPS the boxes will be delivered to the LC in January – no need for you to do any more than that. If you need any help or advice please speak to Maria or someone in the office.

Dates for the start of next year are on the calendar. Please remember to have a look.

## TERM DATES: 2017

**Term 1:** Monday 30 January (Teachers start)- to 31 March  
Tuesday 31 January (Grades 1-6 Start)  
Thursday 2 February (Preps Start)

**Term 2:** 18 April to 30 June

**Term 3:** 17 July -22 September

**Term 4:** 9 October -22 December

## CURRICULUM DAY

We will be running a Curriculum Day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December; 8.00-6.00; We intend to have a fun day of activities; cooking, art and craft, dvd's, sports fun. Please provide your child with food for the day; morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

**PLEASE BOOK IN TO ENSURE YOUR PLACE**

**Please fill in attached Booking slip and return to OSHC before 9/12.**

### Curriculum Day Booking Form for OSHC

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Curriculum Day operates from  
8.00am –6.00pm.

Child/ren's names:.....

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Grade:.....

Care required from:..... to.....

Parent/Carer Signature:.....

**Please return booking sheet to OSHC by 9/12/16.**

## Multiverse – School Concert DVD



Pre-order your copy of this year's school concert DVD 'Multiverse'. You can pre-order copies at the office for **\$12** per copy.

The DVD features the Artist In Schools Program films and all class performances. Purchase a copy to remember this special event for years to come. Don't miss out

## **2017 STUDENT BOOK LISTS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL STUDENTS**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Children, families and staff - work very hard to ensure that we are friends learning together. To support this, the school provides the best teaching and learning for our children, by using quality equipment, materials and resources while organising students into the smallest groups possible.

The school is financially supported by the state government through the Department of Education and Training, by providing direct grants. However, in order to provide the richest educational experience possible, we continue to rely on the high levels of support that we receive from families through purchase of requisites, payment for essential education items fee, optional education items, voluntary contributions, and fundraising.

In 2017 we will maintain the Essential Education Items fee at the 2016 amount. This fee allows us to maintain and improve our digital technology resources and improve learning without us having to ask you to purchase a digital device (laptop or ipad) for your child.

The school makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased to a minimum.

OfficeMax is supplying our book packs for 2017. Instructions for ordering on line are provided on the book lists. Payment of book packs, and Essential Education Items fee, 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

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

### **Ordering**

To order your books, please complete the booklist order on-line as soon as possible. The following link takes you directly to the Officemax Brunswick East Book Lists.

<https://www.officemaxschools.com.au/VIC/Brunswick-East/Brunswick-East-Primary-School>

**Your access key is: 19MZ6H**

**Orders must be completed on-line by FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016.**

**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 2017.

Janet Di Pilla  
( Principal)

## BEPS Community Events

### **BEPS Grounds Groups news:**

#### **Watering over holidays**

Luckily our beautiful Trees4BEPS trees have done very well with the wet spring we have had. But with the holidays and warmer weather nearly upon us, some will desperately need watering by hand that aren't hooked to a watering system. Are you able to join the watering roster to help out? The trees will get to stay alive, the kids will have shade, the school will be greener and we'll all be happy! Please contact Zoe Austin-Crowe on 0434 916 443 or Elissa Walker on 0408 351 433 if you're keen.



#### **New members**

We would love you to join our group in 2017. There's no need to be a green thumb. Just an enthusiasm to help us fulfil our ambitions for the grounds. Our group is warm and inviting, and we have varying backgrounds and skills. There's a job for everyone! Please email Zoe Austin-Crowe on [zoeaustincrowe@me.com](mailto:zoeaustincrowe@me.com) or Elissa Walker at [elissawalker@bigpond.com](mailto:elissawalker@bigpond.com) if you're interested. We hope to see you in 2017!

## Community Ads

BRING A PICNIC  
OR GRAB SOMETHING  
TO EAT FROM THE  
LIONS CLUB OF  
GLENROY'S BBQ

# CAROLS BY THE LAKE

**SAT 10 DEC 2016**  
COBURG LAKE RESERVE  
MURRAY ROAD, COBURG  
6 PM - 10 PM

**JOIN US FOR THIS FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT FEATURING  
ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE 9240 1111  
OR VISIT [MORELAND.VIC.GOV.AU](http://MORELAND.VIC.GOV.AU)

  

### **SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION WANTED**

Susan, Andy and Louis (Grade 6) are in search of short term accommodation early next year for approximately four months from late January.

We are happy to house sit / flat sit / rent a property for this time. We don't have any pets but we do have push bikes.

We would love to hear from you if you know of anything that fits the description in the Northcote, Thornbury, Brunswick East area.

Please contact Susan Hewitt on 0425 742 458 or Andy Miller 0418 353 641

Try a **fun new** activity for 2017!

**Sun Bae**

Taekwondo & Hapkido

**FREE OFFER**



Start in January 2017 for:

- FREE classes until 31 March
- FREE uniform on joining
- FREE Sun Bae bag on joining

Self-esteem through ethical self-defence  
GREAT family sport • Agility • Coordination  
Courtesy • Integrity • Perseverance  
Self-control • Indomitable Spirit

*Get in touch now to register!*



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Tuesdays & Thursdays  
6:30pm - 7:30pm (all ages)



Instructor Kim: 0412 193 524  
Instructor Chris: 0410 339 644



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