

Brunswick East Primary School

Friendship

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Wonder



NEWSLETTER: 15 DECEMBER 2016 - ISSUE 40

BEPS Calendar includes term dates

Next Friday Market

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

BEPS Community Events

Community Ads

TERM DATES: 2016

Term 4: October 3 to December 20

Next Friday Market: Friday 15 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,

My name is Riley and I am the student principal for 2016, I am a year six and I am in Il Nido. Being student principal is a student leadership role, it means that I am a role model to other students and I am working with other student leaders to prevent bullying at BEPS. We have done activities with other students to make the school even safer than it already is and I have been working with Janet and putting forward ideas about the school. To get the role of student principal I had to write an application to Janet and discuss topics about the school. So this week I have replaced Janet and if you haven't already noticed, I'm writing the newsletter.

This week is our very last week at school this year (next Tuesday is only one day and can't be counted as a second week), and for the year sixes, our very last week of primary school ever. This year has been mine, and many other year sixes best year at primary school yet. The year sixes lately have been preparing for our graduation and transitioning into our new high schools. The whole year has gone so quickly, it feels like year six began only a week ago, but now I'm going into high school. Last year I was in Su Nei Cieli and when I moved into Il Nido I was nervous because I had left my friends but this year turned out to be amazing. I made heaps of friends and I have loved being in Il Nido this year.

Last night was our Graduation Celebration. It was a fantastic night. The photos showed how much we have grown physically and I think that we have grown at least that much in our learning as well. The speakers last night spoke about the amazing friendships that we have made during our time at BEPS. Some of these friendships will last as we move to secondary school while others will change. However, what we all know is that we have all the skills necessary to succeed at our studies and in life and that we are always welcome to come back and visit BEPS.

Good luck to all the grade sixers, from Riley

But Wait!

I know that Riley told you that she has replaced me but I still have some sway with Angela and so I get to write this piece.

One of the great things that have happened this year is that the trees, shrubs and grasses propagated by BEPS have been put to good use! In particular, many have been used for remediation of land slips and gully erosion due to the extended rainy season and subsequent flooding events. There was no government funding this year for Landcare plants, so landholders in the Kiewa Valley were very fortunate to have the beautiful plants grown by kids at BEPS to help them with managing their land. The landholders and the Kiewa Catchment Landcare group extend their sincere thanks to all involved.

As this is the final newsletter for this year I really would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the students for their smiles, friendliness and effort. You make this school the fantastic place that it is and a place that we all want to come to every day. To those of you who are coming back next year, I hope that you have a great holiday and return refreshed and ready to learn. To the students who are leaving, I wish you all the very best for your future as learners and I hope that you take the positive opportunities that come along.

To the parents, carers, grandparents and wider community, thank you for your support and continued efforts to help out in the LCs and around the school in so many ways. It is through your participation that BEPS is such a welcoming community.

Staff, through your wide range of personalities, talents and positions in the school you help our young people to maintain a love of learning and support them and their families to navigate the land of education. Thank you for your diligence and dedication to each and every student in your care. Your efforts enrich their lives.

I hope that during this Christmas break, you all get the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around you and have time to look back on 2016 with pride and prepare emotionally for 2017.

My love and best wishes to all of you.



Janet

The BEPS office will not be open for any financial transactions after Friday 16 December.

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

MERRI PARK PICNIC



Our end of year picnic is going to be held on Friday, December 16.

This year we are keeping the picnic local and walking to Merri Park. Merri Park is located behind Northcote High School, on the corner of St Georges Road and Sumner Ave.

Merri Park is approximately a 1.6km walk along Merri Creek. All students will walk or ride to and from the picnic.

Departure time: Approximately 9.30am.

Return time to school: Approximately 1.30pm.

If you have completed the "Local Excursion" permission form there is no need to provide consent for this excursion. If you have not completed this form, please contact the office so that you can complete this form.

There is **no cost** for this excursion.

Students will need to bring their lunch and snack for the day. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, broad-brimmed hat, and sunscreen.

At this stage the weather is looking perfect. Around 25 degrees with light winds.

In the event of poor weather or extreme heat the picnic arrangements may be altered. This may include a shorter walk to a sheltered space along Merri Creek, or remaining at school for activities.

ASSISTANCE

Assistance with walking with the students to and from the event would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Peter Hocking

2017 STUDENT BOOK LISTS

ORDER ONLINE BY FRIDAY 16/12/2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 16th 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

CURRICULUM DAY

We will be running a Curriculum Day on Monday 19th 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.

Curriculum Day Booking Form for OSHC

Monday 19th 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.

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

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 or Elissa Walker at elissawalker@bigpond.com if you're interested. We hope to see you in 2017!

Community Ads

Chinese Learner, Future Winner!



After School Chinese Program



Learn Madarin Chinese while having FUN!

Chinese Painting, Crafts, Cooking, Games...

Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing basic Chinese.

When: After school

Where: Brunswick East Primary School

Cost: \$100/term

Contact: Annie Wong (After School Chinese Program Coordinator)
annie.wong@xjs.vic.edu.au 0401282458, 9888 1688
Sino Bridge Education
XinJinShan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc.



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UKULELE CLASSES @ BEPS

2017 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Preps to Grade 6 – contact us now to secure your child's place.



"Instrumental Music lessons combined with singing are key to Literacy and Numeracy in children" - Richard Gill

Extensive research shows that learning a musical instrument, combined with singing, powerfully develops lots of neural connections in your child's brain - all those amazing connections which in turn assist learning. This development is especially profound in kids under 7, and continues with older kids. Music also, in conjunction with our small group classes:

- ❖ Offers each child their chance to "Shine", to find that thing at which they excel
- ❖ Enhances spatial abilities essential for higher brain functions
- ❖ Helps improve academic outcomes - Helps "struggling" students improve
- ❖ Builds confidence and self-esteem
- ❖ Improves teamwork, communication, respect for others, co-operation and more

Why ukulele & Uke4Kids specifically?

- ❖ There are 50 main benefits offered by learning instrumental music with the ukulele, and not just musically. Its very nature creates an environment where kids learn better, their memory and concentration is enhanced and social opportunities are much greater in a ukulele class. The list goes on, and it's the world's happiest instrument.
- ❖ The Uke4Kids' highly innovative, unique and accessible program makes this possible for more kids than ever. Our students blossom academically as well as musically and socially, which is really important for young learners, their teachers and families.
- ❖ A ukulele easily fits in a back pack, and is highly portable. It's hard to fit a keyboard or a guitar on the back seat!
- ❖ The U4K Ukulele program is designed to be studied from 5 years of age. Other instrumental programs are generally not available until Grade 2 due to the nature of the instruments and the developmental stages of children.
- ❖ U4K Ukulele lessons are great for students of all ages. Perfect for young learners, older kids get the hang of it all very quickly and progress well through the program. They are able to adapt their learning to lots of contemporary songs
- ❖ The U4K innovative, fun & engaging program is built around songs created by our own students and teachers and is based on a solid theoretical foundation. Creativity and expressing their world through song writing is invaluable for children, and integral to our program
- ❖ Our students are able to move to more physically challenging instruments as they get older if they wish, with both kids and parents really valuing their early experience with our program.
- ❖ Our students also specialise in ukulele with outstanding results, and are able to join our fabulous orchestra, The UFO.

All this AND it's great fun! Accessibility is the thing. The Ukulele combined with the Uke4Kids program is quite possibly the very best instrumental music program for young learners in Australia.

In-school classes. Our classes avoid those subjects determined by the school. Fees from \$12.50

To reserve a place for your child, or for further information, call or email our office:

P: 0418 356574 E: info@uke4kids.com View: www.uke4kids.com