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NEWSLETTER: 3 MARCH 2016 - ISSUE 5

BEPS Calendar includes term dates

Next Friday Market

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TERM DATES: 2016

Term 1: Ends March 24

Term 2: April 11 to June 24

Term 3: July 11 to September 16

Term 4: October 3 to December 20

11 MARCH is a student free day: OSHC will run if needed.

Next Friday Market : Friday 4th March (Al Veare)

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,

I don't feel that I have been at BEPS much this week. I think that having two days out of the school (Monday and Tuesday) will be significant reasons for this feeling. Why was I out of the school? Well BEPS put in an application early this year to take part in a Bastow/University of Melbourne joint course in Leading Pedagogy. The team is Katie B, Andrew, Peter and I. Through this course we hope to improve our knowledge and skills to build and sustain continuous whole school improvement in teaching and the growth of students. We have spent 2 days listening to current theory and practice of instructional leadership and discussed evidence based visible learning strategies. Sounds great???? Well, it is. I know that by the end of the two days 9-4:30, we were all just a bit overwhelmed by the sheer volume of evidence presented to us, but we were also excited about the opportunity this course offers us as individual learners and the opportunity it offers BEPS through our learning, and by having time to discuss what really matters at BEPS – how we teach your children and how do we know if we are effective teachers? It was also really pleasing to be reassured that what we are doing at BEPS fits in with best practice and now we have the opportunity to improve our practice. I really am looking forward to our continued participation in this course during 2016, but I'm probably not so excited about the 4000 word assignment. However, I know that to really look at this topic in detail and make sure that it is rigorous, I need to do the reading and thinking, which I like; put it into practice and evaluate, which I find exciting; and then write it up, which I find hard work. However, I have found from experience that this is the time when I really think and question what is happening. We hope that through our participation in this course that we model life-long learning and lead improved teaching and learning at BEPS.

Since the end of last year, the leadership team has worked to put together a list of important dates for the whole of 2016 school year. We hope that by doing this that we give you time to plan for student free days and other important events in the school calendar. Last week, these dates were taken to School Council for approval. Today I will outline the dates in some detail. They will then be put onto the calendar and I will remind you of the dates as appropriate. These will not be the only events during the year. Other events such as excursions and sport will come up during the year but the dates listed below are for significant events.

1. **11 March** – Teacher Professional Learning – Ethics and New Victorian Curriculum. **This day will be a student free day.** OSHC will run if there is a need for it. Please book with Rena if you need OSHC for the day. See <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/datesterm.aspx> for further information on Student Free days.
This day backs on to a long weekend. From our data, Friday is the day when least OSHC is required because a large number of part-time employees do not work on Friday. We also know that a number of our families take this opportunity for a bit of a break while the weather is fine.
2. **27 May** – Teacher Professional Learning – Assessment. **This day will be a student free day. OSHC will run if there is a need for it.** Please book with Rena if you need OSHC for the day.
3. **Media Festival 7, 8, 9 June:** this year we will be having a 3 day media festival during which Mel has invited writers, story-tellers, illustrators, authors and parents to participate in the writer's festival and the radio room activities. It is anticipated that the cost of these 3 days is \$15.
4. **3-way conferences: 21, 22 and 23 June 3:30 to 8:00 pm.** 3-way conferences will all be held in the afternoon and evening following feedback from parents and staff that showed that most people want to come in the 3- 8 time frame so that working parents can attend.

Camps 1,2,3 LCs: Term 3, Week 9 and 10; approximate cost \$280, more information closer to the time. <http://www.hallsoutdoored.com.au/stringy-bark-lodge>

- a. Terra Verde: 5 – 7 September
 - b. Bicicletta: 7 – 9 September
 - c. Alveare: 12 – 14 September
5. **Whole school Concert** will take place at the end of term 3. Further information will come as soon as we have firm details.
6. **31 October** – day in Lieu: **This day will be a student free day.** This day is to make up for time staff give to do 3-way conferences in the evening. This is the Tuesday before Melbourne Cup day and is a time that many families take for a family get-a-way or a half break during term 4.

Camps 4,5,6 LCs: Term 4, Week 2 and 3; approximate cost \$325, more information closer to the time. <https://www.vicscouts.com.au/gilwellpark.html>

- a. Su Nei Cieli: October 10th to 12th
 - b. Il Nido: October 12th to 14th
 - c. Orizzonte: October 17th to 19th
7. End of year **3-way conferences: 12, 13, 15 December** 3:30 to 8:00 pm.
8. **Year 6 Graduation Wednesday 14 December.** Celebrate the fantastic contribution the grade 6 students have made over the last 7 years and celebrate the teachers who helped along the way.
9. **School Picnic** - fun for the whole school community; and **Grade 6 Assembly, Friday 16 December.**
10. **19 December** – planning for 2017. **This day will be a student free day.** OSHC will run if there is a need for it. Please book with Rena if you need OSHC for the day.

This planning day at the end of the year enabled all teachers to plan in their new teams. The students are allocated to LCs and the day allowed for team planning; hand-over of information from one teacher to another (hopefully this will be simpler next year as we do not plan to have any more LCs but this will be very dependent on student population); looking at student data and so enabling planning for inquiry units and tool boxes. This makes for a much smoother start to the year.

I realise that this day may be difficult for some families but we have discussed a number of different options, keeping all feedback in mind, and we decided that this was the best day. Hopefully with 10 months notice you will be able to come up with suitable arrangements for your child.

11. **Tuesday 20 December: last day of school. School closes at 1:30pm** (Whew, after all that we will need a break)

Reminders:

- Preps are full time as of next week. Wednesday interviews are finished.
- Could year 2,3,4 and 6 students bring back their Learning Journals. We need them please.
- When you ring to advise us of your child's absence please also tell us the child's name, LC, and reason (in general terms).
- We really do need you to keep **phone numbers, email addresses and medical information up to date, please.** If your details are not up to date please fix it up now. Immunisation status is also essential.

- Leaving bikes in the sheds overnight or at the weekend is not a good idea. The bike sheds are not locked and the presence of bikes acts as an invitation to outsiders to come on in. Unfortunately they often damage the bikes. Please take them home
- Please remember lunch orders are now electronic. Thank you for your fantastic response. More info further along in the newsletter.
- Recent News reports refer to concerns about students being dropped off early and picked up late from school. The main concern is that children in this situation are not supervised and hence are at risk if any problem occurs. At BEPS students are supervised in the grounds from 8:45am and welcome in the LC at 8:50am. After school there is supervision in the ground until 3:45pm. Please don't drop students off early and leave – you are always welcome to stay with them; and please try to pick up between 3:30 and 3:45pm. We realise that sometimes you get held up but for some it is a little more often than sometimes. Thank you for your support.

Have a fantastic week.



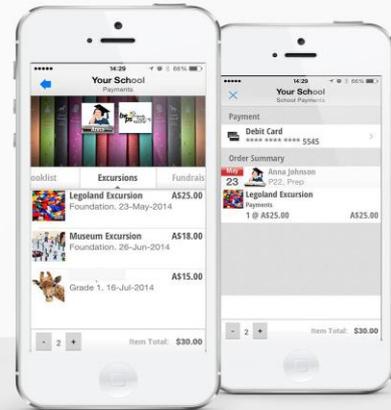
Janet

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Or search for our school name



Now you're ready to order and pay for meals and other items...

Please order your child's lunch by 9.00am

BEPS Community Events



Back to School asthma spike

Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia's website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers.

Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child's asthma and the school's medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child's use at school.

For **primary** aged students:

Asthma Kids

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it's like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester's Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! www.asthmakids.org.au

For **secondary** aged students:

Young People and Asthma

Asthma Australia is working with key organisations supporting young people's health to help improve asthma health outcomes for 12-25 year olds. A Facebook page, Young People with Asthma – Australia, provides a range of information for these young people and their supporters. Every two months Asthma Australia will also run a Question and Answer session that is proving very popular. Check out the page for our posts and promotion for upcoming Q and A sessions.

Community Ads

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL - TOURS AND OPEN DAY 2016

School Tours commencing Tuesday 9 Feb

School day tours for prospective parents and students run several times per week in Term 1 and early Term 2. The tours depart from our foyer at 9.10 am and take about one hour. See our website for exact Term 1 dates. Please ring to book a place as numbers are limited (9488 2300)

School Open Morning - Wednesday April 27, 2016

Open Morning will be held on Wednesday 27 April between 9 am and 12 noon. All prospective parents and students are welcome, and there is no need to book in advance for this event.

There is an information session at 6.00pm that night, for parents who were not able to come during the Open Morning

ACE Program Testing - Saturday May 7(TBC)

Further information on the ACE program is on our website

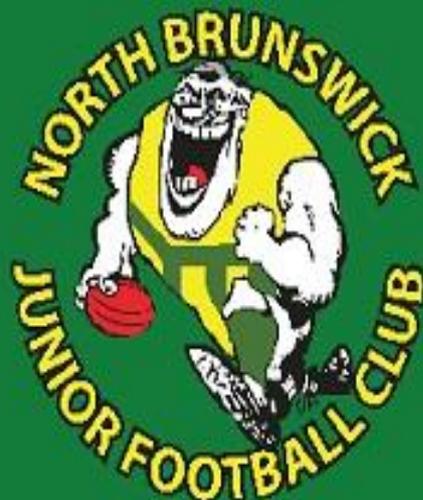
Applications close **Friday 22 April.**

Northcote High School, St, Georges Rd, Northcote, 3070, Australia. Phone 9488 2300



RECRUITING FOR SEASON 2016

- * AUSKICK
- * TACKERS 8's
- * TACKERS 9'S
- * UNDER 10'S
- * UNDER 11'S
- * UNDER 12'S
- * UNDER 13'S
- * UNDER 14'S
- * UNDER 15'S
- * COLTS
- * ALL GIRL - UNDER 10'S TO 14'S



- * GREAT CLUBROOMS & FACILITIES
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- * STRONG COMMITTEE & STRUCTURE
- * PREMIERS 2008, 2013 & 2014



REGISTRATION DAYS

FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY & FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

5:30PM - 8PM

ALLARD PARK, DONALD STREET, BRUNSWICK EAST



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The Moreland School **Holiday program** information and enrolment forms will be available for the **March/April 2016 School Holiday Program from Friday 19 February 2016, 5pm, bookings will close on Friday 4 March 2016.**

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.

Thanks and regards

Regards

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