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**Next Friday Market:
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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

Welcome back to 2015!

I hope that you all had a restful break from the routines of school over the Christmas holidays and maybe even got to go to the pool, beach, rugged up and went to the cricket or tennis or just relaxed at home. I have seen lots of very happy smiling faces (some from parents) as the students all started back and a couple of very tired students, particularly some very tired preps at the end of Tuesday. I hope the readjustment is not too painful for you.

We have only been back for one week and already this year is proving to be an exciting year for BEPS. I have been really pleased with the calm and engaged atmosphere as I have visited each of the Learning Communities. This is a real credit to each of the students and the staff at BEPS. Students have been happy to conference their work or read with me and I hope that this is something that I get to do a lot more of this year. Our newly formed Learning Communities are working well.

How as a community do we show what we value? Well I think that the amount of time, effort and money we put into any particular activity signals our valuing and commitment to that activity. So at BEPS what are we going to spend our time, effort and money on?

Jill will continue to meet with all teams once a fortnight and provide ongoing **Maths** coaching across the school to ensure that we as a community continue to improve our mathematical understanding; ensure that maths teaching and learning is rigorous and that teachers develop their skills to question students and probe their thinking to a deeper level; and to ensure that we develop questioning and thinking strategies in our students.

Andrew will be continue in his role of **Data** coach and meet with all Learning Community teams once a fortnight to support them develop a consistent approach to assessment across the school. They will use a variety of assessment tools appropriate to the student's level of development and evaluate the data to get a really good knowledge of your child's learning and make accurate decisions about placement of students into toolbox sessions. This year we will be adding PAT Maths, Reading and Writing as an additional assessment tool because we want more clarity than On Demand Testing is able to provide.

Suzanne and Katie C will become our **Literacy** coaches this year. Suzanne and Katie C undertook a Literacy Leadership course last year and now will be given the opportunity to work with all teachers and Learning Communities to build upon and strengthen the excellent literacy strategies already in place at BEPS and so improve our strong literacy program.

Art, Italian, Music and PE will be taught differently this year for all students from preps to grade 6. What will this change look like? Well at the moment I'm not sure but I have asked this dedicated and creative group of teachers to go out on a limb and try something new. Why make this change? So that students are not taught in home groups for these "subjects"; less learning time is lost in set up and pack up; teachers are able to work in a team and participate in the same professional development that other teachers at BEPS enjoy; and most significantly because these subjects are important, they are the 'glue' and sometimes the motivation for students to learn. Katie B will assist this team in formulating their Inquiry.

Please remember if you have a Zia, Nonna, or next door neighbour who could come along and help us out with reading or speaking Italian we would love to hear from you.

Steve will continue to lead **Information and Communication Technology** so that we plan for effective use of ICT to improve learning and teaching.

Cultivating Communities: Margaret will work with **all** students in the garden as she did last year and we will again have help from some dedicated community members. Students will investigate a variety of topics such as seasonal planting, composting, plants for free, Biodiversity depending on interest and development of the student and the time of year.

We have the good fortune to have a few new staff members this year and I am very pleased to say that we have also maintained a consistent, dedicated, hardworking workforce. We really are lucky with the staff that we have at BEPS. Our new staff members are Chloe in Alverea, Sapphira in Bicicleta, and Fabienne in prep. Chris Sharp has returned to BEPS from family leave and will work upstairs on Thursday and Friday. Welcome to the team!



If this produce is anything to go by we will have another wonderful year in the garden.

So you can see that we are putting our time into curriculum, teacher professional learning and smallest class sizes we can. We believe that this will result in better outcomes for your child/ren. Are you able to help us? Can you write? Like to write – letters – emails poems- shopping lists? What about a special skill that you have or the ability to sit with a small group of students and encourage them? Can you read or speak Italian? Do you like working in the garden or cooking? Could you offer **one hour a week** for a term, any term? If so can you please let us know. We would like to involve you in the learning at BEPS. Thank you for considering this request.

A new feature to BEPS this year is the provision of a crossing supervisor at the Stewart Street crossing and at Blyth Street. Moreland Council have been very supportive and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them. Our crossings are dangerous because of the through traffic and because some people do not always act in a safe way. Please let me remind you about speed limits in designated speed zones areas around the school during specified times (8.00 - 9.30 am and 2.30 - 4.00 pm). We also have a lot of students and their parents who ride to school so please keep an eye out for them and give them as much room as possible. Remember some of the students will not have a lot of experience riding a bike as yet. Please act safely, teach your children to be safe, do not leave children in the car unattended or park illegally. Please also remember to **dismount from your bike before** the school gate and wheel your bike through the school grounds.

Last year the department brought out a new set of guidelines for student attendance. It is very important that students attend school regularly and are on time, if they are to achieve their maximum learning outcomes and develop ongoing friendships. I realise that some mornings every conceivable obstacle aligns to stop you getting your child to school on time and that is OK. Please come in as usual and sign your child in late. However, if it is becoming an ongoing issue please contact us and let's see if we can work together to sort out some of the obstacles. Being here on time in the morning is important to enable teachers to set the tone for the day and touch base with all students in their home group. It also helps students know what is going on and hence have more confidence to know what is expected of them.

Yesterday I received notification that footings for the new building will commence **NEXT WEEK**. Yes that is my big announcement for this newsletter. At the moment I don't know what this will mean but we are meeting with representative from the builder on Monday to work out a plan. This is MUCH earlier than I thought this would happen, so staff at BEPS are just as surprised as you are. Please make sure you read the newsletter (they will not all be this long) so that I can keep you informed of what is happening and encourage your friends to read the newsletter as well. This is going to be VERY exciting.

Thank you for your support in helping to make the start of this year very smooth. I hope that we can all work together as a community and make BEPS even better for all of us this year but in particular offer our students the best education that we possibly can.

Have a great week and stay tuned for some exciting developments.

Janet 

Weekly Aftercare & Beforecare Program Plan

- Framework for School Age Care: Focus Outcomes;
1. 'Children have a strong sense of identity'
 2. 'Children are connected with and contribute to their world'
 3. 'Children have a Strong Sense of Wellbeing'
 4. 'Children are confident and involved learners'
 5. 'Children are effective communicators'

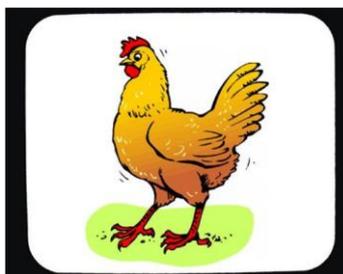
AFTERCARE

Day	Date	Activity
Mon	9 th February	Oliver: 'Outside Games' Justine: 'paper Weaving' Glenda: 'Skipping/Adventure Playground/Master Chef' Rusty: 'Soccer' Olivia: 'Dance class & music games in hall' Indiana: ' Wheels Day ' (Bring in your own wheels of choice: bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters: protective gear must be worn')
Tues	10 th February	Harri: 'magical Crayon Resist Drawing' Justine: 'Beading' Glenda: 'Adventure/ Glenda's Hairdressing Salon' Rusty: 'M-Ball' Indiana: 'Capture the Flag' Oliver: 'Outside games'
Wed	11 th February	Indiana: ' Wheels Day ' (Bring in your own wheels of choice; bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters: protective gear must be worn') Glenda: 'Adventure playground/Master Chef' Harri: 'Fantasy Room Collage' Justine: 'Making Femo Beads' Rusty: 'Hallgames' Phyllis: 'Science Experiments'
Thurs	12 th February	Harri: 'Feather Moths & Pipe Cleaner Bugs' Indiana: 'Soccer/Basketball' Rusty: 'AFL' Glenda: 'Cooking Club; Fruit Salad' Meg: 'Reading Stories' Olivia: ' Wheels Day ' (Bring in your own wheels of choice; bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters; protective gear must be worn')
Fri	13 th February	Rusty: ' Wheels Day ' (Bring in your own wheels of choice; bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters: protective gear must be worn') Glenda: 'Adventure/Masterchef/Outside Games' Indiana: 'Handball' Oliver: 'Outside games'

BEFORECARE		
Day	Date	Activity
Mon	9 th February	Phyllis: 'Hall Games' Olivia: 'Games/drawing'
Tues	10 th February	Phyllis: 'Hall Games; skittles/parachute games' Olivia: 'Games/Drawing'
Wed	11 th February	Olivia: 'Christmas Origami' Phyllis: 'Hall Games'
Thurs	12 th February	Olivia: 'Games/Drawings' Phyllis: 'Board Games'
Fri	13 th February	Phyllis; 'Knitting' Olivia: 'Games/Drawing'

Chook Roster

A huge thank you to all of those who have helped out with the chooks over the school holiday break to keep them happy and healthy for the beginning of Term 1.



There are plenty of spots available over the next couple of months on the weekend chook roster - if you would like to help out with the care of the school's chickens, please email Bec at bec.casey@icloud.com indicating your preferred dates, and contact phone number.

It's a fun and easy thing to do with the family and helps ensure that our feathery friends have everything they need to be healthy and happy! All you have to do is pop in to school once over your allocated weekend to check in on the girls to make sure they have food and water and just see that everything is ok. You also get to take any eggs home!

Community Ads

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL - TOURS AND OPEN DAY 2015

School Tours commencing Mon 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 9.15 am and take about one hour. See our website for exact dates. Please ring to book a place as numbers are limited (9488 2300)

School Open Morning - Tuesday 28 April

Open Morning will be held on Tuesday 28 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.

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

From Line to Colour Drawing @ BEPS

Dear parents and students,

I am happy to welcome everyone back to another year of From Line to Colour Drawing Class at Brunswick East Primary!

As we can all see, most children love drawing. The innate need for expression and processing of perception of the world around them is quite incredible.

From Line to Colour Drawing course introduces your child to observational drawing techniques. This type of drawing engages the brain in an absorbing while relaxing and emotionally expressive way.

We will explore ways of checking what we see through objective measuring and analysing of forms in front of us. We will also learn ways to draw expressively and loosely, not getting too uptight about our drawing. The two approaches eventually overlap, resulting in confident and fun drawing experience.

This way of learning requires a degree of concentration and ability to follow instruction. If you think your child would be interested, please consider joining us.

There are only 10 spaces available, so do book your spot as soon as you decide.

Cost: \$150 for Term 1 (starting Monday 9th February)
Time: Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.00pm
Location: BEPS Grade 123 Room, Ground Floor
Students per Class: max 10
Contact and booking: Mateja on 0403 848 843 or through the contact page
@ fromlinetocolour.com



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drawing school @ brunswick east primary

2015 enrolments
now open!

Age: 8-12yo
Venue: Grade 123 room
Time: Mondays 3.45 - 5.15pm
Price: \$150 per Term
Introduction to observational drawing techniques

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