

Brunswick East Primary School

Friendship

Empathy

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Creativity

Wonder



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BEPS Calendar includes term dates

Next Friday Market – 25th May 2018 : Terra Verde

From Janet

BEPS Community Events

TERM DATES – 2018

Term 2 2018:	16 April - 29 June
Term 3 2018:	16 July to 21 September
Term 4 2018:	8 October to 21 December

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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.

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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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Hi everyone,

Two weeks ago I talked about how the JSC were really starting to take control of the weekly assemblies and how we were getting a lot of student participation. Well, the last 2 weeks have continued in this way. This morning, we had some musicians who showed just what can be accomplished with effort, persistence and enthusiasm. I was also pleased to see that one of the groups who performed last time took up my challenge to do their act again after they had time to practice it. The reworking of lyrics was a huge improvement, presentation clearer and audience participation was fantastic. Congratulations again, to all the students who have shown courage to perform at assembly.

Worms

I have been advised this morning that we have at least one student with Pinworm (or Threadworm or just worms). These are the most common type of human worm infection in Australia.

Children are more likely to pick up an infection than an adult, probably because of children's tendency to put their fingers in their mouths. However, once a child is infected, other members of their household are also likely to get pinworms unless strict hygiene practices are observed. Despite the unsavory reputation, a pinworm infection is relatively harmless and can be easily treated. If you want more information go to - <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/pinworms> or see your medical practitioner.

Things to remember:

- Pinworm is the most common worm infection in Australia.
- The major symptom is an itchy bottom, particularly at night.
- Treatment usually includes a two-dose course of medication that should be taken by all members of the affected household.
- If symptoms persist, consult your doctor.

This Wednesday 23/5/2018 : 7-9pm

Parent forum – we want to make this informative and friendly. So if you can, please bring a plate to share.

This forum is about two things:

1. Going through the **Annual Report**. I promise to make it informative and quick. I will also answer any questions you have about it. The Annual Report will show that we have quite a bit of money in the bank - saved over the last four years from some really hard work and some excellent fundraising, which you have been part of.
2. Sharing information to the community about **Improvement Projects**. The aim of saving this money is so that we can now undertake the projects that have been put forward. They range from general maintenance and refurbishment of things like the kitchen off the art room, to shade cover on the basketball court and lots of others.

I believe that all of these projects should be done, as there is nothing outlandish, and we want to share these projects with the school community. It is then the School's and School Council's job to come up with an overall plan as to how and when these projects can be completed over the next 3-5 years. Can they be done during term time? Do they need to be done during the holidays, and how does that effect the holiday program? Do we need special permits because of asbestos? etc.....

If possible, come along to the forum and look at the scope of the projects, and ask about them if you have any questions. Maybe someone will have an idea as to how a particular project could get additional funding, or have a suggestion for an improvement.

I hope to see you this Wednesday, at 7pm in the Hall.

Janet



A Change to the BEPS G Suite for Education Procedure

As many of you are aware, BEPS has been introducing the use of G-Suite for Education for use across the school.

We began sending out permission forms in 2017 for carers to sign and return to the school. This is an opt-in system and was the recommended process of the Department of Education and Training (DET) at the time. This has required a great deal of time and use of paper to send out this information.

Since that time, the DET has recognised the significant resources that go into this process, and that the vast majority of carers select to have their children using the services offered by the school. We have received advice that an **opt-out** system is now the suggested method for schools when introducing these services. This involves carers that would prefer that their children not use online services, select to withdraw their children.

At BEPS we are moving to an opt-out system in regards to our online services. This is in response to the overwhelmingly positive response we have received so far. It will vastly reduce the amount of paper used and allow us to implement the services to all children in a more timely fashion.

You can find more information at the [BEPS Digital Learning](#) webpage, including how to withdraw your child from these services.

We will begin to enrol all students commencing today, **Monday, May 21, 2018**.

Please respond prior to this date to withdraw your child. As with all of our learning opportunities, the needs of individuals within our Learning Communities will be accommodated.

Thank you,

Peter Hocking
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Digital Learning Specialist

Interschool Sports Gala Day 2

Change of Venue

This Friday, May 25, 2018

In Term 1, approximately 100 students from the Grade 456 Learning Communities participated in the BDPSSA Interschool Sports Gala Day. Participants were playing touch football, lacrosse and T-ball.

The second of these Gala Days will be held on Friday, May 25, 2018. However, there has been a change of venue. Games for BEPS will now be held at Balfe Park (John Street, East Brunswick) and Fleming Park (Victoria Street, East Brunswick). Rugby will be at Balfe Park, while lacrosse and T-ball will be held at Fleming Park.

As indicated on the permission note sent home in Term 1, students will depart the school at 9.15am and return to school approximately 2.30pm. Students participating in Maths Olympiad will have this re-scheduled to a different time.

Participants will be walking to and from the event. Permission for this excursion has already been received, so no further action is required by carers.

BDPSSA Cross Country

Harold Steven's Athletics Track, Outlook Drive, Coburg

Friday, June 1, 2018

Two weeks ago, BEPS held trials to select 60 students to attend the BDPSSA Cross Country. This event will be held at Harold Steven's Athletics Track, which is situated on the Merri Creek bike path. Due to the location of the track, we will be riding to the event. It is approximately a 30-minute ride along the Merri Creek bike path.

To ensure the safety of the children attending, we will require some parent assistance. If your child is attending this day, please consider riding with the group.

Using active means of transport provides a good warm up for students prior to their event, is environmentally sensible and reduces the cost of the day. Buses for the 5km drive would cost approximately \$800.

Notes will be sent home with participants this week.

Thank you
Peter Hocking
Physical Education Teacher



2017 Annual Review

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Projects to improve our school



We've fundraised and saved to make
these projects possible!



Come to the BEPS Community Forum



Wednesday 23 May, 7-9pm
BEPS School Hall



Join the discussion on prioritising exciting projects put forward by our
fabulous subcommittees AND Get an overview of last year's annual
report. Bring a plate (optional) and help shape BEPS future.



Contact **Juliet.bodyfit@gmail.com** if you have any questions