

Brunswick East Primary School

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BEPS Calendar includes term dates -

Next Friday Market – 8th June 2018 : Triciclo

Queen's Birthday – 11th June 2018 : PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Curriculum Day – 12th June 2018 : NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

From Janet -

BEPS Community Events -

TERM DATES – 2018

Term 2 2018: 16 April - 29 June

Term 3 2018: 16 July - 21 September

Term 4 2018: 8 October - 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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Hello everyone,

At assembly today I complemented the 456 students on the level of maturity that they have shown over the last couple of weeks. I am truly proud of these student (in fact all students at BEPS) because of the leadership that they show and the consideration of they have of others. My evidence for this:

- **Philosothon**

Last Thursday a group of 10 students from BEPS attended the first biannual Middle Years Philosothon held by the Victorian Association for Philosophy in Schools (VAPS) at the Melbourne Immigration Museum in the CBD. The art of philosophical inquiry is a unique area of learning that is embedded in the BEPS teaching pedagogy, and by all accounts, on this day the student prowess of articulation and critical thinking certainly raised a few eyebrows and ruffled a few blazers. Please read Dean's report below.

- All SNC students are undertaking a '**MAD**' (make a difference) inquiry related to: Education, Sustainability, and Human rights. These will be showcased in term 3. I have been lucky enough to work with a couple of these teams and the maturity, compassion and thoughtfulness



of their projects is wonderful. Last

week, one group of students went to visit the 'Brunswick East Kindergarten' and spent time reading and playing with the young kinder students. Andrew assures me that the visit was a



fantastic example of BEPS students engaging with others in the community and presenting themselves as positive role models.

- **Projects at BEPS.** When I went to speak to the 456 students about the projects that we had listed and the difficulty that the adults had to prioritise these projects (because they are all worthwhile), I was absolutely amazed at the quality of the conversations and the comments from the students. Their ability to put the wider school community ahead of personal interest was heart-warming and I must say that I was so proud of all the students in the way they conducted themselves.

- **Cross-country:** congratulations to all students who participated in the cross country on Friday. It is again fantastic to see the number of students that rode to



and from the venue, and the parents who came along to help.

Congratulations to those students who persisted and made it through to the end. Also congratulations to those students who got through to the next division.



Parent information

- Thank you to the parents who came along to cover books on Friday. Your efforts make our whole school library one step closer to reality.
- Student free day Tuesday 12 June. OSHC will run for those who need it, if the demand is there.
- Booking for 3-way conferences will be sent to you by your child's admin teacher at 3:45 tomorrow (Tuesday 5/6/18).
- Next student free day is Monday 16 July – the first day of term 3.

All in all it was a great week at BEPS and I am really proud of everyone's efforts to make BEPS the best place possible for all to learn.



Janet

Philosothon at the Melbourne Immigration Museum

Student discussion and thought at the Philosothon was sparked using artefacts in the Mahatma Gandhi exhibition as a stimulus; the tenet of natural human rights; and how cultural environments influence and shape our ethical decisions.



Initially, BEPS students were split into pairs and joined groups, of approximately 10 students, from schools throughout Melbourne that ranged from Grade 4 (all from BEPS) to Year 8. Once initial nerves subsided the academic rigour of using strong reasoning skills and the ability to assess ethical dilemmas from multiple perspectives, proved to be an innate attribute for BEPS students.

Building on other's arguments, seeking clarifications and providing examples for claims, serve as the basis for our Philosophy workshops at BEPS and it was these skills that enabled our students to be engaged in discussions of a very high calibre.

The second part of the event required students to join their school groups where they were given 10 minutes to work through a three step process of:

1. Identify a human right they deem important
2. Explain why they deemed it so
3. Provide a statement outlining a practical principle that would allow this right to flourish

This part of the day led to many “oohs and ahhs” from adults in the room as they listened to the BEPS plan for action.

BEPS students chose the right that instills ones **freedom from discrimination** because of the affect it can have on four levels.

1. **The individual:** Discrimination may lead to low self-esteem, depression, and poor life choices
2. **The community:** Which may lead groups to feel ostracised, make bad choices and deny a community of being cohesive and productive
3. **The nation:** Civil unrest, larger populations of groups feeling victimised
4. **Globally:** Wars, distrust of other nations and unjust stereotypes

The statement outlining the principle for action was

“We need education that is accessible to all, that teaches the negative consequences of discrimination”.

Speaking in a room attended by academics and art connoisseurs, BEPS students cleverly articulated that a necessary step to fulfil their chosen right, is that people are exposed to the potential consequences of discrimination in an educational way.

Dean Rupcic, 456 Teacher



Just a reminder that next **Monday, 11th June 2018 is the Queen’s Birthday – this is a Public Holiday**, and also **Tuesday, 12th June 2018 is a Curriculum Day** for BEPS. **There will be NO classes for students** on this day – teachers and administrative staff will be participating in planned professional development activities.



Music News

Junior & Senior Choir Assembly Performances

- **Senior Choir** will perform at the 456 assembly on Monday 18th of June.
- **Junior Choir** will perform at the 123 assembly on Monday 25th of June.

Come along and enjoy the students performing songs they've been busy rehearsing this term.

Sarah

Hills Ukulele Festival

Three weekends ago, Ethan, Matthew (both in SNC) & Tabby (a previous BEPS student) attended the Hills Ukulele Festival which is an annual festival held in Emerald, in the Dandenongs.

It was with great excitement that they won the Junior H.U.F group competition with a fantastic arrangement of 'This Is Me' from the Greatest Showman.

Congratulations to the three of you for being so active in your music making & sharing your music with the greater community.



IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS
WHO WILL BE ATTENDING
COBURG HIGH SCHOOL IN 2019

This is a note for students who have applied to Coburg High School for Year 7 2019 that that the closing date for the CHS Scholarship is coming up soon. Closing date for applications is 22 June 2018.

Coburg High School, with the support of Nelson Alexander Coburg, are proud to offer an academic scholarship for an **incoming 2019 Year 7 student** to fund the purchase of a new MacBook Air computer, valued at \$1500.

Copies are available on request from the BEPS Office.

Regards.

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A Night at the Lomond Hotel

Tuesday 5 June, 7-9pm

225 Nicholson Street, Brunswick East

Planning for the Twilight Market, our biggest fundraising event of the year is entering full-swing. We need lots of people to engage now to smooth the way for a fun, exciting, stress-free community event.

Come along with your ideas and talents to talk about how we will bring this event to life in 2018.

Attendance is not commitment.

Many hands make light work.



Full Boarding Homestay Families Are Sought for International Students at Northcote High School

For new international student arrivals in late June, 2018:

Northcote High School seeks quality homestays from our local community, to help care for new international student arrivals to start English language course in semester two (new students to arrive in Melbourne in late June. They will be year 10 age of students; these international students will continue their year 10 and VCE study with us for the next 3 years. They are mainly from Asian countries, such as China, Vietnam, Korea, Thailand.

Hosting International Students can bring a rich cross cultural experience and opportunity for families. Many local families already on board with Northcote High School Homestay Program over the years have enjoyed and benefited from the diverse cultural and language exchange experience, especially when they have school age children at home. The reverse experience for our International Students is very much part of their overseas study journey.

If you have a spare room and are willing to take care of a young international student please contact the International Student Office 9488 2334 (or General Office 9488 2300 or email wang.lixia.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) for more information.

Full boarding homestay fees are \$320 per week (tax free), which covers a fully furnished room, 3 healthy meals daily, laundry, household bills (including internet). Students are responsible for their own transport.

Jocelyn Hill
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Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

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