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Wednesday 20th October 2021

Term 4 return for everyone!

It is great news that all students will return for on—site learning on Friday. Our before school clubs will re—commence next week (**Monday– Thursday—please see the calendar section*) from 8– 8:30am daily. Any students arriving at school before 8:30am, will be expected to attend the before school clubs. Our teachers and ES Team members will be staffing these clubs. COVID restrictions still do not allow volunteers on site to help— so thanks to our BVSPS staff for doing this!

Hats and masks:

We continue to ask for parent support with these 2 requirements. All students in Grades 3– 6 must wear a mask whilst indoors and it is strongly recommended for students in Grades F– 2 also. It will continue to provide protection for themselves and others in our school environment. ALL STUDENTS must wear a hat whilst playing, for outdoor sport and during garden lessons also.

Planning for 2022:

We have commenced early planning for 2022 school structures. If you are intending to move and your son or daughter will not be attending BPS for 2022, please let us know asap, as it affects our planning. Teachers are currently working on possible options for grade structures. We intend to still offer our specialist subjects: Art, Music, PE, Gardening and Chinese Mandarin in 2022.

School requisites for 2022:

We are currently working on a new approach for the provision of learning items (i.e. booklists) for 2022. It will allow families to directly order (on—line), purchase and collect the items from a local third party supplier, based here in Bendigo. In the past these items have been collated by school staff prior to the return to school. A note will be coming home soon to explain and outline the new process for 2022. **We believe it will be a quick 'click and collect' process to keep it simple and appreciate families supporting this new process.**

COVID processes updates:

Please stay in touch and continue to watch your emails in relation to any possible school closures. This will only happen as a result of a confirmed positive COVID 19 case, that then identifies primary close contact/s (PCC) at our school site. It may not involve the entire school, depending on the level of compliance with face masks and the mixing of class groups. Closure for school cleaning and identification processes will happen as quickly as possible.

Cheers—Mrs Costello

Mandy Costello Principal

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Be Your Best!

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Calendar of Events

Regular Events

Camp Aust OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday

3- 6pm

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS—8am—8:30

Starting again next week on Monday

October 25!

Mondays

Library Club

Tuesdays

Library Club

Wednesdays

Brekky Club

Thursdays

Fun Fit Thursdays

Meet at 8am at Garden Gully

Special Events

Friday October 22

ALL students back on-site from today!

Wednesday October 27

Bendigo Cup Day Holiday—No school today!

Friday October 29

Teacher Appreciation Day

Monday November 1

F-2 Swimming starts today.

Wednesday November 3

Lunch Orders are available from today. Yay!

Monday November 8

Grades 3-6 Swimming starts today.



Pre-loved uniforms are available via click and collect.
Please email Louise Rodriquez to find out
what is available and organise your order. Thank you!

Louise.Rodriquez@education.vic.gov.au

All donations of pre-loved items welcome!



Toys from home arriving at school:

Under earlier COVID restrictions, toys from home were not permitted at school. Lately there has been a number of large soft toys and even remote control toys, being bought to school. Unfortunately we do not encourage students to bring such items, as they can become problematic when lost, broken or not willingly shared. Each grade is provided with a class set of sports equipment for sharing at recess and lunch breaks by everyone. If you have any questions about appropriate items, please contact your child's teacher.



Swimming programme for 2021 returns:

Good news about the resumption of our Grades F- 6 swimming programmes. The Grades F- 2 programme operates in week 5 and Grades 3- 6 in week 6. Mrs Hicks is ending home notes and payment instructions this week – please return them asap.

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World Teachers Day:

On **Friday 29th October** (in particular!) we take the chance to acknowledge and celebrate the work of our amazing teachers – at **Teacher Appreciation Day!** We thank them and show our gratitude to them often, but this day lets us highlight the commitment, resilience and importance of this group of professionals to all our children's lives!

Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.
Japanese proverb.





Specialist Corner



Swimming Program

In the first 2 weeks on November we will be participating in our swimming program. The program is for all students at BVSPS.

During the first week of November, all students in F-2 will participate in the swimming program. There will be a 40 minute session everyday (Monday– Friday).

The following week, all students in Grade 3-6 will complete their swimming program.

The swimming program will be run at the Peter Krenz YMCA Leisure Centre where qualified swimming instructors will be taking the sessions.

Students will need to bring bathers, a towel and bag to put their wet clothing in.

There will be more information handed out to families in the coming weeks about the program.

Thanks,
Mrs Hicks



Maths

Foundation Q Room 10

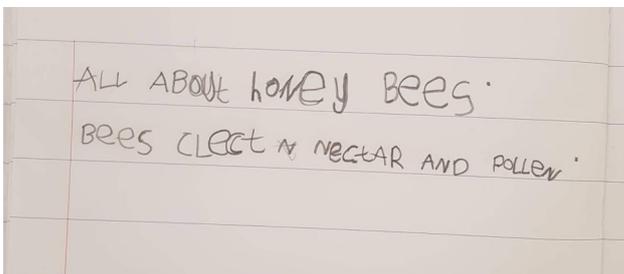
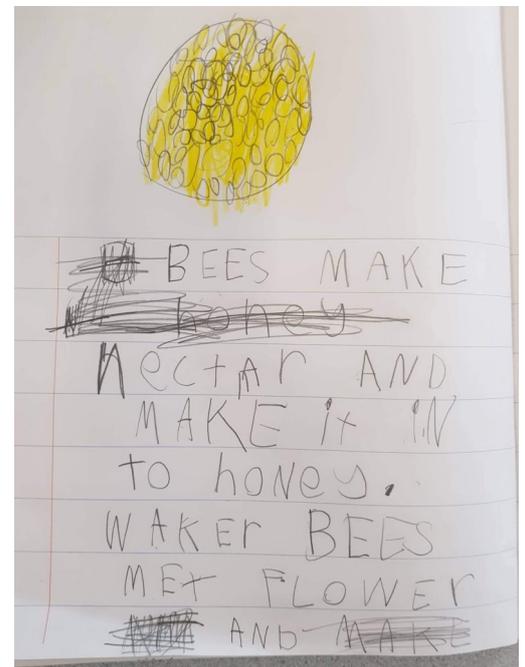
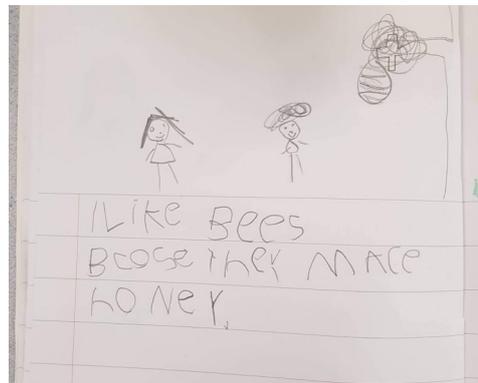
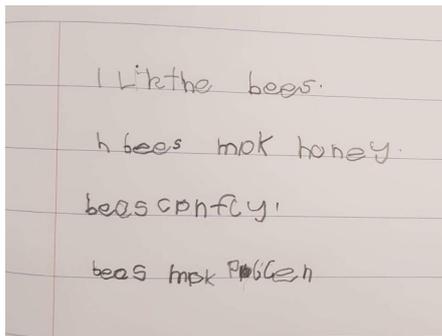


Making our favourite O'clock time using play dough. Such a fun way to learn about telling the time.

Remember you can access Mathletics at home at www.mathletics.com.au and Mathseeds at <https://mathseeds.com>

Literacy

Foundation Q Room 10



We have been learning to write information about bees.

Remember you can access Reading Eggs at home at www.readingeggs.com

Gardening



Beautiful bed preparation for our zucchini by the Savage Kookaburras.



Grade 3/4s and 5/6s were making up for lost time this week.

We got an enormous amount of work done in the garden.

Weed of interest for the week was sticky weed or cleavers. This diagram shows how this very clever plant spreads its seeds and sticks to your clothes! (From Wikipedia) Look for all the tiny hooks on the leaves and seeds.

Creative and careful weeding of our onion beds by the Chicken Wings.



More Wonderful Weeding by the Bouncy Beans. Those lettuce and chickweed were taking over.



Great work everyone!
Happy Spring Growing,
Sara



The Sparrows harvested lots of seeding silverbeet for the chickens who have been hanging out for some tasty greenery.



Wilson Corner

The joys and benefits of music and learning an instrument.



Brain growth

Studies in neuroscience show that music can enhance brain function in children. Musical activities (such as playing an instrument, singing or just listening to music) stimulate the brain, and this brain workout leads to improved brain structure with the formation of new neural connections.

Language skills

Studies also show that young children who participate in music classes have improved speech development and learn to read more easily. Learning music helps to develop the left side of the brain (related to language and reasoning), assists with sound recognition, and teaches rhythm and rhyme. Songs can also help children remember information (just think of the Alphabet song!).

Maths skills

Music can help with the development of maths skills. By listening to musical beats your child can learn basic fractions, pattern-recognition and problem solving. Children who study music also have improved spatial intelligence and ability to form mental pictures of objects – skills that are important for more advanced mathematics.

Memory, attention and concentration

Recent studies have shown that people who are musically trained have better working memory skills, helping them to remember things even while their minds are busy with other matters – important aspects of mental arithmetic and reading comprehension. Learning music also requires significant levels of concentration, training children to focus their attention for sustained periods.

Increased coordination

Just like playing sports, playing and dancing to music helps children develop their motor skills. Making music involves more than the voice or fingers; you also use ears and eyes, as well as large and small muscles, all at the same time. This helps the body and the mind work together.

Achievement and discipline

Learning music teaches children to work towards short-term goals, develop routine and practice self-discipline. Setting aside regular time for practice develops commitment and patience. Mastering a new piece of music leads to a sense of pride and achievement, and helps children to learn the value of self-discipline.

Social skills

Making music with other people (like in a band or choir) improves children's social and emotional skills. They learn to work together as a team and develop their sense of empathy with others. Researchers have found that when children play music together – from simple rhythms to larger group performances – they are better able to tune into other people's emotions.

The joy of music

Music can give children a way to express themselves, to unleash their creativity, to be inspired and uplifted, to relax, and to relieve stress and tension. Just think about listening to a beautiful piece of classical music, singing along to a favourite song with friends, or dancing to a great song on the radio – music can make your heart sing!

For more information, please visit: <https://playistheway.com.au/>

Our school values: Integrity, Respect, Honesty and Inclusion. We are a Child Safe school.



Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: \$20

Please note: the trays this year are 4.5kg.
(last year they were 7kg)

Place your order by: Friday 22nd October

For Further information contact: Bec Rowles
on 0409 380 604



CUSTOMER ORDER FORM

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Coordinator/Office use

Coordinators Name	Price	Expected Delivery week beginning	Return form with payment by

NAME	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
1.		\$	\$
2.		\$	\$
3.		\$	\$
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9.		\$	\$
10.		\$	\$
11.		\$	\$
12.		\$	\$
13.		\$	\$
14.		\$	\$
15.		\$	\$
		TOTAL	\$

*Please note that while every effort will be made to deliver your order to your School/Club/Organisation on the preferred delivery date, the occasional delivery may be delayed due to logistical difficulties beyond our control. Your coordinator will notify you of any changes. Thank you for your understanding.