Dear Parent/Guardians,

**Education Department Camps**  Every second year, government primary schools are allocated some places, usually less than ten, for their Years 5 and 6 students to attend the highly-regarded and long-running Somers Camp. You may even have been lucky enough to have attended the “Experience FOR a lifetime”. Our school’s next Somers Camp, (and for the other schools in the Inner North and Moreland) will be 12th to 20th September, 2017.

In alternate years, our Years 4 and 5 have the opportunity to attend Woorabinda School Camp which is on the shore of Lake Narracan, Yallourn North. Since the camp is not as well-known and established in school calendars, (the first was in 2012), BSW has been particularly fortunate with its allocation. Everyone who expressed an interest in attending this year’s camp was granted a place, twenty-one last week with students and thirty-one next week!

Woorabinda is situated on temperate rainforest, native bushland, open paddocks and wetlands and is home to much native fauna and flora. **Zoe Biancofiore** heard lyrebirds from the dormitory, and saw one! To learn more about the ‘Camp by the Waterhole’, read her account of the zip wire on page 5.

**Victorian Schools Garden Award (VSGA)**  Last week, Chantel Scrimshaw, F – Year 2 teacher who coordinated our VSGA entry,
received the following message:

*Congratulations on scoring so well in our Awards competition. We are visiting some of the higher scoring schools to choose the State and Kevin Heinze Perpetual Award winners and would like to come out to Brunswick South West Primary School. It will be an informal visit by myself and Craig Taberner (VSGA Chairman) and possibly another committee member to see your school and gardens and meet some students involved in your garden project.

Program Co-ordinator

I understand that they will be visiting on Friday week, 18th November, the day before our next working bee!*

**Visit by MP** Last Wednesday, Mr Peter Khalil, the Federal Member for Wills, came to our school. He talked about the importance of education in his life, and for all, and his interest in building his relationship with the community. School Council President, Maaike Wienk, and I took him on a tour BSW, buildings, grounds and some classrooms and talked about school funding.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis
Principal

*Someone with a whipper snipper has been very busy in the Kitchen Garden. Our Phantom Mowers are looking for some more members as the grass is growing at a feverish pace! Mowing can be done at any time, after hours or during school, except when the students are out for breaks, 11:10 – 11:50 am and 1:50 – 2:30 pm. For more information, call the office.

**LITERACY SPOT**

The Young Writers’ Award is about encouraging a love of reading and writing and to inspire children to commit their thoughts and ideas to paper.

Every child has a story and every story is worth telling.

If you are interested, check out the website below.


*Found*

An electronic music device has been found.

Please claim from the office.

**LOST & FOUND**

An electronic music device has been found.

Please claim from the office.
**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK**

Q: What do you play?
A: Piano

Q: How long have you been playing?
A: 2 Terms

Q: Who is your teacher?
A: Arnaud

Q: Do you play out of school?
A: Yes

Q: Do you play anything else? Or want to play?
A: I want to play guitar

Q: Why did you want to play piano?
A: Mum used to play piano

*Interviewers: Erin and Ellen*

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**OUTDOOR ART PROJECT**

Dear Families,

Caroline, Lizzy and Kelly's class have a plan for an outdoor art project.

In order to make our vision a reality, we need to get our hands on some plywood. If you have any plywood you can donate we would be very happy to have it!

*Pieces that are 50cm x 50cm or anything bigger would be ideal.*

Further to this, we are happy to have some help from anyone who has the tools and the time to cut plywood in shapes that have been stencilled onto it.

*We hope to hear from you!*

Caroline, Lizzy and Kelly's class.
Volunteer to win the Oddball Golden Ticket

Volunteer & your family goes into the draw to win
http://signup.com/go/WUFwW5
1...2...3...jump. I’m swinging on an everlasting zip line. Suddenly feeling much more awake than before. The air was flowing through my hair, leaving a swishing soft trail. My harness swung around leaving me flying through the air backwards. I start to run in mid-air, making sure I’m going to land properly on my feet. I feel humiliated. I must look so weird right now. I thought, “Oh well.” I remember my surroundings, afraid I will land backwards. I swung back around realising I had about 40 metres left. “Whoops, I hope no-one is watching me” I thought. At about 20 metres til then end, I started running again and “papoo” I landed.

By Zoe Biancofiore

**Zip Wire Facts:**

- The Zip Wire is 127 metres in length.
- You can reach speeds of up to 40 km/hour.
- It is a DUAL Zip Wire which means that 2 people can go side by side.
- You wear a full body harness and a helmet which makes it very safe.

**SUSTAINABILITY TIP FOR THE WEEK**

Here are a few more sustainability tips for using less energy in and around the home. Good for your wallet and for the environment.

**LIGHTING TIPS**

- Install motion sensors on your security lights – so you don’t have to remember to turn them off at night,

- Switch to LEDs or compact fluorescent light bulbs – you could save up to 80% energy per globe.

- Use solar lights to light up your garden pathways - they store energy during the day and then light up automatically at night.
Dear Parents,

We are just about to spring into ‘GRAD PRACTICE’. There has been several enquiries re time format, etc.

Please come along prior to the ceremony if it fits into your family schedule/needs. We have been fortunate with the weather in the past! We will provide some tables and chairs outside. Picnic rugs would be a good idea, as we cannot promise tables and chairs for all. IF the weather is unsuitable for a ‘picnic’ we will move into the hall for a stand, chat and nibble.

If every Grade 6 student has 5 guests that will be over 200 people. Of course if you have more than 5 people in your immediate family, we can accommodate them. If you have any concerns re numbers please speak to your child’s teacher.

AFTER PARTY: 8.00pm

Dear Parents,

Of course a highlight for the graduating students has always been the ‘After Party’. This part of the night is purely the responsibility of parents.

Several parents have indicated an interest in being involved. One parent must put their hand-up to be the main contact person. They will need to speak to Judy re the hall requirements etc.

So far Cal Macdonald, Daisy Grinter, Leonora Nash, Nikki Bagtha and Oriella Cattapan have indicated to us their interest.

Thanks,
56 Team.
Brunswick Secondary College Auditorium
Friday 11 November 6.30pm & 8.00pm
Adults $10 Kids $5 Family $25 (2 Adults & 2 Kids)
BOOK NOW – via Compass Newsfeed (trybooking.com)
Remaining tickets will be available at the door!

Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, Michael Palin

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125th Anniversary Fete
Pascoe Vale Primary School
Saturday 12th November 2016
1:00PM ~ 7:00PM

Rides, Food, Stalls

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