### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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Dear Parent/Guardians & friends of Brunswick South West,

The start to a school year is truly special and after many decades as an educator, shines as gloriously as ever. For everyone, students and teachers, it is a fresh start. We’re relaxed, rested and at our best. Endless possibilities stretch into the future. The heightened emotions, perhaps a little anxiety, add an intensity to each day. It’s a time to cherish.

**This Saturday’s Working Bee** Come in old clothes, for whatever time you can spare between 10 am and 2 pm. Bring gardening tools, wheelbarrows and gloves, if you have them. Sign in at the School Hall and meet one of the organisers. Last term’s working bee was a long time ago, so the task list will include much weeding, pruning, upkeep of the kitchen garden, clearing drains . . .

Parent Casey O’Farrell wrote,

*Lunch will take full advantage of all the produce in our gardens right now (including the kitchen garden – planning something fig-based 😊) – salads of all shapes and combinations, with fresh pita breads to wrap them up in! Please bring along your favourite salad, or one from a recipe you have been meaning to try out. Kids,*

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### CALENDAR

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we need your help chopping, mixing, making everything look wonderful. Any cakes/tasty treats that bakers would like to contribute are always very, very welcome (and rapidly consumed). If you would like any help with ingredients or ideas, please email me, paulandcasey@hotmail.com

The class that attracts the most adults will win the Golden Gardening Trophy and a class prize which is often a special gardening or cooking activity.

The working bee is an enjoyable, family, social occasion and a great way to meet others in our community.

Our Fete is almost upon us, a mere nine sleeps away! Anywhere and everywhere, parents are engaged in fete activities, managing logistics, cooking, (My usual lunchtime roll was upgraded to butter chicken today and the Indonesian dish, masi kuning, last Friday.), sorting donations and second hand goods, organising rides, raffle tickets, signs, sourcing extra trestle tables . . .

If you haven’t already done so, please, volunteer to help. Experience is not needed. Your life skills equip you for the task. Also, it’s a great way to meet other parents, and fun, when you’re not feeling panic stricken.

Lots of volunteers are needed for the stalls. When I looked only 41% of the volunteer spots had been taken. (Ugh!) You can volunteer on the website: http://signup.com/go/kaFpP1 or ask at the office.

Fete & working bees If you’re new to BSWPS, you may be wondering why you’re being bombarded with fete and working bee notices. Simply, these events are extremely important for your child’s education. For that reason I’m asking all families to be involved.

BSWPS is dependent on locally raised monies to subsidise our regular programs, eg, classroom equipment including laptop, electronic whiteboards and software, resources for our Chinese program, the daily “take home” books that just get worn out, the annual subscription to Story Box Library, construction, maths and P.E equipment, the Art Challenge Program . . .

Our school also needs to use locally raised funds to pay for the oval improvement program, the regular safety checks of the playground equipment, its maintenance and that of the fake grass. Each year, the soft fall under the playground equipment needs to be topped up. This was done recently and cost a little over $3,000.

Your voluntary labour is necessary for the maintenance and improvement of our expansive grounds. This year our recurrent grounds funding from the Education Department is about $5,210. Everything for our grounds, plants, tree removal, garden tools, line marking and mower repairs . . . must come from that sum, or locally raised funds. Fortunately, Moreland City Council mows the oval and our phantom mowers manage the rest.

New Year Message Three scrolls with Chinese calligraphy are on the window to the General Office. Our Chinese Teacher, Yiqiong Zhong, brought them back from her January vacation in her home town, XinYu City, in Jiangxi Province. Such scrolls are put around the doorway and are changed at New Year. Turn to page 5 to read the meaning.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Chocholis
Principal
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I hope everyone has had a promising start to the new school year. The School Council members certainly have, judging by the enthusiasm with which the agenda items were tackled at last Monday's meeting, the first meeting of the year. School Council ratified the Visitors Policy and the Volunteers Policy, which were both reviewed as part of the periodical review cycle. If you want to have a look please visit the school website. As a matter of fact, visiting the school website is a good idea for other reasons as well: besides the policy library, there is a lot more to see and enjoy.

Louise also informed the School Council about the annual implementation plan for 2017. This document provides strategic guidance to the school in continuously improving teaching and learning, engagement and wellbeing of the students, and productivity. The year 2017 will be the last year of a three-year strategic planning cycle, which means that the school will reviewed later in the year.

For the moment however, all eyes are focused on the fete. Sonia informed us that the raffle ticket sales are going well, with many families asking for extra booklets to sell. If you haven't registered yet as a volunteer, cleared your attic, ordered the ride bracelets, or searched your recipe books for the perfect cake, now is the time to get cracking! The aim of this Saturday's working bee is to ensure the grounds will look spic and span for the big day, with special attention to the terraced area near the tennis court. If you have time, your help is very welcome.

I look forward to seeing you all at the fete. Most School Council members will be there, so come and have a chat if you see us!

Maaike Wienk
President of the School Council
Anaphylaxis, (as I wrote in last week’s edition), is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction. It is potentially life threatening, and requires an emergency response. The reaction can begin within minutes of exposure and continue for two hours or more.

Our school has students who have these severe allergic reactions to one or more of the following: nuts, dairy, (milk, yoghurt, cheese), dust, eggs, eggplant, sesame seeds, shellfish, soy and kiwi fruit. Consequently, BSW has risk minimisation practices. Every class has at least one student at risk of anaphylaxis. **All parents, can help by not sending foods such as nut snacks and peanut butter and nutella sandwiches. I encourage all families to exclude nuts as a school snack.**

**Attendance**  In order for your child to gain the maximum benefit from instruction time, she/he needs to arrive punctually and to attend school at all times, unless sick.

**Calendar**  Check the school website and *School News* calendars to know dates of class and school events.

**Forms & notices**  Copies of forms and forms are available on the school website.

**Meetings**  All teaching staff are required to attend meetings which start directly after school on Tuesdays and Wednesday. Consequently, they are unavailable to meet with you at this time, on these days.

**Out of School Hours Care**  The Out of School Hours Care Program provides for students who arrive before 8.45am or leave after 3.45pm. Places must be booked.

Families need to make their after school care bookings directly with Camp Australia on 0415 312 736. **Each morning, remind your child of the day’s arrangement.** (Obviously, for last minute changes, you may call the office to pass on a message to your child.)

**Personal goods brought to school at owner’s risk**  Personal property is often brought to school by students. Please note that the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. Consequently, students should not bring any unnecessary or valuable items to school.

**Road Safety**  South Daly Street is probably the most dangerous thoroughfare that your child encounters. Around 9 am and 3:30 pm the volume of traffic is very high. On a daily basis, drivers ignore the road rules, putting their own and other children at risk. **Please, make the roads around our school safe.**

Parking officers and the police periodically patrol around the school and, without warning, issue fines for traffic infringements.
School News will be published weekly, usually on Wednesdays. The School News is not published when the school week is three days, or less.

Student Accident Insurance  I’m obliged to inform you that:

- the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance for students.
- Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.
- Reasonable, low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

CHINESE SCROLLS
ON WINDOWS IN THE OFFICE

Top Horizontal Scroll:  
jí xīng gāo zhào
吉 星 高 照
May a lucky star shine upon you!

Left Vertical Scroll:  
rén yǔ cái wàng yǒng píng ā
人 与 财 旺 永 平 安
May fortune and peace bestowed upon you

Right Vertical Scroll:  
shēn tǐ jiàn kāng cháng fù guì
身 体 健 康 常 富 贵
May fortune and peace bestowed upon you
Hello,
My name is Max, I am Greta, and I am Julie.
We are from Caroline, Kelly and Lizzy’s class.
We want to talk about what we worked on in Wellbeing lessons last week.

We played a threading the hoop around the circle game. We had to hold hands and move the hoop around the big circle without letting go of anyone’s hands.

It was hard, but we did it by cooperating with everyone. We helped others when they felt stuck. We encouraged and made suggestions like “try it this way”, we noticed that shouting at others was not helpful.
We realised that cooperating means working together. You have to offer help, be kind, listen to others, you have to watch and concentrate on the people in your team.

We also played a pass the bead with a spoon game. It was tricky because sometimes the beads fell off as the spoons were very small. Groups worked well when they helped each other and waited for others.

The kinder we were to each other, the better we got at getting the beads into the cup. We hope you can use some of the ideas we have shared.

Thank you for listening.
John Heffernan Author Visit

**Invitation:** To Students, parents, and guardians of grades 3-4 (other interested students and parents are also welcome)

**Date:** Tuesday 7 March 2017

**Time:** 6.30 for a 7pm start (approx end time 8.15pm)

**Location:** BSWPS Library

John Heffernan lives in the New England Tablelands of New South Wales. He has written more than fifty books for young readers, over a wide range of genres and age groups. His books have won numerous awards. A journey through Afghanistan led to an ongoing interest in that country, and inspired the writing of Naveed. John writes with integrity and honesty, and his experience as a teacher has been invaluable in his writing and in his relationship with his readers.

John will visit BSWPS to discuss his new book, Hotaka:

**A powerful and moving story about one boy caught up in the Japanese earthquake and tsunami of 2011.**

When the tsunami strikes the Japanese seaside town of Omori-wan, the effects are utterly devastating. Three years later, much of what happened on that day is still a mystery. As Hotaka sets about convincing local performers to appear at the town’s upcoming Memorial Concert, he finds himself increasingly haunted by memories of best friend, Takeshi, who perished without trace in the tsunami. As the town and its people struggle to rebuild their lives, can Hotaka piece together what happened that day - and let go of the past?

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

The Moreland School Holiday program information and enrolment forms will be available for the April 2017 School Holiday Program from Friday 17 February 2017, 5pm, bookings will close on Friday 3 March 2017.

Families are able to make a casual booking via our online booking system by visiting council’s website from Friday 17 February 2017, 5pm.

For those wanting to use a hard copy, Forms are available from:

- Local Primary Schools in the municipality;
- Council’s website and;
- Citizens Services Centres – Monday to Friday between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.
  - Coburg Offices, 90 Bell Street, Coburg
  - Brunswick Offices, 233 Sydney Road, and
  - Glenroy, 796N Pascoe Vale Road, Glenroy

If you have difficulty accessing the information and enrolment forms or general queries, please contact Council on Ph: 9240 1111.
LIBRARY NEWS

Last year, students in Grade 5-6 studied Tristian Bancks’ enthralling novel, TWO WOLVES.

Now they have the opportunity to meet him along with Felice Arena and other authors at The Little Bookroom on Wednesday 22 February at 4pm.

The event is free, but you will need to book.
Follow this link to the events page at The Little Bookroom:

NEW BOOKS

Here are some of our fantastic new library books. Why not borrow one today?

Could students in the Junior School please bring a library bag to all library sessions so we can keep our new books safe.
The school has removed a number of scooters from the bike shed. These scooters had been left in the bike shed for extended periods in 2016 and over the summer holidays. The space in the bike shed is a precious resource and unwanted/neglected or forgotten scooters or bikes cannot be accommodated.

The scooters will be for sale at the upcoming school fete.

Any inquiries to Maurice in Room 13.

Maurice Ryan
Grade P - 2 Teacher

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We are in need of some small jars (about 200ml) for lemon butter and jam at the fete. If you have any to donate, please bring to the office.

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CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund)

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps & sporting activities.

To be eligible, you need to be a permanent resident and hold a valid means-tested concession card or be a temporary foster parent. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is $125.

Please complete a form (available at the office) and return to us. Please bring your Health Care Card with you.

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LITERACY SPOT

Here are 5 interesting facts about the English language.

1. ‘E’ is the most commonly used letter in the English language. In fact, as many as one in eight of all the letters written in English is ‘e’.

2. More English words begin with the letter ‘S’ than any other letter of the alphabet.

3. ‘I am.’ is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

4. The longest English word that can be spelled without repeating any letters is ‘uncopyrightable’.

5. The following sentence contains seven different spellings of the sound “ee”: ‘He believed Caesar could see people seizing the seas’.

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CIRCUS & DRAMA

We currently have some vacancies for the Monday class in the after school Circus & Drama. Classes are held after school in the hall from 3.35—5.05pm. Lessons are $16 per week, payable each term in advance.

Students need to be 8 years old to attend.

If you are interested, please see Heather or Pam in the office.
OSHC NEWS
Beginning of week: 20/02/17~3/03/2017

BOOKINGS and CANCELLATIONS
To book or make cancellations, please do it online or by smart phone. ( APP ) We need it to be done this way as we usually need to contact more staff for safety and correct staff / child ratios. If you need to book your child in after 3pm you will need to call Sun Nie (0415 312 736)

CANCELLATIONS If your child is not attending After School Care it is extremely important that you also let Camp Australia know online and let Sun Nie know. Thank you.

Welcome Back
To new and returning students, we hope that you enjoyed your break. Here at the aftercare we understand that attending the service for the first time can be an overwhelming experience for the children, particularly if they are settling into school for the first time. Therefore, we encourage any parents to come and speak with Sunnie if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit. Remember, we are here to make your child smile and we will try our absolute best to make sure they feel welcome at the aftercare.

REMINDEERS
How to get started before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online.

Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

How much will I save on cost? Call the Family Assistance Office 1300 105 343.

Camp Australia----- 1300 105 343
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AFTER SCHOOL CARE
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Scratching paper
Origami
Footy
Playground ball tiggy
TUESDAY
Play-dough making
Friendship card
tennis
Cricket
WEDNESDAY
Flower making
Sand drawing
Hall game
Cricket game
THURSDAY
Fan folding
Chalk drawing
Basket ball
Tennis
FRIDAY
Cooking activity
Dancing games
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