# Brunswick East Primary School Newsletter 3 | 2024



## Message from the Principal

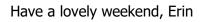
It is hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 7. So much has been achieved already this term with Interschool Sport, preparations for the Production, a Working Bee, lots of Professional Learning completed by staff and much more still to come.

This newsletter I am pleased to announce that the Annual Report to the community has been ratified by School Council and has now been shared to the community via the school website <u>here</u>. To complement this the School Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of June at 7pm, will be a public meeting, where we invite all members of the school community to attend.

The 2024 456 Camp Information Session will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. This session will be held upstairs in Il Nido, and we encourage all adults considering sending their children to camp to attend this session. The Powerpoint will be made available to parents following the session, however the discussion had in person will be invaluable.

There has been some confusion as to which date was student free. I would like to confirm that **TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE** will be our whole school Professional Practice day where there will be no students on-site. OSHC will be running a program on this day.

> Finally, just a friendly reminder that the purpose of our Friday Markets is to raise money for the school and the Learning Communities. Parents spend lots of time and effort in preparing items for sale. No food will be given out free at the end of the market. Any leftover food will be offered to the families who prepared it to be taken home.





31<sup>st</sup> May – Reconciliation Action Plan

7<sup>th</sup> June - Bicicletta

14<sup>th</sup> June - Tricicilo

21st June – Production Market

### 2024 Tee-shirts

Last Chance to get your Chickens of BEPS Tees! Available in Kids and Adults Size, all funds raised go to our gardening program. Orders strictly close this coming Sunday. https://www.trybooking.com/events /landing/1226266 Gathering Dates 31<sup>st</sup> May — Il Nido 7<sup>th</sup> June — No Gathering 14<sup>th</sup> June — No Gathering 21<sup>st</sup> June - Bicicletta

> Fundraising Updates Mother's Day Flower Sale: \$\$\$

Friday Market Totals Learning Communities

Sun Nei Cieli Friday Market: \$427.40 Terra Verde Friday Market: \$324.30 Il Nido Friday Market: \$489.40





## School Council News

The BEPS School Council met on Tuesday, 21st May. Below is a summary of the meeting.

The BEPS annual report was presented, discussed, and endorsed by the School Council, making it ready for distribution to the school community.

The School Council agreed to hold a "Friendly Friday" on June 21st as part of a school tour, allowing prospective parents to experience a school gathering and Friday market. This initiative, started by the School Council last year, has been considered a positive addition to the typical school tour.

Updates to the BEPS school website are in progress. An initial goal is for students in years 4-6 to be involved in creating a virtual tour of the school.

The School Council endorsed the following policies: BEPS Cash Handling Policy, BEPS Electronic Funds Management Policy, and BEPS School Card Policy. These policies will be available for viewing on the website shortly.

The School Council once again unanimously supported this years Battle of the Bands event, which last year proved to be lots of fun and a successful fundraising event.

The School Council continues to support the Building and Grounds Committee in their grant applications. An application for the Victoria Schools Garden grant was submitted in May, with a decision anticipated in early June. Additional grants being investigated include a Coles grant, Bunnings grants, and larger-scale grants from the Victoria School Building Authority.



Subcommittees are a great way to help the school while meeting new friends in the community.

We currently have spaces on all subcommittees, and we'd love to hear from you if you think there is anything you could help out with. See table over page for more details.

FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

Want to help raise money to improve the school? BUILDING AND GROUNDS Want to help plan where

funds are best used, as well as getting your hands dirty and making the school beautiful? RAP (RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN)

Want to help implement the RAP?

#### OSHC (OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE)

Want to help oversee the after school program?

There is also a Finance Subcommittee although note that this is only open for School Council members to join.

#### FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

#### Purpose is to:

- Run events to raise funds necessary for important school programs, asset maintenance, and projects
- Support and strengthen the school community

#### Membership:

- Open to school community
- Membership contact: Laurence Billiet (laurencebilliet@gmail.com)

#### **Contact Laurence if:**

- · Have an idea for fundraising
- Want to be part of organisation or delivery of fundraising initiatives

#### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

#### Purpose is to:

- Maintain and improve the school so that the children have more shade,access to nature, and a more pleasant environment to study in
- Secure funding for agreed capital projects

#### Membership:

- · Open to school community
- Membership contact: Louise Monahan (louisem@fastmail.fm)

#### Contact Louise if:

- Want to contribute to working bees or other grounds activities
- Want to expand your knowledge
  about indigenous plants
- Are a member of a like-minded community group
- Want to suggest a project for consideration

#### RAP (RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN)

#### Purpose is to:

- Assist with the implementation of the RAP
- Continue to develop and support the school's commitment to reconciliation

#### Membership:

- Open to school community
  - Membership contact: Blayne Thomas (blayne.thomas@education.vic. gov.au)

#### Contact Blayne if:

Want to help implement the RAP

#### OSHC (OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE)

#### Purpose is to:

- Oversee delivery of a high quality and viable OSHC program
- Monitor compliance with relevant standards on behalf of council

#### Membership:

- Open to school community
- Membership contact: Ranita Swamy (ranita.swamy@education.vic. gov.au)

#### Contact Ranita if:

 Have a question about delivery of the OSHC program

If you have an idea for a new subcommittee or any general subcommittee queries, please contact: BEPSschoolcouncil@gmail.com

## Battle of the Bands

#### Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup> | Northcote Social Club | Parents Battle of the Bands | We are Assembly!

Book your tickets now. It will sell out. And the more tickets we claim for BEPS the more money our music program gets. It's a super fun night. I was dubious last year, but I was wrong. Really very fun. And great to be joining together with other schools in our neighbourhood to raise funds and have an excellent time.

When purchasing scroll down to Assembly (we're the last band on the list) and purchase there to ensure your purchase goes to BEPS.

Northside Parents Battle of the Bands 31/7 Tickets at Northcote Social Club (Northcote, VIC) on Wednesday, 31 July 2024

### **National Simultaneous Storytime**

Last Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June the whole school participated in National Simultaneous Storytime where we all enjoyed the book Bowerbird Blues. Students also completed literacy activities on the book.







TWILIGHT MARKET:

Save the Date: Friday 22 November 2024,

3-8pm

## **OSHC UPDATE**



#### Hi from OSHC!

It's Reconciliation Week this week and we have been doing lots of First Nations inspired activities in aftercare. We have had Aboriginal mindfulness colouring and puzzles available for children every day and are currently working on creating a Dreamtime bat mural for the OSHC room. Furthermore, all the children have been working hard, especially in this last week, in preparation for the RAP Friday market! See pictured, we have been making keychains, bracelets, earrings, trinkets and bake sale items to sell! The children are incredibly proud of all the beautiful pieces they have created and can't wait to help run the market on Friday!

Just as a reminder for families, OSHC will be running an all-day service on the BEPS Student Free Day on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. If your child needs care, you can enrol into OSHC on the school website. For current OSHC Families, we have permission forms out next to the sign-out Kiosk. 😂

#### Latest news ~ 'The Android Academy'

Thanks to everyone who has been donating costume items! Greatly appreciated! And read below for ways you can assist us at the moment:

#### **Cardboard boxes**

Especially over the next week or so - cardboard boxes, silver material, jar lids for craft - if you have any, we'd love them! You can drop them in the Drama space each morning before school. We are still collecting costumes pieces too (see the previous compass posts for more on this) which can be dropped off at the office.

#### 456s

For anyone with a speaking role – if you can support your child to learn their cues and lines, that would be very helpful. Their goal is to know this by the end of term 2.

#### Preps

You will receive information shortly from Jenny and Sophie about their sea creature - stay tuned!

#### 123s

Some children are joining the 'Android Academy choir' – they will start lunchtime rehearsals with Sarah shortly. All other students will be allocated a character next Tuesday/Wednesday – you will receive information about this then too.

#### Special Friday market – June 21<sup>st</sup>

Calling all bakers! This is coming soon - to raise money for the production as well. At the market we may also have a sneak preview of a song or two – very exciting!

#### **T-Shirt Fundraiser**

Also, a wonderful group of BEPS parents are planning a T-Shirt fundraiser – more news on this coming shortly!

Thanks as always for you support,

Andrew and Sarah





COME TO THE PARENTS INFO SESSION

MONDAY 17 JUNE

JOINTHE **TEAM THAT** MAKES the magic HAPPEN!

Meet new parents...

Learn something new...

+ Make your kids proud! ;-)

@ Lomond Hotel 7pm

## CAN YOU HELP COORDINATE: BAR FOOD & CAKE STALLS SILENT AUCTION PROJECT MGMT, COMMS... and more!