



Message from the Principal

Dear BEPS families,

As we head into the last two weeks of Term 2, I would like to say thank you to everyone for their hard work this term. It has been a busy one, and I can't believe that I am already almost 1 term down!

Production rehearsals are in full swing and show day will be upon us soon. If you have any donations for the production please leave them at the office.

Don't forget our public, School Council meeting this Tuesday 18th of June at 7pm where we will share our Annual Report to the community. This will be following the 2024 456 Portsea Camp Information Session at 6pm. I encourage all families considering sending students to this camp to attend.

Staff have been working tirelessly on reports which will be released on Wednesday, just in time for our 3-way conferences that begin on Thursday. Staff set aside three nights for these meetings. Please do not request an interview time outside of these dates as staff are already working long days during this time. Remember 3-way conferences can be completed over phone or WebEx, so if you can not attend in person, you do not need to miss out.

Just a reminder if you have not ordered your school photos please contact the photographer directly to do so.



Finally, a reminder that the last day of term is Thursday 27th. The school will not be staffed on the Friday. Monday 15th July is a Curriculum day where staff will be learning about the new Maths 2.0 curriculum, so school will return on Tuesday 16th July.

Have a lovely weekend, Erin



Gathering Dates

14th June – No Gathering

21st June – Bicicletta

28th June – No Gathering/No school

Market Dates

14th June - Tricicilo

21st June – Production Market

28th June – No Market / No school

Friendly Friday School tour:

Friday 21st June
2:30pm – 4pm

Please welcome our potential new families to our gathering and market

Fundraising Updates

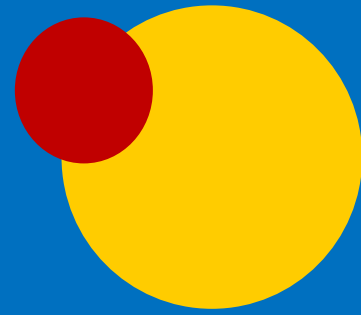
Friday Market Totals Learning Communities

Reconciliation Action Plan Market:

\$1202



Reconciliation Action Plan Market



We are thrilled to announce that the Reconciliation Action Market was a huge success!

Thanks to the incredible support of all our parents, carers, and community members, we raised an amazing \$1202.55.

These funds will play a vital role in our ongoing reconciliation efforts. They will allow us to:

- Engage with local Elders to hold a Welcome to Country ceremony.*
- Collaborate with a First Nations artist to create a beautiful mural.*
- Welcome First Nations voices and perspectives into our classrooms.*

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and enthusiasm. Your contributions will make a lasting impact on our school community.

Stay tuned! We are excited to announce our comprehensive Reconciliation Action Plan later this year. This plan will outline our ongoing commitment to building respectful relationships and fostering a deeper understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

Thank you again for your support!



Help out, have fun,
make new friends

Join a BEPS Sub-committee!

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?

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 31st | 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](#)



Lemons wanted!

We're collecting lemons to make lemonade for the Twilight Market. If you've got too many lemons on your tree, we can use them! Please drop lemons in the marked basket at the BEPS office before the end of term (Thursday 27 June). Thank you!

TWILIGHT MARKET:

Save the Date: Friday
22 November 2024,

3-8pm

OSHC UPDATE

Hi from OSHC!

Thank you so much to everyone for such a fantastic RAP Market two weeks ago! The children at OSHC absolutely loved being part of making the crafts and running the stalls! It was such a successful afternoon!

We had a curriculum day on Tuesday, which was very quiet but lots of fun! We made sausage rolls and scones, made miniature creations with paper magic clay, played lots of hall games and watched movies! We often run curriculum days on Teacher-Only days, so keep us in mind for next time if your child needs care.

All Term 2 bookings will carry over to Term 3, unless Rena is notified of changes *in writing*! So please let us know ASAP if you have any changes for next term.

Here are some fun photos to show you what we've been up to! 😊



2024

Twilight Market

Brunswick East Primary School

COME TO THE PARENTS INFO SESSION

MONDAY 17 JUNE

@ Lomond Hotel
7pm

JOIN THE TEAM THAT MAKES *the magic* HAPPEN!

Meet new parents...
Learn something new...
+ Make your kids proud! ;-)

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

be ps Friends Learning Together



Is your child ready for school?

You're invited to

FRIENDLY FRIDAYS

at Brunswick East Primary School

Come and explore the school grounds,
see the kids in action, meet parents
and experience the BEPS community.
All children welcome!



21
JUNE

2.45–4 PM

Friday Market + Assembly

Student music performance,
baked goods + sausage sizzle

Places limited, registration essential
195A Stewart St, Brunswick East 3057

BEPS also offers prospective parents weekly tours led
by the Principal. To register, pls email the office
brunswick.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Voluntary Parent Payments

Voluntary Parent Payments play an important role in the school experience and education of your child.

Where does my money go?

The state government funds teacher salaries (not classroom assistants), activities and items to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements.

We use the additional money from Parent Payments to fund things that help make the school better, from:

- best possible teacher-to-student ratios
- library books
- classroom stationary
- music equipment
- art supplies
- classroom furniture
- building and grounds maintenance.

Contributions to the building and library funds are tax deductible.

You can donate as much you like in these areas and deduct it on your tax return.

How BEPS is tracking for 2024

So far this year, 44% of BEPS families have made their Voluntary Parent Payment – thank you! However, there has been a significant drop in parent payments in recent years, down from 86% in 2019.

We know times are difficult for many people, and we don't want anyone in financial hardship to feel they have to pay.

However, if you are in a position to contribute, it's easy to do.

Make your voluntary payment

- **In Compass** by clicking on the "Course confirmation/school payments" button. You will see the process has been made much simpler and easier this year
- **In Person** by EFTPOS at the office
- **Via BPAY** by calling the office on 9387 3361 for details

Support for families

For families undergoing financial difficulties, we have a range of support options, including help with camps, sports and excursions.

For a confidential discussion of these, please contact Effie Gill at the office on 9387 3361 or brunswick.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au