

Brunswick East Primary School

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BEPS Calendar : includes term dates –

[This Friday, 26th July 2019 : Grounds Group Friday Market](#)

School Absence Notification:

<https://beps.vic.edu.au/absent/>

Term 3 2019:

15 July - 20 September 2019

Term 4 2019:

07 October - 20 December 2019

Please note: Janet's email: di.pilla.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Our Vision: To create confident, passionate and curious learners who are highly literate and numerate, have high expectations and are engaged in their community.

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PLEASE NOTE: Children are supervised at school between **8.45am** and **3.45pm** each school day. They should not be on school grounds outside those times. If you require your child to be supervised outside those times they need to be at OSHC.

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3.

This will be a busy term, with camps and learning taking up most of the time, along with playing, growing and rehearsing for season 3 of the Pop-up Globe (4, 5 & 6 LCs doing 3 Shakespearian Plays this year in Term 4). With the sun shining today and my daffodils starting to flower, we might be lulled into thinking that winter is “not that bad”. I think that we might have a bit more cold weather to enjoy before the end of this term.

Today, the Newsletter is a bit full of announcements so please keep reading.

We want you to tell us what you think!

BEPS is conducting a survey to find out what parents think about the recent **3-way conferences**.

I will send out an email tomorrow to all families with a link to a Survey Monkey. It will be short and not take too much of your time, so please try and find the time to respond.

BEPS is also conducting a survey to find out **what parents think of our school**. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a **sample of randomly selected parents**. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. BEPS will use the survey results to inform us and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey during the next week. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 29th July to Sunday 11th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, and only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. We will then inform you of the survey results in the 2019 annual report. Last year, we used the survey results to plan for school improvements in curriculum and student resilience.

Please email me if you want further information.

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The Department Head Lice Policy has been updated :

Parent/carer detection and treatment responsibilities -

Parents and carers have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice.

Responsibilities include:

- not sending their children to school with untreated head lice
- using safe treatment practices which do not place their child's health at risk
- regularly checking for lice or eggs in the hair of their child and other household members
- notifying the school:
 - if their child is affected
 - when treatment commenced.
- Reference Better Health Channel: [Head Lice \(nits\)](#)

Influenza at school -

It has been a bad season for flu, and the Department has decided to send out these important steps to follow so that we can respond to students affected by influenza at school:

1. Encourage students with cold or flu-like symptoms to seek medical attention. Common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, a cough, a runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired. Diagnosis should only be made by a medical practitioner.
2. Any students with colds or flu-like symptoms should limit contact with others and stay at home until their symptoms have passed.
3. If a student becomes ill at school with these symptoms, contact the family and arrange to pick up the student.
4. Good general hygiene is the best defence against infection. Encourage students to wash their hands regularly. Ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

Please remember that we have members of our community who have very compromised immunity, and we would all like your consideration.

Have a great week and please consider contributing to the survey about 3-way conferences when it comes out tomorrow.

Janet



From our students -

My name is Marlia and I am in year 4 and I am in Su Nei Cieli. Recently I was cast in a Malthouse theatre production called Solaris. Solaris is a science fiction play starring Leanna Walsmen playing Dr. Kris Kelvin, Keegan Joyce playing Ray, Jade Ogugua playing Sartorius, Fode Simbo playing Snow and featuring is Hugo Weaving playing Dr. Gibarian (On tape).

My role was shared with another girl called Flora. Our character was a young girl named Lily who drowned when she was 6 years old, and has been sent to a space station by a planet named Solaris. Another character named Ray has come back to the same space station that Lily was sent to. Basically all the humans on the space station have their own ghost/memory. In rehearsal, Flora, our chaperone Amelia and I got to practice our scenes and do cool activities. Saturday was my last performance and then I went to go to the party after closing night on Sunday. The experience of being in a professional show has been amazing and the cast and crew are soooooo kind. The show is now going overseas. The show is now over. Thank you

(Photo from Malthouse <https://malthousetheatre.com.au/blog/casting-announcement-solaris>)