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## Pancake Tuesday

Over the past week all students were involved in making pancakes to celebrate pancake Tuesday. By the look of the photos, they certainly enjoyed the experience.

## Key Dates- for your diary

### Term 1

Wed 1st-8th	Life Education Van
Wed Mar 8	Fitness Club Begins 8.30-8.45am
Thu March 9	Prep School Nurse visit
<b>Fri March 10</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>
Mon Mar13	Labour Day Holiday
Tue Mar 14	Parents' Club Meeting 9am
Wed Mar15	Preps start school fulltime
Thu Mar 16	Scholastic Orders due online
Thu Mar 23	House Cross Country Yrs 3-6
Fri Mar 24	Prep Mini Olympic 1.30—2.30pm
Fri Mar 24	Prep Parent BBQ 2.30—3.30pm
Fri Mar 24	Easter Raffle drawn
Thu Mar30	End of Term lunch

Fri Mar31 End of Term 1—2.30pm finish

### Term 2

Tues May 2	Open Morning 9am—10am
May 9-12	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Fri May 12	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Preps
Mon May 15	Curriculum Day
Thu May 18	Open Morning 9am—10am
Fri May 19	District Cross Country
Wed May 24	Open Evening 7pm—8pm
Thu May 25	Open Morning 9am—10am

### Term Dates

Term 2	18th April—30th June
Term 3	17th July—22nd September
Term 4	9th Oct—22nd December



## Principal's Message– School Council 2017

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

I am proud to announce our School Council for 2017 and the office bearer positions. Congratulations to Martine Edlinger (President), Mandy Jarvis (Vice President), Stephen Halliwell (Treasurer) Sevgi Fischer (Secretary) Nicole Whitty, Nicola Liebler, Kate Williams (staff) and Bret Mottrom (staff). I wish them all the very best with their roles this year and I look forward to working closely with them. It is a very experienced group this year with most of our members already serving at least one year on our council before.

It would be remiss of me to not take the opportunity to thank Frank Drost and Marc Schonhardt for their outstanding service to the school. It is well documented that one of our goals of implementing a sustainable financial model for the school has been achieved in a short space of time. Other initiatives and developments within our school such as our renovations, playground developments and the introduction of the IB would not have been achieved without the open mindedness, dedication and passion of Frank and Marc. I sincerely thank them on behalf of the community. I would also like to acknowledge the support Frank has given me personally and the genuine concern he has for the wellbeing of our staff, students and community. No stone was left unturned by Frank and his thoroughness in working through issues and policies has been greatly appreciated.

Finally it was great to see so many of our families take the opportunity to visit our teachers this week at 'Meet and Greet' to share more information about our students. This is an important communication avenue to continue to build positive relationships between our parents, students and staff, all for the betterment of the students. I encourage all our community to continue to actively use and take responsibility in going through the official communication channels available in our school. In this way your voice is heard and positive relationships and partnerships are formed.

Have a great week.

Jayson Williams

Principal

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This weeks Oscar was presented to:



**Tweetification of the week—**

**Picture Perfect!**

*Follow US!*

## BSPS Reminder & News Snippets

### BSPS Effective Communication Channels

- ◆ Student query/issue= Contact the classroom teacher
- ◆ School wide query/issue = Contact Jayson or Bret
- ◆ Financial - Administration query /issue = Contact the office.

NB. Our Parents' Club Facebook page is not an *official* communication channel of BSPS.

- ✓ **Emergency details**— It is the parents' responsibility to ensure your emergency details are updated regularly.
- ✓ **Bike safety** - Student are reminded to walk their bikes and scooters on school grounds. While on pathways all students must look out for pedestrians and to keep a good distance between themselves and other children.
- ✓ **Dogs on the school grounds**—Could parents please refrain from bringing their dogs onto the school ground, as per School Council regulations. Any dog on school grounds must have obtained special permission from the Council.

## Office News

### LIFE EDUCATION

Life education continues this week. If you have not paid and would like your child to attend, please see the office.

### BOOKCLUB ORDERS

Book club brochures have been sent home with your child/ren. This year all orders will be processed via their website. Orders must be placed online by Thursday March 16. Student orders will still be sent home via your child. A flyer has been attached to the book club order forms, explaining how to order.



Grade 1W enjoying their visit to the Life Ed Van



## Inside the Classroom - Year 3/4—Maths



Figure 1: Material for learning-differentiated mental calculation training // Rechenstreifen für das individuell angepasste Kopfrechen-Training.



Figure 2: Learning-differentiated mental calculation training in class 3/4 M // Individuell angepasstes Kopfrechen-Training in der Klasse 3/4 M.



Figure 3: ICT in Maths // Computergestützte Arbeit im Matheunterricht.



Figure 4: Jamie and Jaxom are working very hard on their online personal learning plans // Jamie und Jaxom arbeiten sehr konzentriert an ihren individuellen Lernplänen.



Figure 5: Pancake Day 2017 – Hands-on Maths and Science // Pfannkuchentag 2017 – Mathe und Naturwissenschaften im Einsatz.



## Curriculum News

### LITERACY AT BAYSWATER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Next week there will be an even bigger 'buzz' about writing at BSPS!

We will be implementing the 'VCOP' and 'Big Write' project at our school. Staff are attending ongoing professional development, led by Mr Bret Mottrom.

#### The School Strategic Plan (SSP) states:

*'To maximise the learning growth of every student in all learning domains with a strong F – 6 focus on literacy, particularly writing and all strands of mathematics.'*

Your children will start bringing a 'new' language home about 'VCOP' and 'Big Write' and we want parents to be informed and to be involved by supporting your child/ren at home.

#### What is VCOP and Big Write?

VCOP and Big Write is teaching approach based on the research of Ros Wilson, an expert based in the UK. It focuses on four main aspects of the writing process (VCOP) and provides children with the skills to improve their own writing through self-assessment. It is also highly successful for bilingual pupils, because of its clarity and structure. There are four mascots that represent each section of VCO.

#### VCOP Sessions:

VCOP sessions are usually conducted on a set day of the week, depending on the classroom timetable. This session is based on one or more of the VCOP elements. The main idea of these sessions is to provide students with a fun and engaging activities with a lot of talking. Ros Wilson insists that "if children can't say it, they can't write it".

#### V is for Vocabulary:

Vinnie Vocabulary is our vocabulary mascot. He assists students in the use of 'WOW words' in their writing. Wow words are words that also known as ambitious vocabulary, this is based on the students' age and ability. For example the word 'amazing' used in a Foundation writing piece would be considered to be a wow word, where it would not in a Grade 5/6 student. Students share their wow words with their class by adding them to VCOP display and encourage each other to use these words where appropriate in their writing.



#### C is for Connectives:

Connie Connectives is our connectives mascot. She supports students in using connectives (joining words) to change their simple sentences into complex sentence. Children are encouraged to use these in their writing.

**O is for Openers:**

Ollie Opener is our opener's mascot. Ollie encourages students to use varied openers to ensure their writing doesn't appear 'boring'. For example, instead of starting each sentence with 'she', students can change the sentence, "She climbed the mountain." to "Slowly, she climbed the mountain."

**P is for Punctuation:**

Penny Punctuation is our princess of punctuation. Penny is displayed with her punctuation pyramid showing the levels of punctuation. Children are taught the names of the different types of punctuation and they learn to use them in their writing.

**Big Write:**

Big Write is a celebration of students' learning. This will be conducted on the same set day after a VCOP session. The biggest difference between Big Write and the 'everyday' writing session is the environment. The classroom has a different atmosphere. The lights are dim, candles are burning (we may use LED candles) and quiet music is playing (Mozart is recommended). Students are not allowed to talk to each other and the teacher takes this time to conference with students one to one and look at their individual goals. Prior to most Big Write sessions, 'Talk Homework' is sent home to allow the students opportunities to talk about their writing.

**Talk Homework:**

'Talk Homework' is sent home the evening before a Big Write session to allow the students opportunities to talk about their writing, gain ideas from family and friends and to assist in making the most out of their Big Write session.

Your child will come home with a new topic most weeks, which may arrive home on different days depending on when the 'Big Write' session is going to take place that week. This will inform you of the topic to discuss with your child in order to help them with the content of their writing the following day.

To help your child get the most out of their talk homework task, Ros Wilson, the creator of Big Writing, suggests that we try to do the following:

Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in Talk Homework, possibly around the meal table!

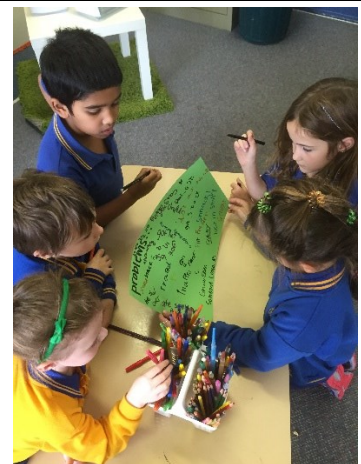
Switch off the T.V.! Try to ensure this is dedicated talking and listening time. When giving your opinion, use the 'because' word to explain why you think that.

Give the possible opinions of two contrasting family members who are not present for the talk, and use the 'because' word to

Ask others around the table to give their opinions and to use the 'because' word.

Ask your child his / her opinion and ask them to use the 'because' word.

Link the topic you are given to discuss back to something you remember from when you were a child and say why things may be different now. Project forward to how things may be different in the future.



Watch this space for further news and information about literacy at Bayswater South Primary School!

## From Our Academic Captains

As the Academic Captains for 2017 we are excited that BPS is embracing the digital age for every student.

In the near future, all Prep -Year 2 students will have access to i-pads. Last year the Year 3/4s received some new laptops.

Over the past few weeks Mr Mottrom has been visiting the Year 5 and 6 classes to introduce and teach them about the Student Blogs for 2017.

Last year, the Student Blogs were trialled in some of the 3/4 classes. This year we are fortunate that all Year 3-6 students will post some of their work on their Student Blog. These blogs will be used as a platform for students to share their writing and school tasks. Their peers, teachers and families will then be able to see this work.

When Mr Mottrom visited our classrooms, students worked on how to log-on to kidblog, as well as post, publish, create avatars, and comment positively and constructively on others' work.

Since then, the Year 5/6 students have been posting and publishing their Natural Disasters Inquiry mini assignment.

Everyone in 5/6s is keenly anticipating the arrival of our 1:1 laptops. This will allow us to regularly post our work, which will help us to improve our writing from the feedback we receive from our peers. We look forward to a great year of publishing on our blogs.

Parents already have access to Year Level Blogs that are similar to last year's. On these blogs, parents can view photographs and information from that year level, including regular class learning updates.

We encourage all parents to log on and see what has been posted.

Happy blogging everyone!  
Ethan and Anngraha.

## Sick Bay Roster

**Fri 3rd Mar** Angela Murray

**Fri 10th Mar** Anna Holloway

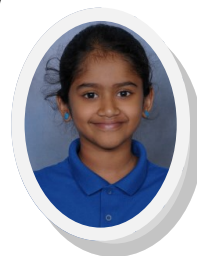
**Fri 17th Mar** Jessica Brown

**Fri 24th Mar** Donna Swale

**Fri 31st Mar** Angela Cotter

**Fri 21st Apr** Nicole Kuruwita

**Fri 28th Apr** Rachel Saad



Year Level	Website Address	Password
Prep	<a href="http://bspsprepblog.global2.vic.edu.au">http://bspsprepblog.global2.vic.edu.au</a>	See teacher
Year 1	<a href="http://bspsyearoneblog.global2.vic.edu.au">http://bspsyearoneblog.global2.vic.edu.au</a>	See teacher
Year 2	<a href="http://bspsyeartwoblog.global2.vic.edu.au">http://bspsyeartwoblog.global2.vic.edu.au</a>	See teacher
Year 3/4	<a href="http://bspsyearthreefourblog.global2.vic.edu.au">http://bspsyearthreefourblog.global2.vic.edu.au</a>	See teacher
Year 5/6	<a href="http://bspsyearfivesixblog.global2.vic.edu.au">http://bspsyearfivesixblog.global2.vic.edu.au</a>	See teacher



# LEADERS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Student	Grade	For
Anna Oporowicz	Prep GC	Having settled into prep very well and always doing her best.
Ava Gregorio	Prep P	Making an amazing presentation to the class. Fantastic!
Ryan Trott	Prep S	His enthusiastic participation during our 'Life Ed' session!
Evie Couper	1-B	Doing the right thing, even when no one was watching...or was I?
Anabella Justin	1-B	Being proactive and getting her work done.
Kai Kornhofer	1-W	Fantastic work with numbers from 1-100!
Oscar Erhardt	1-W	Sharing his many musical talents. We loved them!
Wynetta Maxwell	2-M	Being proactive and helping others without being asked. Thanks so much Wynetta!
Charlie Curtain	3/4D	Being a responsible person in class and always taking initiative.
Ella Whiteley	3/4H	Detailed research and fantastic presentation of facts about Sir John Franklin in Inquiry.
Isabelle Buchmasser	3/4H	Excellent research and presentation about George Bass in inquiry.
Miral Sheta	3/4M	Being proactive in her learning and therefore successful. That's the way!
Natalie King	5/6OP	Trying her best in all areas of her literacy! A great start to year 5. well done Natalie!
Connor Krizmancic	5/6S	Always doing his best and being proactive in class. Well done!
Paris Stolke	5/6W	Not giving up when things got a bit challenging during Art Class. Great effort.
Ryan Holloway	5/6W	Displaying a positive attitude in all learning tasks during science and art classes.
Paris Stolke	5/6W	The excellent effort he has placed in his 'Natural Disaster—Blog Report Writing'



## Classroom News

Grades W & 2M Enjoying their pancakes







## Parents' Club News

# ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE

Easter is fast approaching and we are calling on all BSPS families to donate an Easter item to our annual Easter Raffle.

Suggested items can include such things as baskets, ribbon, soft Easter toys, Easter colouring books and chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs of all kinds.

### Please No Nut Products

Please hand your item to the classroom teacher by **Wednesday 15th March.**  
We will then make them up into hampers.

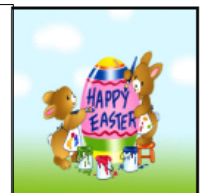
You should be receiving your raffle tickets soon. Each family will receive a book of 10 tickets at 50 cents each, \$5 per book/family.

\*Extra Books of tickets available at the office.

Please return tickets by **Wednesday 22nd March.**  
Raffle drawn after assembly on **Friday 24th March.**

Many thanks and have a 'Hoppy Easter'  
from the BSPS Parent's Club

A BOOK OF 10 RAFFLE TICKETS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME TO EACH FAMILY THIS WEEK. MORE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE. DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE TICKET BUTT AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22





## Knox Festival Info

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 March 2017

[Wally Tew Reserve](#), Ferntree Gully (Melway 74 B5).

They say that home is where the heart is and for the big hearted residents of Knox we invite you to enjoy two big days out and this year we joyfully celebrate under the theme **Home Sweet Home**.

Whether you live, work and play in Knox, this year's festival promises a giant smorgasbord of fun, food and festivities. We have Circus to flip your tummy, a re-enactment village to send you back in time, interactive digital hubs, indigenous reptiles and live stages thriving with home grown talent. We can't wait to see you there!

**Car parking** is limited around the festival site, so taking public transport or riding your bike would be a great way to get to all the festivities.

**Bike Valet Parking** is available at the Knox Festival located inside the Lyndale Ct Entrance. Remember to drop off your completed passport from the Oppy Bike Ride for your chance to **win a new bike!**

**The Knox Community Bus** can take you straight from the Ferntree Gully Train Station to the festival between 10am and 5pm. Two wheelchairs per trip on the bus; however accessible parking is on site at the festival through the Burwood Highway gate. For bus times, here is the [Community Bus timetable](#).

### Ticket Prices

**Adult:** \$5  
**Children:** \$2.50  
**Family:** \$12  
**Concession:** \$3



## Art Room News

Thank you to Ray (Lucas H's grandfather Prep S) for the donation of cardboard to the art room. We greatly appreciate the effort and it has already come in very very handy.

Just a friendly reminder that this weekend the banner that the Year 3 & 4 students all worked on, will be on display at the Knox Festival in Ferntree Gully. So if you are able to attend, don't forget to vote for our banner in the 'People's Choice Award' category. (See last week's newsletter for Knox Festival Information)

Thank you very much for the wonderful donations we receive from the school community, but unfortunately storage is always a problem. **It would be greatly appreciated if goods donated are kept to the list below.** If other items are required for example cardboard boxes, a note will be sent home to relevant grades or an announcement made in the school newsletter.

### Small and medium size POLYSTYRENE FOAM TRAYS BUTTONS

**Plastic and metal BOTTLE TOPS** (please ensure they are clean and only small lids and tops, eg. Milk and juice bottle lids, beer and cider lids, no jar lids )

**Small CARDBOARD TUBES** from the fruit and vegie dept at supermarkets such as Aldi, Woolies etc. (The Aldi ones in particular are excellent for use in the art room, but please only take the empty ones.)

**Students will earn house points for bringing these specific items in!**



## Sport News

### Fitness Club

A fitness club will begin next Wednesday 8th March from 8.30—8.45am, where students can run, walk or jog around the school. All students are welcome to participate and will go into a raffle for a chance to win 1000 house points. The winner will be announced at assembly the following Friday. The Sports and House Captains will help run the fitness track. Please meet at the Sport's Shed



### Bayswater South Primary School House Cross Country

House Cross country will be held on Thursday the 23rd of March from 9am—11am. Students from years 3-6 will be running on a designated track marked around the school grounds. Under 9/10 boys and girls and the under 11 boys and girls will be running 2km. The under 12 girls and boys will be running 3km. The top ten winners for their age group will continue on to District Cross Country in Term 2 and will also score points for their house. All 3-6 students will need to come dressed in their house colours on this day.



### Prep Mini-Olympics and Prep BBQ

On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March, all the prep students will participate in the Bayswater South Primary School Mini-Olympics. Students can come dressed in their house colours and activities will run from 1:30-2:30. There will be a prep parent BBQ held afterwards from 2:30-3:30 at the school. A notice will be sent home with each prep student shortly.



Matt Campbell



As promised last week, photos of Aths day held last week





## Secondary School Tours & Open Days

Please check their websites as most colleges require bookings to be made online

**Aquinas College** - [Aquinas.vic.edu.au](http://Aquinas.vic.edu.au)

Open evening/day Sunday 19th March

**Bayswater Secondary College**—[bayswatersc.vic.edu.au](http://bayswatersc.vic.edu.au)

Friday mornings from 9.30—10.30am 24/2, 3/3, 10/3, 24/3 plus every Friday in Term 2

Saturday March 18 School Tour with morning tea provided by the hospitality faculty. Meet the new Principal

**Fairhills Secondary College**— [fairhillssc.vic.edu.au](http://fairhillssc.vic.edu.au)

Open Night Thursday, March 23

**Heathmont College**—[heathmont.vic.edu.au](http://heathmont.vic.edu.au)

School tours Weekly at 9.15am on Thursday. 9871 4888

**Highvale Secondary College**—[highvalesc.vic.edu.au](http://highvalesc.vic.edu.au)

**Mater Christi**—[materschrisi.edu.au](http://materschrisi.edu.au)

Weekend Tours Sunday Feb 26, March 19. May 21, June 18

**Ringwood Secondary College**—[ringwoodsc.vic.edu.au](http://ringwoodsc.vic.edu.au)

Open Night 26th April—no booking required

School tours 3 mornings a week with a Saturday morning tour in May

**Vermont Secondary College**—[vermontsc.vic.edu.au](http://vermontsc.vic.edu.au)

**Wantirna College**—[wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au](http://wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au)

Tuesday & Thursday morning tours starting at 9.30—11.00



### Knox Schools Expo 2017

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2018/19, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. Have conversations with stallholders from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, then hear from Guest Speaker, **Rod Dungan**, about ways you can support your child through the transition from primary to secondary and explore considerations when selecting a secondary school. There will then be another opportunity to visit stalls.

**When: Thursday 16 March 2017**

**Where: Knox Civic Centre**

**511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South**

**Time: 5.45-8.45pm**

5.45-6.45	Expo stallholders available
7.00-7.45	Presentations including Guest Speaker, Rod Dungan, and a Question & Answer session
7.45-8.45	Expo stallholders available

For more information, contact Knox City Council Youth Services  
 Angela Thurbon on t: 9298 8533 e: [angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au)  
 or Megan Parker on t: 9298 8308 e: [megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au)  
[www.knox.vic.gov.au/SchoolExpo](http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/SchoolExpo)

***Bookings are not required***



## Community Activities for You



**RINGWOOD Saints BASEBALL**  
 Established 1983

Want to play a fun, active sport in a safe environment?  
**PLAY BASEBALL THIS WINTER!**  
 Boys & Girls Welcome @ TBall @ Rookies Ball @ Under 13 @ Under 15 @ Under 17

**JUNIOR 'COME & TRY' AND REGISTRATION DAYS**  
 Wednesday 15th March (5:30pm-7pm) or  
 Saturday 18th March (10am-11:30am)

*Both sessions will be followed by a  
 Free Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drink*

**Ringwood Saints Baseball Club**  
 Proclamation Park, Sylvia Grove, Ringwood

For more information please email Junior Coordinator,  
 Jacqui Bright at: ringwoodbaseball@hotmail.com  
 or visit: www.ringwoodsaints.com.au



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 GIRLS AND BOYS 5 YEARS OLD TO 12 YEARS OLD WELCOME  
 Friday nights 5pm TO 6:45pm AT Fairpark Reserve - Ferntree Gully  
 Saturday mornings 9am - 10:45 am at Lewis Park reserve -  
 Wantirna south  
 Find us on face book or email easternlionsauskick@hotmail.com

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**CURRICULUM DAY, FRIDAY MARCH 10.  
 NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.  
 ENJOY THE EXTRA LONG WEEKEND WITH  
 MONDAY, 13TH BEING A PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

## Bayswater South Primary School

Values : *Respect Honesty Empathy Teamwork*

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