



Broadford Primary School

Believe in Yourself

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Respect

Responsibility

Life long learning

Happiness

Community



Term 1, Week 1 Friday, 2ND February 2018

Value for the month of February is



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1

Mon 5 th Feb:	Swimming Grade 3-6 commences
Thur 8 th Feb:	Whole School Photos day then a Whole School BBQ from 5-6pm
Fri 9 th Feb:	PUPIL FREE DAY
Wed 14 th Feb:	School Council Meeting

No foundation students attend on Wednesdays for the month of February.

Thur 30th Mar End of Term 1

PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

The focus of the day is for staff to build knowledge on how we teach spelling and vocabulary within the context of reading and writing . This will build on our association with Melbourne University with two renowned guest speakers—Dianne Snowball and Lorna Ward.

WELCOME BBQ

THURS

8th February 5- 6pm

This is a great opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher.



If you need to share any particular information with the teacher please make an appoint via the Office.

School Photos

Thursday, 8th February 2018

Packages range between \$20-\$50 per student. Order form was sent home on Wednesday.

A quick word from Steve & Anne.....

Welcome back for 2018. A very special welcome to all of our Foundation students , new families and students to Broadford P.S for 2018. Currently we have 378 students enrolled and we are looking forward to another great year of learning.

We welcome our new staff – Anna Leditschke Grade 5/6, and Laura Mundy Grade 1/2.

PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 9th February- The staff will be involved in professional learning conducted by two experts who specialise in developing reading excellence. **Students will not be required** at school on the 9th February as it is pupil free.

SCHOOL PHOTOS will be conducted next **THURSDAY 8th February**. Order forms went out to each child on Wednesday and information will be posted on facebook. There is an option of family portraits and forms for this need to be collected from the office.

Absence Notification

The Department of Education & Training (DET) has updated its attendance policy and we now have to contact parents any day their child is absent without explanation, **ON THE DAY**.

We are in the process of setting up an automated SMS.

If we have not received a notification that your child will be absent, you will be sent an SMS message at 9.45am then another at 2.45pm & then one at 3.30pm! So please contact the office if your child is going to be late or away for the day.

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Dear Parents as part of our Student Engagement Policy I have attached the current Behaviour Chart. Please discuss this new version with your child. If you would like clarification on any aspect of the Chart please contact us via the office



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2018

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election.

The Election period runs from Fri 16th February to Fri 2nd March 2018.

The Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Fri 2nd March 2018.

Contact Steve Pink if you would like to discuss the possibility of being on School Council

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **all our School Councillors** for their commitment to our school.

Our retiring members : **Mark South, Jay Kubeil, Heather Bushell, Jim Asimakopoulos & Janine Stephens**, for their great work over the last two years.

I will be advertising 4 parent vacancies (1 was vacant for the last 6 months)& 2 DET (teacher) vacancies. These positions are for 2 years.

FIRST MEETING 14th Feb in room 16 @ 7.00pm.

Steve Pink
Principal



School Banking next week will be starting back on Monday 5th February. New account forms available at the office. Our Volunteer Vicki will be in the office Monday morning if you want more information or forms.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things are school every day – missing school puts them behind.



INFORMATION TIPS

- Please ensure that when your child is absent that you send a note in the NEXT day to the teacher.
- Please make sure that you send your child to school with spoons / forks etc. to enable them to eat their snacks. The school does NOT provide this.
- If you would like an appointment with your child's teacher or any of the leadership staff please make an appointment at the office.
- The office cannot always guarantee that messages will get to the students during the day. We do get extremely busy.
- Please make sure your child knows who they are being picked up by in the morning. It is handy if your child has the same pick up point daily so that if you need another family member to pick them up then they know where to go.
- If your child is a bus student please make sure any changes to their evening bus run is notified to the school. This can be done either by a letter to the class teacher or a phone call to the office. If students are unsure at the end of the day they should come to the office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Broadford Primary School require a copy of all student birth certificates and immunisation records.



A reminder that all students are required to be at school ready for learning by 8.55am every day & not before 8.40am.

Excursions / Camps Information

SWIMMING

The program is a water safety awareness and fitness program and it will run Monday 5th Feb-Fri 9th March (inclusive)

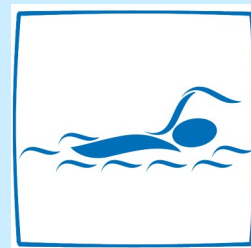
Mon 12:30-1:30pm Room 3 (grade 3/4) 2.20pm-3.15pm Room 7 (grade 5/6)

Tues 11:30am-12:30pm Room 6 (grade 5/6) 12.30-1.30pm Room 1 (grade 3/4)

Wed 12.30-1:30pm Room 5 (grade 5/6) 2.20-3.15pm Room 8 (grade 5/6)

Thurs 11:30-12:30pm Room 9 (grade 5/6) 12.30-1.30pm Room 4 (grade 3/4)

Fri 12:30-1:30pm Room 2 (grade 3/4)



Important Information

Personal Property: is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students & staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Insurance or Ambulance Cover : the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport any other transport costs.

Some of our Foundation Students for 2018



CSEF—Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding. Applications are now open for CSEF funding. To apply please complete an application form at the office. You must hold a valid Health Care Card to be eligible. Foundation students who are eligible for the CSEF may also access the State Schools Relief Prep uniform package. See the office for more details.

Essential Education Items—(Booklist Fee) To ensure you receive the \$40 discount on the Essential Education Fee you must pay in full before the end of term 1.

HOT Day timetable. If the UV rating reaches 8+ which is considered Very High during any outdoor activities, students will return to classrooms.

Please ensure your child always brings a drink bottle to school.

CANTEEN NEWS!!

Please call in and see Hayley if you would like to be put on the roster. Helpers are needed from 12.30pm to 2pm and must have a volunteer working with children's card.

Please Note:

We would love to hear your feedback about our new canteen menu, please email to broadford.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with Canteen Feedback in the subject line.

50c WEDNESDAYS

EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME AT THE CANTEEN

All money raised goes towards up-grading our school garden.

Book Club

This week your child would have brought home a brochure from Scholastic, all age level books are on the one brochure now. You can order via the form and send cash in an envelope in to the Bookclub Letterbox at the office. Or you can order online via the Loop app. To register your child select their teacher or use the library as their room. Orders close on Friday 16th February 2018.



Presents or surprises

If you do not want your child to see an order please put office as the classroom. On the written order forms write keep at office.

If paying by cheque. Please make payable to Scholastic Australia. We do not take eftpos for Bookclub. Please note the school receives credit from every book ordered and this is spent in the library for new books or teaching resources. Thanks Judi Aird. Book club coordinator

Thank you to Tanya who nurtured our garden over the holidays our crop is just about ready to eat!



MEDICAL INFORMATION

Has your child's medical condition changed since last year? We need to be aware of any changes to Asthma Plans, Anaphylaxis Plans or Allergy Plans. Please see the office if you need more information.



Suncorp NetSetGO!

Girls & boys aged 5 - 11 years

Wednesday, 14th February -
Wednesday, 28th March, 2018
5pm - 6pm

**Harley Hammond Reserve
Netball Courts, Broadford.**

Registration Wednesday, 7th
February at 3.30pm - 4.30pm
at netball club rooms.

\$60 (includes Pack & VNA)

**Enquiries - Natalie 0419 552 132
or visit the Broadford Netball
Club Facebook Page**



Balancing Love & Discipline

A parenting program



8 Week Course Tuesdays

February 6 — March 27

Time: 7.00pm Til 9.30pm

Venue: Pyalong Primary School

No Cost
New participants welcome
up to session 4

It is very common these days for fathers to be taking a much more active role in family life. Mothers are also finding that there are more demands on their time from a financial point of view. Fathers who find themselves more involved in the parenting part of family life may also find themselves wishing for more options for dealing with the day to day issues that arise in the home.

This course is suitable for all parents who would like to meet with others to explore ways to increase their options in dealing with the various issues that parents experience while supporting and nurturing their partners and children of all ages.

Some of the topics that have been helpful in previous groups include:

- Communication
- Teaching life skills
- Issues of discipline
- What is normal for kids?
- Confronting unacceptable behaviour
- How to help your child when they are anxious, angry or upset

"Discovering that others are experiencing problems almost identical to your own somehow seems to lighten your load."

"I can use this with my husband as well as my children."

"Helpful, done it twice and taken away different strategies each time"



This is a free and confidential service.

For more information or to book contact Us

64 High Street, Seymour

Tel: 5735 4600

SHARE YOUR WORLD!

WITH AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT!



SMS 'HOST' to
0428 246 633
for a free info pack!

Have you ever considered inviting an exchange student into your home? WEP is looking for Australian families to join their community of volunteer host families!

Treat your family to an intercultural experience like no other by hosting an exchange student from overseas. Share a piece of your heart and your backyard and support a young person make his/her dream of living and studying in Australia come true.

If you have a room to spare and an interest in other cultures, we would love to hear from you! Remember, sometimes the greatest rewards in life come from taking a leap of faith or doing the things you never thought you would.

1300 884 733

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Understanding Parent Payment Categories

Schools

What does the legislation say?

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for free instruction in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools. The Act also empowers school councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

In the Act, a 'Parent' includes a guardian and every person who has parental responsibility for a child including parental responsibility under the Commonwealth Family Law Act 1975 and any person with whom a child normally or regularly resides.

What do schools pay for as part of 'free instruction'?



Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities in connection with the instruction of the standard curriculum program, including reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities.

The standard curriculum for Years F-10 means implementation of the Victorian Curriculum F-10.

The standard curriculum for senior secondary schools means a program that enables a student to be awarded a VCE or VCAL qualification.

What principles govern parent payment practice?

Educational Value | Access, Equity & Inclusion | Affordability

Engagement & Support | Respect & Confidentiality | Transparency & Accountability

Parents

What may parents be asked to pay for?

Schools can request payment for Essential Student Learning Items



These are items, activities or services that the school deems **essential** to student learning of the standard curriculum.

Where practical and appropriate, parents may choose to purchase items through the school or provide their own.

These may also be either:

Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of

- e.g.
- textbooks, activity books, exercise books
- stationery, book bags
- student ID cards, locks
- cooking ingredients students will consume
- materials for final products that students take home (technology projects, build-your-own kits, dioramas)
- Picture Exchange Communication Systems

Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend

i.e. travel, entry fees or accommodation

- e.g.
- excursions
- incursions
- school sports
- work placements

Parents can be asked to pay for items, activities and services in the three Parent Payment Categories:

Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items and Voluntary Financial Contributions.

Schools determine how items, activities and services are classified within these categories based on the learning and teaching program of their school.

Support for families experiencing hardship is available at every school and each school has a parent payment contact person. See your school's policy for more information.

For more information on Parent Payments and Personal Devices, visit the DET website at: www.education.vic.gov.au

Schools can invite
Voluntary
Financial
Contributions
for



Schools can request payment for Optional Items

These are items, activities or services that are **optional** and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.

Students may access these on a user-pays basis.

These may be either:

Items the student purchases or hires

- e.g.
- school magazines, class photos
- functions, formals, graduation dinners
- materials for extra curricular programs
- student accident insurance

Activities the student purchases

- e.g.
- fees for extra curricular programs or activities, such as instrumental music tuition
- fees for guest speakers
- camps, excursions, incursions, sports
- entry fees for school run performances

Items and/or materials that are more expensive than required to meet the standard curriculum

- e.g.
- use of silver in metal work instead of copper
- supplementary exam revision guides

- e.g.
- Building or Library fund (Tax deductible)
- Voluntary contributions for a specific purpose, such as equipment, materials, services.
- General voluntary contributions

CSEF (Camp, Sport, Excursion Fund)

On the first day of term one (29 January 2018) or the first day of term two (18 April 2018), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards: Veterans Affairs Gold Card Centrelink Health Care Card Pensioner Concession Card
- OR they must be a temporary foster parent
- OR the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)

AND the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years.

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Special consideration

Special consideration is given to:

Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, are in community detention or are asylum seeker families

A letter from the Australian Red Cross, AMES, or similar organisation is required as evidence. A copy of an 'immi' card is also acceptable evidence.

Students in out of home care

Institutions such as Mackillop Family Services, Anglicare, Berry Street Victoria and other Community Service Organisations are eligible to make an application for students residing on a short term or long term basis. The carer or Community Service Organisation should alert the school of the requirement for a special consideration application

Students in statutory kinship care

The care arrangement must be formalised through the Department of Health and Human Services. The carer should request that DHHS or a Community Service Organisation supervising the placement provide a letter confirming the statutory kinship care arrangement to enable the application to be assessed.

Payment amounts

Payments are:

- \$125 per year for eligible primary school students
- \$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.

Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Most payments start from March onwards.

Applications can be received over term one and two. Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years.

Year 7 and Prep students in government schools who receive the fund are also able to get support for school uniforms. For more information regarding this initiative, see: [State Schools' Relief](#)

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations.

Submit an application

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2018 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply at the same school in 2017 or
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or **new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.**

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

CSEF payments are made to schools from March onwards each year.