



Broadford Primary School

Believe in Yourself

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Respect

Responsibility

Life long learning

Happiness

Community



Term 1, Week 6, Friday, 6th March 2020

Expectation for the month of February is:

Readiness

TERM 1

9th Mar - Labour Day (Students do not attend)

11 Mar – 9:00am Foundation Parents morning tea

13th Mar - Whole School Assembly 2.45pm (Everyone Welcome)

17th Mar—Regional Swimming Carnival

19th Mar—Grade 1/2 Local Excursion to Broadford Library (room 14,15,22)

20th Mar—National Day of Action Against Bullying

25th Mar—School Council AGM

Bus Students

All bus travellers are expected to travel on the bus each night. If your child is **NOT** travelling on the bus please notify the school. This can be done either by a letter or a phone call to the office.

A Word from Mrs Cooney.....

2020 Student Leadership Team

Last Friday we formally welcomed our 2020 student leaders and presented them with their leadership badges. Congratulations to our elected leaders – you are a wonderful group of students and I look forward to working with you this year.

We were very lucky to have Jaclyn Symes, our State Parliamentary Member for Northern Victoria, join us for the badge presentation at assembly and we thank Jaclyn for her ongoing support of our school.

Our 2020 Student Leaders are:



School Captains – Bailey and Chloe

Deputy Captains – Mitchell and Ava

YELLOW house captains – Seth and Ashlyn

BLUE house captains – Braydon and Jade

GREEN house captains – Olivia and Kieran

RED house captains – Gira and Logan

Junior School Council Members: Ryan, Takara, Charlie, Hayden, Gearoid, Sarah, Lacey and Claire

Swimming

Congratulations to our Swim Team who proudly represented our school at the Mitchell District Swimming Championships. Our swimmers did an amazing job representing the school, demonstrating great sportsmanship and displaying our school values. Congratulations to those team members who were selected to represent our region at the Whittlesea Division Swimming Championships last Tuesday.

It was disappointing to have to cancel our grade 3-6 swimming carnival yesterday due to rain. We held off making a decision as long as possible hoping the weather would ease but to no avail. We are hoping to reschedule the carnival in term 4 when the pool reopens for summer.

School Council

Our nominations for school council have now closed and I am pleased to announce our school council for 2020. We have two new members joining the team – welcome to Trent Saunders and

Matthew Warren. Our returning parent representatives are Mark South, Heather Bussell, Vicki McSweeney and Martin Hungerford. We also have 3 DET representatives – Kate Edwards, Christine Hyde and myself. Our next meeting is the AGM and Annual school report which will be held on Wednesday 25th March in room 5 at 6.30pm

Parents and Friends

Yesterday was our first Parents and Friends meeting for 2020. The first fundraiser for the year is the annual Easter Raffle. If you would like to make a donation for the raffle please leave it at the office. Your child would have brought home some raffle tickets this week so please support this fundraiser. The next P&F meeting will be our AGM on Thursday 7th May at 2.30pm. We would love to see you there.

School Times and Supervision

The school yard is supervised from 8.40am each school morning, children should not be at school prior to this time. Music plays over the PA at 8.50am, and this signals to students that it is time to make their way to the class and complete their morning routines ready to start their learning at 8.55 when the bell rings.

Enjoy your long weekend.

Mrs. Jennene Cooney

Principal

3-6 SWIMMING REPORT

Congratulations to the students who represented our school at the Mitchell District Swimming Sports. We came 4th overall and the following students competed at Division level yesterday.

Claire McD, Ruby F, Sarah R, Violet J, Lillii B, Tamika-Lee S, Charli K, Claire E, Beau F, Jace W, Mason T and Tye K. Well done!

As our swimming program draws to a close, I would like to thank the helpers involved. We had parents, grandparents and friends of the school assist and we saw a lot of growth in both confidence levels and skills of the students. It was fantastic to witness this and hopefully these sessions have inspired many to continue learning and developing this life skill.

Special mention to Rae Reid and Jenny Jarvis for their support.

Miss Henry.



Parents Club

The next Parent club meeting will be held on Thursday 7th May at 2:30pm

Parents Club are looking for donations for the upcoming Easter raffle, your **DONATIONS** would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the families who have already made donations.

First Aid—Spare Clothes

If your child has been given a change of clothes at school could they please be washed and returned asap.

Every Day Counts

Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence**, by calling, emailing or online through Compass.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. **Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.**

The Broadford Primary School Attendance Policy which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences is available at the office.

EVERY DAY COUNTS ...
A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed ...

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Everyday counts

BROADFORD Primary School has welcomed its new Foundation students this year and are doing everything they can to help the students adapt to schooling life.

Foundation teacher Natalie Harper said they started a program called 'Everyday Counts' to encourage the students to go to school.

Ms Harper said so far there has been 100 per cent attendance on most days.

"It's been going really amazing, today all of our foundation students are here, so we've got 100 per cent attendance for all three of our grades."

"We're actually tracking it and looking at our data to see how we can improve to make sure every student comes every day and what we can do as teachers to make them really want to be here."

As part of 'Everyday Counts' the students are rewarded with a star for their class's full attendance on one day.

"We're really focusing on those unapproved absences like 'I just wanted to stay home', or 'I slept in so I just stayed home'."

The stars are displayed at the entrance to the foundation rooms to encourage students and remind them of their progress each day.

"They all come in in the morning and say 'oh look at us, we have this many stars' and we come out all together and look at it." Ms Harper said.

The Foundation students spent the day learning to count by making caterpillar crafts.

Broadford Primary foundation students India, Lily, Willow and Paige spend time learning together in class.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS ...
Lost minutes mean lost learning!

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning time each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
1/2 an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

School starts at 9.00 AM
DON'T BE LATE!

Good time keeping means making sure that your child is at school and ready to learn BEFORE the school bell rings!

9:00

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





Karate Classes:

Karate Classes are being held at Broadford Primary School every Tuesday afternoon during the school terms.

Ages 5—adult. Other locations are available on other nights. Great Family sport (Government accredited instructors, fully insured)

For further information please contact:

Mark Abela 0417323669

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NDIS PLAN

NDIS Information Session – Goulburn

What is the session about?

If you find yourself saying “I have my NDIS plan; what are the next steps?”, then this session could be for you! We have developed an information session for people with disability and their families or carers, called “Getting the Most Out of Your NDIS Plan”. The information and resources you will receive at the session have been designed to assist you to gain maximum benefit when putting your plan into action.

During a two and a half hour session, you will gain knowledge about key NDIS concepts, be given many useful suggestions and tips, and feel more empowered and confident in how to implement your NDIS plan.

We use accessible venues and materials, and we provide a break and refreshments. We'll also have a guest speaker from Rights Information and Advocacy Centre (<https://riac.org.au/>) sharing their valuable insights.

When and where is the session being held?

When: Thursday 19 March 2020 from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

Where: Wallan Youth Room, Wallan Multi-Purpose Community Centre, 42 Bentinck Street, Wallan VIC 3756

Who is running the session?

The session is designed and delivered by staff with a disability from the Disability Loop team at AFDO (Australian Federation of disability Organisations). AFDO and its member organisations are run by and for people with lived experience of disability. Disability Loop is a program that aims to make information about the NDIS easier to find, understand, and use.

There are lots of NDIS sessions, how is ours different?

As people with lived experience of disability ourselves, we are better able to focus on the needs of people with disability. The workshop was written using plain language, which makes complicated concepts easier to understand. We aim to make the workshops a safe space where people can share their questions and concerns without worrying about any judgement. All workshops are held in wheelchair accessible venues, near public transport where possible, and are free for people with disability and their families! We are also providing a wide range of accessibility supports for attendees with disability, free of charge, to make it easier to participate. This includes Auslan interpreters or captioning if requested.

You will receive a detailed information pack to take home.

Bookings are essential for catering and accessibility purposes. Please register by 12 March 2020. For more information and to register, visit:
www.disabilityloop.eventbrite.com or Call: (03) 9662 3324