Dear Parents and Friends,

This is my final newsletter as the Acting Principal. As the heading says we are all anticipating Mr Reg’s return next Monday to the BIG chair (as it is aptly named by staff) It has been a BIG chair to fill in more ways than one. Six weeks ago I lowered the seat, realigned the computer and began the weekly ritual of newsletter writing along with MANY, MANY other tasks. Thanks to everyone for your support especially to Justin Hone, Randal Symons, Lyndi Brennan, Margaret Coombs, Kelly Lloyd-Vanni and Wendy Stewart in the administration area who have been great to work with during my stint.

The weather was with us last Thursday for our House Athletics sports at Rieschieks Reserve in Doncaster. The students looked great in their house colours. Along with mascots, crowds and cheering, it made for a colourful event. Burra won the house trophy with 1034 points while Killara came second, Cooma third and Attunga fourth. There were some stellar performances on the day which Mr Batt will provide in more detail further on in the Press.

Year Three and Four students were involved in Start Smart workshops by the Commonwealth Bank. This school visit complements the inquiry unit called ‘Necessity’. This unit of work has an economics focus and I’m sure enlightened the students about spending and saving wisely and managing personal finances - like piggy banks and money boxes!

Excursions and visiting speakers are a rich way to add value to our curriculum, especially our inquiry units. They are carefully chosen by the teachers to increase the understanding and broaden the learning outcomes for the students. They also cater for different learning styles and enhance the learning in the classroom. Another example next week is Year One and Two students who are visiting bakeries as part of their inquiry about ‘Farm to Plate.’ At the bakery they make the bread from the raw ingredients, building an understanding of where products come from and what the process is to make edible products.

The senior boys’ and girls’ hockey teams proudly represented our school on Friday at the regional semi-finals. Capably coached and led by Mr King and National Masters hockey champion Mr Mulder, both teams got through to the next round. These boys and girls are dedicated to doing their very best with frequent early morning training sessions at school. On Wednesday Mr Symons and I were fortunate enough to watch our talented soccer teams play at Hislop Park. The good news is that both soccer teams are into the next round. Keep practising boys and girls!

We had a very attentive audience at Assembly this week, especially during the guest performer items. It was fabulous to hear the complete orchestra as I missed not hearing them at the Oxfam concert. To a non-musical ear, the piece from the ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ seemed very challenging with a range of timings, tempos and rhythms. Congratulations to all members. Sound of Music is one of my favourite musicals so when Emily Leonidis sang ‘My Favourite Things’, it was familiar music to my ears.

Behrad Maghsoudi was awarded a Care, Learn, Share award for helping a friend when he was feeling down. Emily Leonidis, Stephanie Smith and Chloe Plant also received Care, Learn, Share awards at assembly for organising the BPPS Stars event by showing commitment and persistence to make it a wonderful success.
Chris Karathanassis was very engaging in his role as the roving compere when he introduced Book Week. Peter Andonopoulos as a dragon and Ella Scott as Cinderella helped Chris explain that next week is Book Week. On Monday we would like students (and teachers) to dress up as one of their favourite book characters. Each person needs to bring along a favourite book to share in Care, Learn and Share groups. We will have a small parade of characters and an opportunity to read and share your books.

Mason Smith was presented with a brand new bike at Assembly. Mason received this bike because every Wednesday in Term Two he came to school in an active way. There were many students from BPPS and other neighbouring schools who went into the draw for the bike and as luck would have it, Mason was the only winner.

We welcome three new friends to our school community this week. Three chickens were collected by Ms Ballot and transported from Narre Warren to our newly constructed chicken enclosure behind the Hall. The children have been anticipating the arrival of the chickens for a long time and that time is finally here. This idea originated at Junior School Council and is another example of a student-led initiative at our school. A small sub-group of Junior School Council are now compiling a list of ‘chicken management’ expectations including feeding rosters, egg collection and cleaning coop duties.

Austin Cook from FTL is also welcoming a new member to his family. Congratulations on the birth of Keira Charlotte. While I’m on the topic of baby news, Sarah Clifford our eLibrary teacher, is thrilled to announce that she is expecting a baby which is due in February 2017.

Cheers,
Jane Woodman

FROM THE ACTING ASSISTING PRINCIPAL

Hopefully all parents are familiar with Borroondara Park Primary’s Parent Portal. If not then it’s really important to contact the school to make sure you have access to the site. We are increasingly using the technology to post student reports, share work samples and open the lines of communication between parent/carer and teacher.

This week we have been introducing the Year 5 and 6 students to the Student Portal. The two have the same website address, but are different when logging in as a parent or student. Just like the Parent Portal, the Student Portal allows for students to stay informed and communicate with teachers. Each student has been supplied a unique username and password to access the portal and they are limited to interacting with their classroom teacher and reading posts written by teachers in 5/6 Team. As time goes by we will be looking to add to its functionality to aid teachers and students in communication and organisation. Most secondary schools use some form of online learning management and the responsibilities and skills practiced will be of benefit both now and in the years to come.

Justin Hone – Acting Assistant Principal
2016 Literacy and Numeracy Week Activities at BPPS
Monday 29th August – Friday 2nd September

In 2016, Literacy and Numeracy week is in Week 8 Monday 29th August – Friday 2nd September. This will be a busy week for many with our Bill Rodgers PFD and then Grade 4 Camp from Wed-Fri. We have kept this in mind and have kept it very simple.

Numeracy Activity: Let’s Tessellate!
We ask that students work in pairs to complete this activity and create an A4 landscape tessellation. These would be collected (by the end of term) and turned into a display.
Grade 4s: Feel free to do it in following weeks: No rush!

Literacy Activity: Poem in Your Pocket!
During Week 8, we ask that students, teachers and parents write a poem or find a poem that they like and have a copy on a piece of paper that can be placed in their pockets. This can be done at school or collected from home. During CLaS on Monday 5th September, we will spend the first 20 minutes (2:40-3:00) with our own CLaS group sharing these ‘Poems in our Pockets’ and then we will all venture outside at 3:00 pm (weather permitting) to mingle with other groups and share poems. Parents and other members of the school community are welcome to join in this activity.

Hockey 7s
Well done to both the girls and boys senior Hockey 7s teams who competed last week at the Regional event. Both teams put in their finest efforts throughout the day. Both teams now will play in the EMR Grand Final next Friday the 26th of August. We wish all of the boys and girls competing all the best! Thanks to Mr Mulder and Mr King for coaching these teams and attending on the day.

EMR Soccer Finals
Our Interschool Sport soccer teams competed in the EMR Finals on Wednesday 17th August. Both teams played extremely well throughout the day with many difficult matches. The boys won their Grand Final on the day in extra time (4 – 1) and the girls also won their grand final on penalties. Both teams will now play in the State finals in two week’s time. Congratulations to all students involved and a big thank-you to Mr Mulder and Mr King for training and coaching the students as well as the parents for transporting the students on the day.

School Athletics Day
Last Thursday we held our School Athletics Day at Doncaster Athletics Track. All students from Grades 3-6 participated in a range of events. The weather was fantastic with the sun shining for most of the day. It was so nice to see all the students decked out in their house colours and cheering for their fellow housemates. Well done to Burra for winning the house trophy for their results on the day.

A BIG thank you goes out to the teachers and parents who assisted to run the events!

Congratulations to the students who have now qualified for the District Athletics Carnival which will be on Monday 5th September at Doncaster Athletics Track.
Thank you to those who have put themselves forward to help. There are many days still left to fill; please complete the Canteen Helpers form if you can help. If you feel you cannot commit to the canteen the whole day remember anytime you can help is appreciated. If you are unable to work on your selected days, could you please let me know on 0419 506 318.

Di Cleary, Canteen Manager

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**Thursday 15 September**

**SPECIAL FOOTY MEAL DAY**
(no other lunch order on this day)

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

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The 'Artist of the Week' for next week will be Liam Browne from 4JH. Liam has been working on a long term project involving papier mache to make an individual maraca. After several weeks of layering and adding rice for the 'shake' noise, Liam chose a suitably bright colour for the background and used ‘Washi tape to cover the handle. The final aspect of the work was to apply authentic patterns to reflect Rio and the Olympic Games. Well done Liam.

Chris Trollope & Jennifer Hortin

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**Art Week 2016**

In the final week of term 3, Boroondara Park PS will again be celebrating Art Week. Art Week is an opportunity to showcase the artwork of our students. This year it will be all students from **grades 3, 4, 5 & 6** who will exhibit a piece of their art for the enjoyment of the school community.

We are also aware that there are a number of grown up artists in our midst. Over the years we have had several parents and staff who pursue art in one form or another in their own time. We think that Art Week is a fantastic chance to include some adult works to allow us to discover the talent in our school community and at the same time, open the students’ eyes to the notion of art as a lifetime pleasure.

If you would like to offer an artwork for exhibition during Art Week, we would love to hear from you in the Art Department.

We are looking forward to another hugely successful Art Week event so please pop it in your calendar: **September 12 – 16**.

Chris Trollope & Jennifer Hortin
La Sfida di Mario! (Mario’s challenge)

This is this week’s Italian challenge:

Mi piace sciare

All you have to do is remember these Italian words, translate them in English and say them with your best Italian pronunciation to Signora Higgins before Tuesday afternoon.

Your name will go in the newsletter and at the end of each term there will be CLBP awards for the top 3 winners.

Buona Fortuna (Good luck!)
Signora Higgins

Le défi de Tintin (Tintin’s challenge)

This is this week’s French challenge:

Je fais du ski dans les montagnes

If you know the answer and you can say it in French, find Madame Higgins before next Tuesday afternoon. You will win house points and have your name printed in the newsletter.

At the end of each term there will also be CLBP awards for the winners.

Winners: Georgette Joughin, Jay Shi, Eamon Chong, Joel Dickenson (all from FBG) and Kate Dickenson 2MC

Bonne chance! Good luck!

Madame Higgins
(P.S. watch out for missing accents!)

Performing Arts & Music at BPPS

Assembly Item
Congratulations to Emily Leonidis (voice) and our School Orchestra for their performances in this week’s assembly, Monday 15th August. A fantastic way to finish off a Monday afternoon with our ‘Favourite Things’ and ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’! Well done!

Oxfam Festival
Congratulations to all of our ensembles for their fantastic performances at the 2016 August Oxfam Concert, held at the Box Hill Town Hall on Thursday 11th August. We were incredibly proud of each and everyone of our performers last Thursday night! Congratulations on an outstanding show!

Waverley Eisteddfod
Just a reminder that our Girl’s Vocal Group will be performing at the upcoming Waverley Eisteddfod on Monday 22 August at the Robert Blackwood Hall. Could all those members who haven’t already returned their notices do so ASAP.

Grandparent’s Concert
Notices for our annual Grandparent’s Concert are going home this week. The concert will be held on September 5th, 11:15am-12:30pm with a morning tea to follow. It is Junior Choir’s turn to provide food for the morning tea so members of this ensemble will receive a notice regarding what food to bring this week. We are also asking for any volunteers interested in helping with the set up of the morning tea to return the bottom of the notice asap. We look forward to seeing you there!

Llananeath Poor & Beth Stephen (Performing Arts Teachers)
NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is run by the P. & F.A. as a service to the school community. So please don’t forget to thank the parent volunteers on Fridays.

ORDERING UNIFORM:
Can’t get to the Uniform Shop on a Friday or simply wish to avoid the queue! Drop in a pre-paid order at the office or send it with your child to school in an envelope addressed to the Uniform Shop. Current order forms are available at the office or the BPFS website. All orders must include payment; this includes correct cash, Eftpos or credit card at the office, no BPay payments please. Orders delivered to your child’s class Monday/Tuesday only.

GRADE 5 FAMILIES:
The Grade 6 polo order forms where emailed to you via our new system, this is a special order only due Friday September 2nd, with no late orders accepted. Just a reminder, please complete the order form as soon as possible.

GRADE 6 FAMILIES:
We have stock of grade 6 polos with no year if you need extra tops $35 sizes C10 to 18.
We have stock of the grade 6 rugby tops with no names, now only $30 sizes C14 to A18.

Long Sleeve Polos: we are currently out of stock of C12, new stock will be arriving shortly.
Reinforced Knee Track pants: we are currently out of stock of C12, new stock will be arriving shortly.
Sorry of any inconvenience.

WINTER SCARVES: Navy Polar Fleece scarf only $5.
RAINCOATS: We stock raincoats perfect for excursions and school camps.
HATS: Are compulsory Term 4. Don’t forget to make sure you have one before school goes back next term.

TERM 3 SPECIALS: Limited sizes available
- Old style bucket hat size large only $5
- Windcheaters sizes C14, C16 & A14 only $10
- Cotton Drill Pants size 14 only $5
- Polar Fleece Vests size 14 only $15

Poly/Cotton T-shirts: Going forward the uniform shop will be stocking 100% cotton t-shirts only, so only current stock of the poly/cotton-t-shirts are available. Very low stock of C6 & C8.
Long sleeve 100% cotton t-shirts: Only current stock available no longer able to order from supplier.
Stock in 8 & 10 only.

Regular Shop Hours: Friday 3.15pm – 3.45pm staffed by volunteer parents.
NO LATE ARRIVALS PLEASE, as parents need to bank and leave with their children.
If the uniform shop is busy, please place order with payment at the office.
If you wish to pay by EFTPOS you will need to do this at the office prior to getting your uniform from the shop.

Please keep your receipts for exchanges or refunds. Please note refunds can’t be processed on your credit card.
We can give cash or a cheque will be issued. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.
Further details on our uniform policies please see the school website. All prices mentioned above are per item.
Julie Dussin: 9857-5157 please leave a message with the office, or
Email: uniform@bpark.vic.edu.au

Saturday 19 November
3pm - 8pm | Fireworks 8:15pm
BOROONDARA PARK PRIMARY
SCHOOL FAIR 2016
FLETCHERS
Second Hand Uniform Stall

The next Second Hand Uniform Stall will be on
**Friday 26 August at 3pm**
in front of the school hall.

If you have any clean, wearable items of school uniform
no longer required by your children, please place them in
the green wheelie bin outside the Hall.
Parents & Friends' Association

Time to Declutter? Don't forget to Bag it and Bring it!

By placing your family and friends outgrown or unwanted clothing in bags and bringing them to school, you will be raising money for our school AND helping those in need!

Note - our collection bins are now located inside the School Hall next to the Canteen.

Spread the word and start collecting from family and friends...the more bags the better!!

What to Bag:
- Clean undamaged clothing,
- Pared footware
- Handbags, jackets, hats,
- Belts, swimwear
- New underwear, bras, socks
- Sheets, blankets and towels

Please contact Kylie McCarthy, 0422 082 245 if you have any questions.

Telstra employees - can you help???

Do you or a family member/friend work for Telstra?
If yes, we'd love to hear from you!

BPPS is actively seeking Telstra employee sponsors to assist us with the Telstra Kid's Fund grants.

If you are new to the school and are eligible to help, or if you are a previous sponsor (but have not assisted in the past 3 years) and would like to help us out again, please get in touch without delay! Registrations are currently being taken for the next round of grants. The more sponsors we have, the more funds we can potentially receive to benefit our school!

To register your details or for more information, please contact Olivia Keenan (Grants Coordinator) on 0413 945 056 or e_keenan@outlook.com.

BPPS Fathers’ Day Stall 2016

Another event proudly organised by the Parents and Friends Association

On Father's Day people show their appreciation for fathers and father figures.

Fri. 2nd September

Come along in your class groups to choose from
Gifts ranging from $1 - $15 each

You can make multiple purchases but please do not bring any more than $20

AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING A BAG FOR YOUR GIFT

HELP NEEDED: 8am-1pm
Contact Sia Papadopoulos OR Jane Fellingham
0433 804 420 OR 0419234266

or email availability to siapap@bigpond.com

OR complete below and hand in to your teacher

Fathers Day STALL 2016
I can help (please tick on or as many boxes as you like )
☐ setting up 8-9am
☐ on the stall 9-10am ☐ on the stall 10-11am
☐ on the stall 11am-12pm ☐ on the stall 12-1pm
☐ packing up or stocktake 1-2:30pm

Name:........................................................................................................
Contact Number:...................................................................................
Email (optional): ..................................................................................

Please hand in to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 17th August
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Mums and Dads! Do you want to volunteer in your community but are time poor? Casserole Club may just be perfect for you!

Casserole Club allows its volunteers to assist in their community using as minimal time possible whilst still creating a big impact from the work they do. We match people in the Boroondara area who would like to share an extra portion of their home cooked meal with an older person in their neighbourhood who may not be able to cook for themselves regularly.

This is a great opportunity to connect with your community, meet new and interesting people and to show your children the value of volunteering.

Click here to view the Casserole Club video: http://bit.ly/1PE0VwE

To find out more information please go to www.casseroleclub.com.au or call Lana Barnett at the City of Boroondara on 03 92784777