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Wednesday 27th October 2021

Term 4 updates:

Before school clubs have re-commenced this week and are popular. Our Brekky Club on Wednesday mornings includes Toasties and Milo in the courtyard. Its lovely to have these things happening again.

We continue to maximise opportunities for ventilation in all classrooms, with windows and doors being propped open wherever possible. All students continue to be reminded to wash and sanitise their hands and wear their masks as required – strongly recommended for F– 2 and compulsory for Grades 3-6.

COVID Plans:

If our school is designated a Tier 1 exposure site (as notified by DHS), please be assured that I will make direct contact with all families (via email) about what to do. *Individual students and explicit classes identified as Personal Close Contacts (PCCs)* will receive instruction about their isolation requirements from DHS. The intention is to minimise disruption to all school environments.

Bushfire Preparedness work:

The recent rain had been fantastic for the garden, but also brings an awareness about the growth and thus the fire risks ahead. Please consider your personal Fire Safety Plans at home. We have also been practising our emergency evacuation procedures at school. Our school is on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR) — Category 3. This means that on a designated Code Red Day our school will be closed.

Planning for 2022:

We have commenced early planning for 2022 school structures. If you are intending to move and your son or daughter will not be attending BPS for 2022, please let us know. Teachers are currently working on grade structures. We intend to still offer our specialist subjects: Art, Music, PE, Gardening and Chinese Mandarin in 2022.

School requisites for 2022: We are currently working on a new approach for the provision of learning items (ie. booklists) for 2022. This will allow families to directly order (on– line), purchase and then collect the items from school on a designated day.

Details will be coming home soon to explain and outline the new process for 2022.

Library renos:

We have been making some changes to the floor plan of the Library at school. Thanks to the efforts of Viv, Freya, Brayden and Charlie last Friday, we now have a large open space to enjoy books!



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Be Your Best!

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Calendar of Events

Regular Events

Camp Aust OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday, 3- 6pm

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS—8am—8:30

Mondays

Library Club

Tuesdays

Library Club

Wednesdays

Brekky Club

Thursdays

Fun Fit Thursdays

Meet at 8am at Garden Gully

Special Events

Friday October 29

Teacher Appreciation Day

Monday November 1

F-2 Swimming starts today for 5 days.

Wednesday November 3

Lunch Orders are available from today. Yay!

Monday November 8

Grades 3-6 Swimming starts today for 3 days.



Pre-loved uniforms are available via click and collect.
Please email Louise Rodriquez to find out
what is available and organise your order. Thank you!

Louise.Rodriquez@education.vic.gov.au

All donations of pre-loved items welcome!

Maths

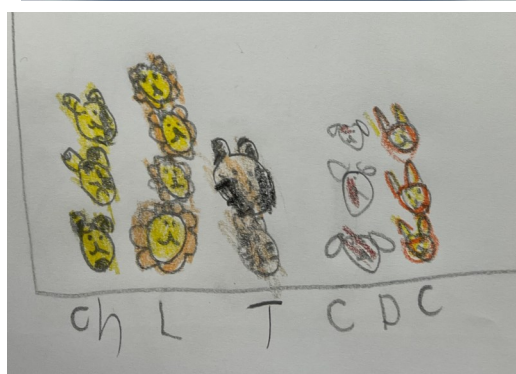
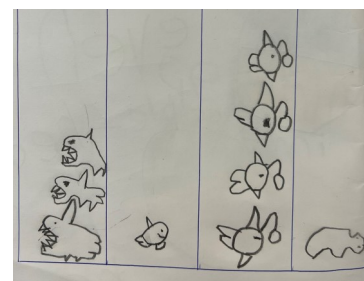
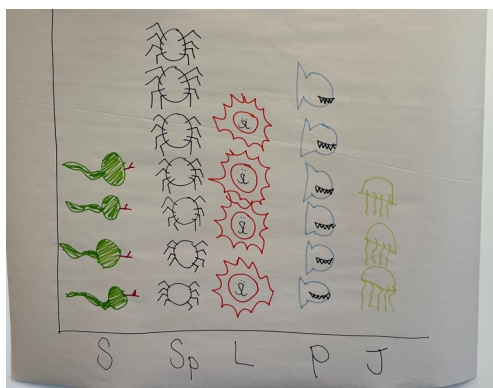
1/2 Wadley

Room 7



We have been learning to collect data in Room 7 and create a picture or bar graph to represent our data. On Monday we created 'mystery graphs'. We drew a picture graph and we had to guess what question we would have asked to get that data.

1. Miss Wadley's was: Which animal is the scariest?
2. Ayaan's was: Which is your favourite ocean animal?
3. Ana's was: Which animal is the fastest?
4. And Henil's was: What is your favourite colour?



Remember you can access Mathletics at home at www.mathletics.com.au and Mathseeds at <https://mathseeds.com>

Literacy

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Room 7

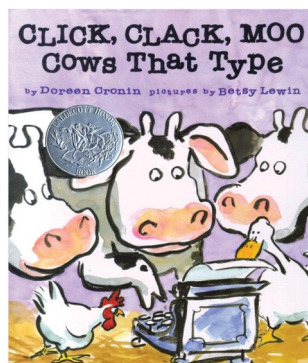


In writing this term, we have focused on writing persuasive texts. This week we are writing persuasive letters to Farmer Brown, pretending we are animals, demanding what we would like on the farm.

In the book 'Click Clack, Moo, Cows That Type' the cows asked for electric blankets and the ducks wanted a diving board.

Here are some of the ideas we discussed of what a pig might like:

Pizza, woollen blankets, beds, more mud, lollies!



Remember you can access Reading Eggs at home at www.readingeggs.com



Specialist Corner

You may recall in my last column I mentioned a whole school project we were working on to decorate some large timber rounds. You may also have noticed some black ink on your child's thumb, but mostly they did a fantastic job washing the ink off their thumb after completing their fingerprint. Here are some photos of what we did and how they look. All class timber rounds have been completed and I have caught up with all of the children who were absent on the day the class did theirs, and now the staff are putting their mark on our new pathway. These timber rounds will be lacquered and installed in the indigenous grasslands on Old Violet Street over the next few weeks.

Art



Ms Finch is planning a fun artistic activity for LARP next week and would love any **Bottle Tops** you might have at home that you could donate to the school. Ms Finch will have a box just inside the library door for any donations to be placed. Bottle tops of any size, shape and colour would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



Gardening



This week our main work has been to clear our garden beds for summer veggies. Grade 5/6's have been honing their weed identification skills with a focus on fumitory which is flowering at the moment. Please excuse the alliteration of F's!

Fumitory



This creeping weed with parsley / carrot like leaves is quickly invasive. It's also called Earth Smoke! Here's a link if you are interested to find out its reputed uses as a herbal remedy, especially for acne:

<https://thewonkypotapothecary.wordpress.com/2018/04/01/fumitory/>

Many of our weeds are useful plants too - just in the wrong place at the wrong time!



Sweet and Sour Strawberries Group in 1/2 D were busy making compost with layers of rich soil from the chook run and our weed and grasses piles. Great team work by them and Golden Freddy from 1/2 MB saw us nearly fill bay 1!



The Gardening Group from 1/2 D did some delightful digging of weeds from under the fruit trees. Those fruit fly nets will be going on very soon!



Gardening



Here Seed Squad is busy gathering the rich soil from the chook run to add to our composting piles.



Our Grade 1/2's have been busy in the chook garden. Here the Sunflowers Group are harvesting broad beans.

Our discovery of a large centipede last week caused great excitement and a little fear! They are poisonous and very scary looking. It certainly gave us a good chance to explain not all bugs should be captured for a closer look.

Check this link for more information!

<https://australian.museum/learn/animals/centipedes/scolopendrid-centipedes/>

Image is from Museum Victoria.



This beautiful spring weather makes me sing inside! Sympathy too, to those suffering hay fever and allergies. It's a pest of a thing which I've thankfully grown out of. Hoping you can enjoy some of the beautiful weather.

Sara



Newsletter

**It's time to
celebrate,
we're back!**



**Your
OSHC.**

A message from your Coordinator

Hello Bendigo Violet Street families,

Welcome to week 4. Last week we introduced a new friend, a puppy teddy by the name of Mr Cutie. As a group we sat down and created the perfect name for him. He will be going home with a new family each night. Mr Cutie will go home with a logbook for you to be able to track all the things he gets up to at your house. We look forward to seeing all the things he gets up to.

We also ask that all parents scan the QR code when they come to collect their child. Please ensure you scan the one that says After School Care. We also ask that you wait at the door to collect your child. If you would like to come into the building the school requires you to be fully vaccinated so you might be asked to show proof.

Thank you,

Kaitlin Massara, Coordinator

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Activities coming up

- Group Games
- Puppet Making
- Learning new card games

What's on the menu

- Biscuits and salsa
- Banana bread
- Rice cakes

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New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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