



Broadford Primary School

Believe in yourself

Term 1, Week 3 - Friday 13th February 2026

NEWSLETTER

A word from Mrs Cooney...

Welcome to Country

Last Friday we held our first whole school gathering for the year, with Aunty Jo performing a Welcome to Country ceremony. Aunty Jo was supported by Aunty Kelly and Jaimie, who spoke with our students and answered many thoughtful questions.

Aunty Jo brought along her possum skin cloak and explained its cultural significance and importance. It was a meaningful and respectful way to begin our year together as a school community and acknowledge the Taungurung people and pay respect to Aboriginal culture and history.



Information Sessions for Parents and Carers

Following our *Building for Success* start-up program, where students focused on building positive relationships and establishing routines and expectations to support a calm, learning-focused environment, we commenced our regular learning programs this week. It has been wonderful visiting classrooms and seeing students engaged in their learning.

Next week we will be holding Year Level Information Evenings. These sessions provide an opportunity for you to hear more about what your child will be learning this year, the activities they will be involved in, and to meet and speak with your child's teacher.

All information evenings will be held in the library, accessed via the main school entrance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Team Information Evenings

- **Monday 16th February – 5.30pm:** Grade 3/4
 - **Wednesday 18th February – 6.00pm:** Grade 1/2
 - **Thursday 19th February – 5.00pm:** Grade 5/6
 - **Wednesday 25th February – 5.30pm:** Foundation
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Upcoming Events – Please Join Us!

We have some exciting events coming up and warmly invite you to be involved:



Monday 16th February, 9.00–11.00am – Whole School Tabloid Sports Morning. Students can wear their house colours on the day.

This will be followed by a picnic morning tea on the oval. Families are welcome to bring a picnic basket and rug to enjoy time together.



Tuesday 10th March – Grade 3–6 Swimming Carnival at Broadford Pool, 10am-1.30pm.

Please note the change of date (previously Wednesday) due to the commencement of NAPLAN assessments. We again invite families to come along and support our students at the carnival.

Please note that Broadford Primary School respects the privacy of all members of our community. In line with our *Photographing, Filming and Recording* policy, parents/carers, students and invited guests are asked not to photograph, film or record school performances, sporting events or other school-approved activities.

School Assembly

School assemblies will be held every second Monday at 9.00am. Due to the Tabloid Sports morning, our first assembly for the year will be on **Monday 2nd March**.

Parents and carers are warmly welcome to attend.

Positive Acknowledgements



Each week, teachers award a *Student of the Week* certificate to a student in their class who has demonstrated outstanding work ethic, positive behaviour, or academic or social growth.

Certificates are presented in class at the end of the week, acknowledged in the class weekly news feed to families, and names are published in the fortnightly school newsletter. Students who receive a certificate will also stand at assembly to be recognised by the school community.

Parent/Carer involvement

We value parent/carer involvement at our school. Two ways you can become involved are by joining the **School Council** or our **Parents and Friends Group**.

All government schools in Victoria have a school council with parent members on the council to provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills, experiences and knowledge, which help inform and shape the direction of the school.

School Council nominations open Monday, with nomination forms available from the office. Further information about School Council is included in this week's newsletter.

Our Parents and Friends Group will hold their AGM on **Wednesday 11th March 9am** in the Community Hub (please see the office for directions). The primary purpose of a Parents and Friends (P&F) association is to foster a strong, collaborative community by bridging the gap between home and school. Our P&F do an amazing job enhancing the educational environment through fundraising, promoting parent participation, and supporting school activities to improve student well-being.

Ms Chisholm will also be running a Volunteers in School program this term – dates to be advised.

We greatly value parent and carer involvement in our school community and encourage you to consider one of the many ways you can get involved.

School Policy Updates

In line with our policy review schedule, the following policies have recently been reviewed and updated:

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Communication with School Staff
- Insurance
- Mobile Phone – Student Use
- Photographing, Filming and Recording
- Yard Duty Supervision

These policies are available on our website <https://broadps.vic.edu.au/information/#policies>

Hard copies can also be requested from the office.

Road Safety



We have recently received reports of Broadford Primary School students being unsafe when walking home near the train lines and surrounding roads.

Please speak with your child about the importance of using designated crossings and never crossing train tracks. Our children are very precious, and we are committed to working together to keep them safe.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin what is shaping up to be a positive and productive year at Broadford Primary School. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact their teacher.

Mrs Jennene Cooney

Principal

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week	Date	Events
4	16 - 20 Feb	Mon 16th - Tabloid House Sports, 9am-11am Mon 16th - Grade 3/4 Information night, 5.30pm Tues 17th - Fri 20th - Grade 3-6 swimming Wed 18th - Breakfast Club, 8.20am-8.50am in the Community Hub Wed 18th - Foundation students, no classes Wed 18th - Grade 1/2 Information night, 6pm Thurs 19th - Grade 5/6 Information night, 5pm Fri 20th - Breakfast Club, 8.20am-8.50am in the Community Hub
5	23 - 27 Feb	Tues 24th - Fri 27th - Grade 3-6 swimming Wed 25th - Foundation students, no classes Wed 25th - Foundation Information night, 5.30pm
6	2 - 6 Mar	Mon 2nd - Assembly, 9am Tues 3rd - Fri 6th - Grade 3-6 swimming Fri 6th - Curriculum Day, student free day
7	9 - 13 Mar	Mon 9th - Labour Day public holiday Tues 10th - Grade 3-6 Swimming Sports, 10am-1.30pm Wed 11th - Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN Wed 11th - Parent Club AGM, 9am

Hard copy notes sent home from the office this week— Foundation & new students Media Consent form

2026 CURRICULUM DAYS

Term 1 - Friday 6th March

Term 2 - Friday 5th June

Term 4 - Monday 2nd November

BUS TRAVEL STUDENTS

A reminder that as part of our duty of care, and to ensure buses aren't delayed after school each day, we ask that if your child is not travelling home on the school bus, please contact the school office via email or phone 5784 1221 to ensure they are marked off the bus list.



Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

Student of the Week awards are presented to a student in each class who has demonstrated outstanding work ethic, positive behaviour, or academic or social growth.

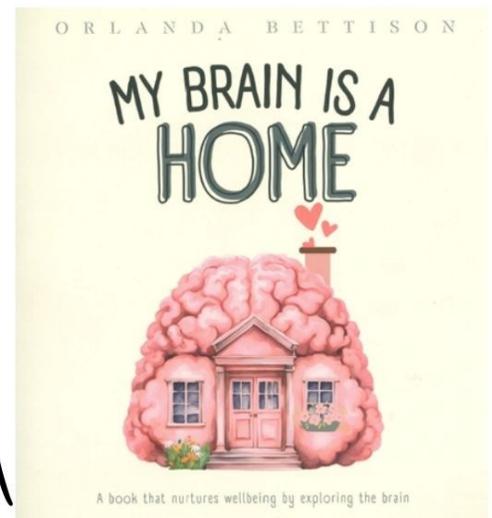
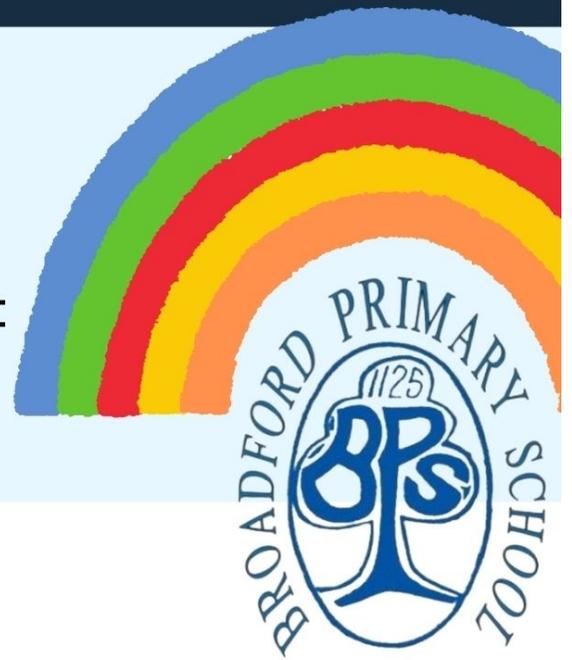
Well done to the following students who have achieved an award:

	Room	Week 2	Week 3
Foundation	14	JAXON W	TILLY S
	15	WILLIAM H	RUBY W
	16	ZOE E	ELLIOTT J
Grade 1/2	10	DYLAN F	ZANDER R
	11	CLAIRE M	ALLIE C
	12	RAVEN K	DANIEL K
	13	DANE B	EAMON K
Grade 3/4	1	ALLAURA-ELLEN C	JACKSON C
	2	DEXTER M	SIENNA G
	3	HARLEY R	LANATI H
	4	BROOKLYN K	ALEX V
Grade 5/6	6	FRAY H	DOMINIC S
	7	KELLIE O	WILLIAM D
	8	SEAN M	SOPHIE O
	9	JASMINE T	LOGAN L

BROADFORD PRIMARY WELLBEING

This term students kicked off their wellbeing lessons

learning a little bit about how their brain responds to different emotions, stress, and regulation. Students came up with a list of strategies that help them return to a calm or focused brain space.

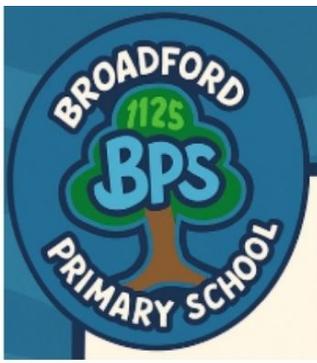


WELLBEING **CHECK IN!**



Ask your child about these fantastic resources!





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PRIMARY SCHOOL**



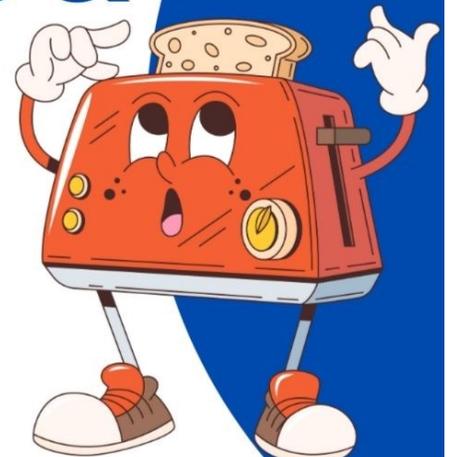
BREAKFAST CLUB



**STARTING
WEDNESDAY 18TH
FEBRUARY**



**8:20 – 8:50 IN THE
COMMUNITY HUB
WEDNESDAYS &
FRIDAYS**



Communication at Broadford Primary School



Effective communication with parents and carers is very important to us at BPS. We value strong partnerships and welcome opportunities to meet, communicate and work together to support our students.

We use a range of communication channels to keep families informed about what is happening at BPS. These are outlined below to help you stay up to date and connected with our school community.



Facebook – Celebrate & Connect – Broadford PS

- Share **student learning, reminders, and events**
 - Closed group: **current parents, grandparents, carers, guardians, staff**
 - **Membership:** Answer questions + student's full name; if not your child, state relationship/reason
 - Group: **Broadford Primary School Group** – look for the **school gate** image
 - Respectful behaviour only – bullying/disrespect = removal
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Website – All School Info in One Place <https://broadps.vic.edu.au>

- Access **policies, newsletters, camp info, documents**
 - Visit regularly for updates
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Compass – Communication & Reports

- Notify **student absences**
 - Update **parent/carer details**
 - Access **documents and forms**
 - View & print **student reports**
 - Receive notifications
 - Email communication with teachers
 - Contact office for your login details (username/password)
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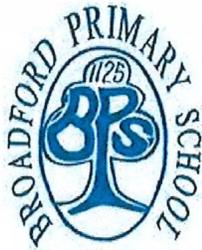
School Office – Phone Contact 5784-1221

- Open **8:30 am – 4:15 pm**
 - Friendly staff available for questions & support
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Newsletter – Stay Up to Date

- Published **fortnightly on Fridays**
- Features: **celebrations & community items**
- Alternate Fridays: **calendar of upcoming events**
- **Electronically** available; limited **hard copies** at office



BROADFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

2026 UNIFORM ORDER FORM



ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE :-

<http://bps.allthingsuniform.getworkgear.com/>

Name		Childs Names			
Grade		Phone			
Item	Size	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
SUMMER					
Short Sleeve Polo - Sky	4-16 / S-4XL			\$25.00 / \$27.00	
Microfibre Coolfit Shorts - Navy	4-14 / S-4XL			\$30.00 / \$31.90	
Rugby Knit Short - Navy	4-16 / S-4XL			\$24.20 / \$26.40	
Summer Dress - Navy/White	.4-16			\$28.60/\$31.90	
Skort - Navy	.4-16			\$30.00/\$32.00	
WINTER					
Long Sleeve Polo – Sky	4-14 / S-4XL			\$28.00 / \$31.00	
Straight Leg Track Pant - Navy	.4-16			\$33.00	
Fleecy Track Pant Cuffed - Navy	4-16 / S-4XL			\$26.50 / \$29.50	
Bomber Jacket - Royal	4-16 / S-2XL			\$38.50 / \$42.00	
Polar Fleece Jacket - Royal	4-14 / S-4XL			\$38.50 / \$42.00	
Vneck Jumper - Royal	4-14 / S-4XL			\$38.50 / \$42.00	

ALL ORDERS AND ENQUIRIES TO BE DIRECTED TO :-



Shop 64 High St, Broadford, Ph : 5784 2276
Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm



School council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that set the broad direction of a school and provide oversight of school decisions and finances.

Their roles are guided by rules and laws including Ministerial Order 1280 (Constitution of Government School Councils) 2020, the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017 and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

Who is on the school council?

There are several possible categories of school council membership:

- **parent membership category** – members of this category must make up more than one third of the school council's total membership. A parent member can be any person who has parental responsibility for a student enrolled at the school.
- **school employee membership category** – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically a member of this category.
- **community membership category** – if a school council includes a community membership category, members are co-opted by a decision of the school council. The decision may be based on their special skills or to provide broader representation of diversity in the school community. Department of Education employees are not eligible to be community members on school council.
- **nominee membership category** – a small number of school councils have nominee members.
- **student membership category** – all schools with a Year 7 and above student cohort have a student membership category with 2 positions allocated, unless they have sought an exemption.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of election and call for nominations in term 1 of each year and let you know where you can get a nomination form.

You can nominate yourself in the parent membership category by filling in the nomination form.

Parent members are required to hold a valid Working with Children Clearance (WWCC) to nominate for a position on school council. The only exception to this requirement is parents who are also teachers and hold a current VIT registration.

If you work at your child's school, then you are not eligible to run in the parent membership category, but you can nominate for the school employee membership category.

If you work for the Department of Education somewhere other than your child's school, then you are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school. However, there is a limit to the number of department employees who can hold office in the parent membership category. Check with your school's principal.

You must return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a nomination form receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

How do I get a Working with Children Clearance, and does it cost money?

You can apply for a Working with Children Check (WWCC) through the Services Victoria website. School council members are volunteers which means that applying for a WWCC is free. When applying for a WWCC, parents must:

- nominate the Department of Education as the organisation they are working for when applying for a Working with Children Check
- provide evidence of their Working with Children Clearance as soon as practicable after receiving it (or via the school council nomination form)

What happens if there are more nominations than positions available?

If the number of nominations is greater than the positions available in any school council membership category, a ballot is required to elect members to school council. A ballot means a vote is held to determine which of the nominees are elected to school council.

Each parent/carer who is eligible to be on school council is given a ballot paper to vote. Ballot papers are only given to members of the specific membership category where the ballot is required.

For example, if a ballot is required to determine who will be elected to the parent membership category, each parent/carer of a child at the school are given a ballot paper and are able to vote.

What happens if not enough parents nominate to fill the available parent membership positions?

All nominees will be declared elected to school council. For the remainder of the unfilled positions, the principal will call for a second round of nominations, for a 3 day period.

What happens if the number of nominations equals the number of positions available?

The nominees are elected to school council and the election process concludes. For example, if 3 parents nominate and there are 3 parent positions available, all 3 parents who nominated are elected to and join school council.

How long is the term of office?

Generally, the term of office for all council members is 2 years. The term of office of half the members in each category expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

How often does school council meet?

School council is required to meet 8 times per year and at least once per term. Meetings are held at the school, generally after school hours.

School council members can also join meetings virtually. If you would like to read more about what happens at a school council meeting, please refer to the School Council – Meetings policy.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parent members on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills, experiences and knowledge, which help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. Each school council member brings their own valuable skills, knowledge and life experience to the role. An interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future are the most important criteria.

To successfully perform their duties, school council members may need to gain some new skills and knowledge. Free school council training is available to all school council members. The training helps support school council members with their roles and responsibilities.

Code of conduct for school council members

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the Public Administration Act 2004. School council members must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission.

The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires school council members to:

- act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
 - act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other council members and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
 - act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
 - use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
 - exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- use the position appropriately – not use the position as a school council member to gain an advantage
- act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
 - comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
 - demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

The Department of Education provides insurance to school council members. School council members are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith in the exercise of their powers and functions as a member of school council.

For further information refer to the School council – liability and legal proceedings policy.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. Ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

You might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot

BPS School Council Election Process and Timeline 2026	
Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday 16 th February 2026
Closing date for nominations	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 25 th February 2026
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Monday 2 nd March 2026
Close of ballot	Tuesday 10 th March 2026
Vote count	Tuesday 10 th March 2026
Declaration of poll	Thursday 12 th March 2026
First council meeting to elect office bearers	Wednesday 25 th March 2026

FRIENDS & FAMILY COMMITTEE

JOIN US!

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED & MEET NEW PEOPLE

- ✓ VOLUNTEER FOR SPECIAL FUNDRAISERS
- ✓ MONTHLY CATCH UPS
- ✓ DONATE TO RAFFLES AND STALLS
- ✓ HELP WITH OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS (COLOUR RUN, STALLS)

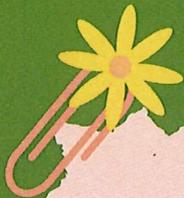
You are invited to be a part of something extraordinary by growing your school community as well as making epic memories for your children. Together, let's make their primary school years the best!



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
LOOKING TO JOIN A
WALKING CLUB?
PLEASE LET THE OFFICE
KNOW YOUR PREFERRED DAY
AND TIME.



TO ENQUIRE CONTACT BPS OFFICE



Calling All Makers!

We're collecting EOI for simple handmade gifts for the Student's Mother's Day market stall. Please contact office for more info



Handmade
ie. keychains,
earrings,

Can be sold
for \$1-\$15

ability to
produce 30-45
similar items





BROADFORD NETBALL CLUB

Woolworths

NET SET GO!

Looking for a fun, active way to get your kids moving in 2026? 🏐
NetSetGO is the perfect intro to netball – loads of laughs, new friendships, and skill-building in a safe, supportive environment. No experience needed, just enthusiasm! Come join the fun and be part of our netball family.

📱 REGISTER NOW

- Netball Connect App
- Create an account
- Search 3658 – Broadford Netball Club (KBNA)

Ages 5-10YRS

📅 THURSDAYS

- Starts 19th February
- 6 weeks | Ends 26th March

📍 Broadford Netball Courts

🕒 4:00 – 5:00pm

Questions?

💬 Facebook Messenger

✉️ broadfordnetballclub@gmail.com



✨ Spots fill fast – don't miss out! ✨

6 WEEK SESSION (INCLUDING VNA) \$110

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FREESTYLE MARTIAL ARTS

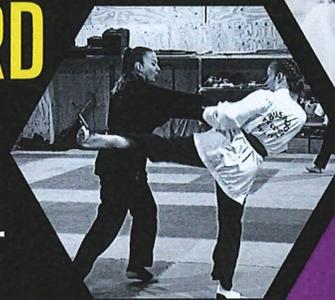
COMING TO BROADFORD

ALL AGES ALL LEVELS

BROADFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURS 6:30 - 7:30PM

COMMENCING 15 JAN 2026



DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING KARATE

Self-defense, physical fitness, mental discipline, personal growth, and social connections. At Bushido, our martial arts programs are designed to not only enhance technical skills but also to foster mental resilience and overall well-being. We strive to keep classes fun and exciting but also challenging.

Our team of experienced and certified instructors are dedicated to guiding and inspiring students across these various dimensions.

Some students join Bushido to improve their physical fitness, boost their self-confidence, or pursue personal growth. For others, the journey is focused on achieving their Black Belt.

Our grading program is self-paced and is evaluated on an individual basis. Bushido is open to participants of all ages, abilities, and fitness levels.

Register your interest for 2026 scan the QR code or contact:



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