



Term 1, Week 5 - Friday 27th February 2026

NEWSLETTER

A word from Mrs Cooney...

Over the past two weeks, students have settled into their learning routines. It is great to visit classrooms and see students focused on their learning and embracing new challenges.



A highlight of the fortnight was our Tabloid Sports event. It was terrific to see so many families join us, enjoy the activities and share a picnic together on the oval during morning tea. Events like these show the strength of our school community. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the day.



We have also held Information Evenings for each cohort. These sessions provided families with valuable insights into classroom programs, learning expectations and upcoming events. PowerPoint presentations will be sent home to families who were unable to attend. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Whole School Assembly - Monday 2nd March – 9:00am

We will be holding a whole school assembly on Monday morning and parents/carers are warmly welcome to attend.

Curriculum Day – Friday 6th March

Victorian Government schools receive four student-free curriculum days each year for teacher professional learning, school planning and assessment. Our next curriculum day is **Friday 6th March** - students do not attend school on this day.

Grade 3–6 Swimming Carnival

Following our swimming program, students in Grades 3–6 will participate in the Swimming Carnival at the Broadford Pool on **Tuesday 10th March**. After the long weekend, don't forget your bathers!

Opportunities to Get Involved in Our School

School Council

Following the recent call for nominations we still have **4 parent vacancies** on School Council. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to school planning and decision-making while supporting our community. School Council meets twice per term and our AGM will be held on Wednesday 25th March at 6pm. The annual school report will also be presented at this meeting. Please consider joining school council. Nominations have re-opened until Wednesday 4th March. Please contact the office if you would like to join School Council.

Parents & Friends AGM - Wednesday 11th March – 9:00am in the Community Hub

Our Parents & Friends group plays an important role in building community connections and supporting school initiatives. P&F meet monthly. We would love to see new faces join us as some of our members are no longer with us and have now moved on to high school.

Phones & Smart Watches Reminder

Students are not permitted to use mobile phones at school. Phones must be switched off and stored securely at the school office each day. Parents will be contacted and asked to collect the phone if students don't follow our policy expectations.

Please refer to our Mobile Phone Student Use Policy for further information:

<https://broadps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Mobile-Phone-Student-Use-Policy.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and productive fortnight ahead.

Mrs Jennene Cooney

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week	Date	Events
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 - Fri 13th - Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN Testing window Wed 11th - Parent Club AGM, 9am Fri 13th - Room 9 & Room 8 swimming
8	16 - 20 Mar	Mon 16th - Fri 20th Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN Testing window Mon 16th - Assembly, Student Leaders Badge presentation, 9am
9	23 - 27 Mar	
10	30 Mar - 3 Apr	Mon 30th - Assembly, 9am Thurs 2nd - Last day of term, 2.30pm finish
TERM 2		
1	20 - 24 Apr	Mon 20th - First day on term 2, 8.50am start

Hard copy notes sent home from the office this week— Nil

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.

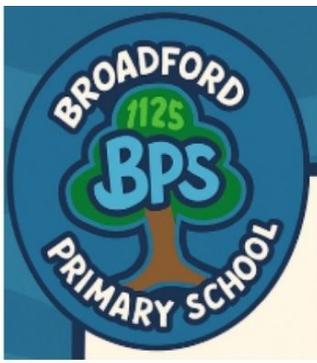


Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

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 4	Week 5
Foundation	14	ELLIOT C	ZACK C
	15	GWENDOLYN L	RORY S
	16	FELIX H	GWENDOLYN T
Grade 1/2	10	ISABEL G	JOSHUA C
	11	INDIGO M	ARIA M
	12	MAYLEE H	CHELSEA M
	13	MATILDA H	GIOVANNI S
Grade 3/4	1	PIPER H	JACOB R
	2	BEATRICE B	OLIVER T
	3	AMALIA V	KIARA B
	4	RUBY M	ELIJAH F
Grade 5/6	6	INDIE C	CIENNA S
	7	ELIJAH K	LIAM C
	8	JORDAN M	KAYDEN J
	9	NATHAN S	EDEN M



**BROADFORD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



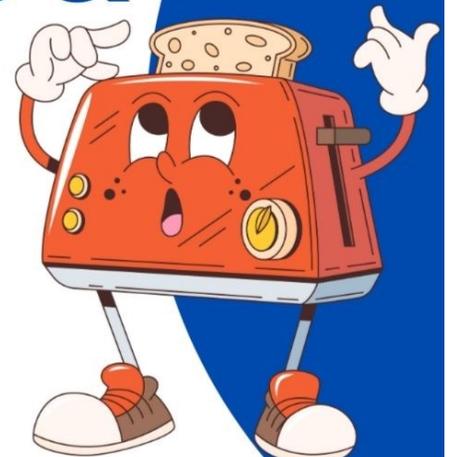
BREAKFAST CLUB



**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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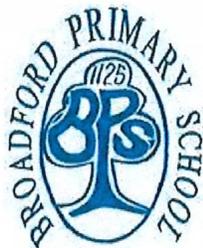
School Office – Phone Contact 5784-1221

- 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

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!

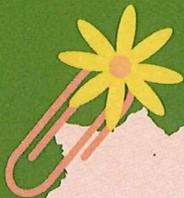


- ✓ VOLUNTEER FOR SPECIAL FUNDRAISERS
- ✓ MONTHLY CATCH UPS
- ✓ DONATE TO RAFFLES AND STALLS
- ✓ HELP WITH OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS (COLOUR RUN, STALLS)

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





CURRICULUM DAY!

BROADFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HAVE A CURRICULUM DAY AND BROADFORD KELLY CLUB ARE OPEN

WE WILL BE PROVIDING:

- BREAKFAST
- AFTERNOON TEA

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS:
• PACKED MORNING TEA AND LUNCH
• A WATER BOTTLE

• A REMINDER:
FOR EARLY FINISH DAYS AT THE END OF TERM, WE ALSO OPEN WHEN SCHOOL FINISHES.

FOR BOOKING:
• BOOK VIA THE XPLOR APP UNDER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS, OR TEXT OR CALL OR EMAIL THE ON THE DETAILS BELOW!

FOR NEW FAMILIES:
PLEASE DO AN ENROLMENT VIA OUR WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://WWW.KELLYCLUB.COM.AU/BROADFORD](https://www.kellyclub.com.au/broadford)

6th March 2026

6:30am-6:20pm

Text Broadford Kelly Club on
0478 153 546, or
Email
broadford@kellyclub.com.au.



APRIL 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BROADFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL (6:30AM-6:20PM)
17-23 POWLETT ST, BROADFORD, ENTER VIA SNODGRASS ST

CCS PROGRAM SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

WEEK 1

Mon 6 Apr	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Happy Easter Monday!	FULL FEE AFTER MAX CCS*
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Tues 7 Apr	K-POP DEMON HUNTERS DISCO PARTY!	Sing, dance and shine under spectacular disco lights with professional microphones and glow bracelets for every child! Dress up as your favourite K-POP Demon Hunter - glittering Hunter or lightning-bolt Demon! Includes face art, fun games and one final high-energy song to finish!	FULL FEE \$110 AFTER MAX CCS* \$11
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Wed 8 Apr	FIDGET FRENZY EXTRAVAGANZA!	Get ready for a whirlwind of creativity and fun! Children will dive into hands-on activities, designing their very own DIY Fidget Spinners to twist and spin, or decorating a DIY Candy Jar to take home.	FULL FEE \$95 AFTER MAX CCS* \$9.5
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Thur 9 Jan	SEA LIFE Melbourne	Dive into an underwater adventure! Children will explore amazing marine creatures, get up close with colourful fish, playful seals, and fascinating sea stars. Interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, and surprises at every turn make this an unforgettable aquatic journey!	FULL FEE \$120 AFTER MAX CCS* \$12
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Fri 10 Jan	MINIONS	Join the fun with everyone's favourite yellow mischief-makers! Children will enjoy Minion-inspired games, crafts, and activities, plus laugh along with silly challenges and playful surprises. A day full of giggles, creativity, and Minion madness!	FULL FEE \$80 AFTER MAX CCS* \$8
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WEEK 2

Mon 13 Jan	MINECRAFT	Step into the blocky world of adventure! Children can build, craft, and explore through fun Minecraft-inspired games, challenges, and creative activities. A day packed with imagination, teamwork, and endless pixelated fun!	FULL FEE \$80 AFTER MAX CCS* \$8
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Tues 14 Jan	DOWN UNDER WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER	Get up close with amazing Aussie animals! Children will meet kangaroos, reptiles, and other native creatures, learn fascinating facts, and enjoy hands-on experiences in a fun, interactive wildlife adventure. A wild day full of discovery and excitement!	FULL FEE \$110 AFTER MAX CCS* \$11
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Wed 15 Jan	THE 5 SENSES	A fun, hands-on adventure for the senses! Children will explore slime, messy play, and other sensory creations, making exciting projects they can take home. A playful, squishy, colourful experience that's all about seeing, touching, smelling, tasting, and listening!	FULL FEE \$95 AFTER MAX CCS* \$9.5
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Thur 16 Jan	AFL MAX	We head on an exciting excursion to AFL Max, where children will participate in interactive sport activities, obstacle courses, and team challenges designed to build confidence, teamwork, and physical skills. Start for excursion is 10:00 with more information to come.	FULL FEE \$120 AFTER MAX CCS* \$12
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Fri 17 Jan	MEGA GAMES DAY	Get ready for non-stop action and fun! Kids will take part in a variety of exciting indoor and outdoor games, challenges, and team activities. From friendly competitions to laugh-out-loud moments, it's a full day of energy, teamwork, and mega-sized fun!	FULL FEE \$80 AFTER MAX CCS* \$8
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Contact: Courtney Pateras Email: broadford@kellyclub.com.au Phone: 0478 153 546
Further information: [kellyclub.com.au/broadford](https://www.kellyclub.com.au/broadford)

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.

ENROL NOW AT

[kellyclub.com.au/broadford](https://www.kellyclub.com.au/broadford)



2026 REGISTRATIONS

BROADFORD NETBALL CLUB INC

REGISTER NOW TO GET A FREE PAIR BNC SOCKS



CONTACT US VIA FACEBOOK OR EMAIL
broadfordnetballclub@gmail.com

**PLEASE NOTE:
CLOSING 15TH MARCH
OR EARLIER DUE TO CAPACITY**

**UNDER
9S, 11S, 13S & 16S**

BUSHIDO

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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