Term 1, Week 1 - Friday 30th January 2026

NEWSLETTER

A word from Mrs Cooney...

Welcome back to the 2026 school year! We hope all families enjoyed a safe, relaxing and refreshing break. It has been wonderful to welcome students back to school and see the excitement, smiles and enthusiasm as classrooms come to life once again.

A special welcome to our new students and families joining our school community this year—we are so pleased to have you with us. We look forward to getting to know you and working together to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

Our Focus for the Year Ahead

Our theme for 2026 is **'Building for Success'.** We are committed to providing high-quality teaching and learning, fostering positive relationships, and ensuring every child feels safe, supported and challenged to do their best. Over the next two weeks we will be focusing on laying the groundwork to build positive relationships and establish routines and expectations to ensure a learning-focused environment within the classroom.

School Events

To celebrate the beginning of a new school year and provide opportunities to connect and build positive relationships, we have several events planned over the coming weeks.

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

On **Friday 6 February at 9.30am**, we will hold a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion. We thank the Taungurung Land and Water Council for their ongoing support. If you would like a cuppa before the ceremony, tea and coffee will be available in the library. Our administration staff will be able to direct you if you are unsure where to go.

Tabloid House Sports Day

On **Monday 16 February from 9.00am – 11.00am**, we will be holding a whole-school tabloid house sports day. Families are invited to come along, join in the fun and support our students. You are also welcome to bring a picnic blanket and morning tea and enjoy a picnic on the oval at the conclusion of the sports.

Year Level Information Sessions

Each year level team will hold an information session for parents and carers to introduce themselves, outline learning for the term, and share key events for the year. Dates and times will be communicated next week.

Communication

We value open communication between staff, students and families, as working together is key to supporting student success. Broadford Primary School welcomes conversations with parents and carers regarding any questions or concerns.

For general enquiries, please contact the school office. For matters relating to your child's learning, wellbeing or progress, please contact your child's teacher.

We will always do our best to respond as promptly as possible. However, please be aware that **Right to Disconnect legislation** means staff are not required to monitor or respond to communication outside their working hours.

Included in this week's newsletter is a flyer outlining the communication channels used at BPS.

Junior School Shade Sail

You may have noticed the shade sail is currently missing from the junior school playground. Unfortunately, strong winds over the holidays caused significant damage. A replacement has been ordered, and we hope it will be installed as soon as possible.

Building Update

We are getting closer to a start date for our building project to update and modernise the school. The first stage of the project—new student toilets located adjacent to the multipurpose hall—is expected to commence within the next few weeks.

Plans for the full project, which will be completed over the next two years, are available to view in the administration foyer.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that the Department of Education has a mobile phone policy in place. Students who bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours. Students should hand their phone into the office for safe storage.

This policy applies to any device with mobile phone functionality, including smart watches.

Keeping mobile phones away during the school day helps ensure a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and allows students to engage in positive, face-to-face interactions during recess and lunch.

We ask for the continued support of families, staff and students in implementing this policy.

Yard Supervision

Student safety is our highest priority. To support this, Broadford Primary School provides supervision at the following times:

Before school: School grounds are supervised from **8.40am**.

After school: School grounds are supervised until **3.30pm**, including supervision at the Gavin Street, Snodgrass Street and Powlett Street exit gates.

Students on school grounds outside these times are not supervised unless they are attending before or after school care.

Parents and carers are asked to ensure students do not arrive at school before 8.40am or remain after 3.30pm unless they are attending an approved supervised program.

Families seeking before and after school care are encouraged to contact **The Kelly Club** at www.kellyclub.com.au.

A copy of the school's **Yard Duty and Supervision Policy** is available on the school website or from the school office.

School Insurance

Please note: The Department of Education (which includes our school) does **not** provide personal accident insurance for students.

If a student is injured at school or during a school activity (including offsite activities) and requires medical treatment, parents and carers are responsible for all associated costs, including ambulance transport.

The Department also does **not** provide insurance for personal property belonging to staff or students. Items that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during excursions are not the responsibility of the school or Department.

Families are encouraged to consider obtaining their own accident and personal property insurance and to avoid sending valuable items to school.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working together as a school community to make 2026 a successful and rewarding year for all.

Mrs Jennene Cooney

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week	Date	Events
2	**2 - 6 Feb**	Tues 3rd - Fri 6th - Grade 3-6 swimming Wed 4th - Foundation students, no classes Fri 6th - Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, 9.30am
3	**9 - 13 Feb**	Tues 10th - Fri 13th - Grade 3-6 swimming Wed 11th - Foundation students, no classes
4	**16 - 20 Feb**	Mon 16th - Tabloid House Sports, 9am-11am Tues 17th - Fri 20th - Grade 3-6 swimming Wed 18th - Foundation students, no classes

Hard copy notes sent home from the office this week— Grade 3-6 swimming medical form

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.

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

Website – All School Info in One Place https://broadps.vic.edu.au

- Access **policies, newsletters, camp info, documents**
- Visit regularly for updates

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)

☎ School Office – Phone Contact 5784-1221

- Open **8:30 am – 4:15 pm**
- Friendly staff available for questions & support

📰 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 :-

all things uniform

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

Transport Victoria

23 January 2026

J21385 - 159 034

Broadford Primary School
17-23 Powlett Street
BROADFORD VIC 3658

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS AND THEIR STUDENTS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Dear Principal,

Transport Victoria would like to share some public transport ticketing information which may be of use to your school and school community:

Youth myki

From 1 January 2026, public transport is now free for children aged between 5 and 17 years. To access free travel, all young people need to carry a Youth myki card and tap on and off each time they travel.

Youth myki can be purchased for $5 online via the Transport Victoria website or from a staffed station or the PTV Hub.

- Youth myki cards purchased online will be registered to the customer and will expire when they turn 18
- Youth myki cards purchased in person from a staffed station or the PTV Hub aren't registered and will expire in 4 years. For a list of staffed stations and their operating hours, visit https://transport.vic.gov.au/plan-a-journey/public-transport-tools-and-resources/travel-tips-and-resources/staffed-train-stations

Children under 18 travelling on ticketed V/Line services require a paper ticket or e-ticket and must present their Youth myki to obtain a $0 ticket. On booked V/line services, the Youth myki card number can be used to access free travel.

Booking for large groups on public transport

From 1 January 2026, the Group Travel Authority program has been expanded to include secondary schools and not-for-profit groups running camps and excursions for young people. While public transport is now free for children aged between 5 and 17 years, schools should continue to book a Group Travel Authority for groups of 12 or more people.

Group Bookings help ensure operators can plan ahead and spread passenger numbers more evenly to keep things more comfortable for all travellers. Schools will also benefit, with free travel for all passengers in the group including 18-year-old students, teachers and supervisors.

The group will be provided a single ticket for the booking, so passengers aged 5 to 17 will not need to carry their Youth myki card, meaning no one needs to tap on and off, allowing for a quicker travel experience.

Bookings can be made online at transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/other-ticket-types/group-travel. Regional bookings with V/Line can also be made online at vline.com.au/Fares-general-info/Additional-pages/Group-Travel.

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PO Box 4724 Melbourne VIC 3001
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www.transport.vic.gov.au

Transport Victoria

Students in Crisis Travel Pass Program

The introduction of Youth myki will not impact the eligibility criteria for the Students in Crisis Travel Pass program and Victorian students will continue to be supported. From 1 January, students under 18 years of age who are experiencing crisis such as family violence or sudden financial hardship, can now access a free Youth myki card under the program. Students aged 18 and over, as well as caregivers of students experiencing crisis, can continue to access a paper travel pass under the program via their school. The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) now manage the administration of the program for all Victorian schools. For more information, visit transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/myki/myki-types/free-travel-myki or email ticketingservices@transport.vic.gov.au.

Tapping on and off

Transport Victoria's data shows that passengers aren't tapping on as regularly as they were before the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly on trams and buses. Tap on/off data is used to plan the level and frequency of services for your school. We ask that you regularly remind students to tap on and off every time they use their myki on public transport, even if they have a Youth myki, myki Pass or Student Pass. Encouraging your students to tap on and off will make entry and exit smoother when traveling through a station with myki barriers, helping set up good habits for travel beyond the age of 17.

Transport Victoria Approved School Student ID

The Transport Victoria Approved School Student ID is effectively your school's student ID card with the PTV or Transport Victoria logo. This flexible option means students no longer need to arrange, pay for and carry the dedicated Transport Victoria ID. For more information visit transport.vic.gov.au/help-and-support/other-public-transport-help/information-for-schools-about-student-id or email ticketingservices@transport.vic.gov.au.

2026 Transport Victoria ID and Student Pass

School students who are over 18 years and no longer eligible for Youth myki can use a Transport Victoria ID and Student Pass to access cheaper public transport fares. The application form is available to download now at transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/myki/myki-types/students.

Thank you for your support in sharing this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely

Mark Emberson
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Public Transport Victoria

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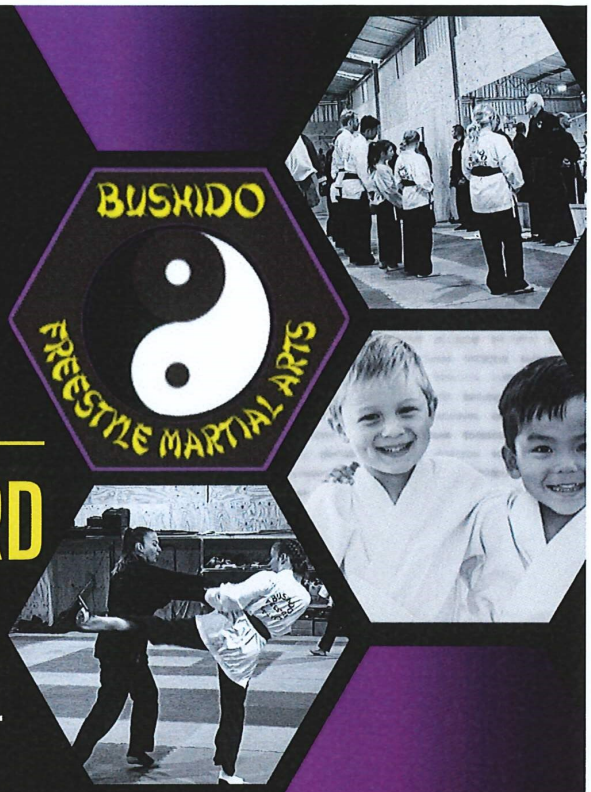
FREESTYLE MARTIAL ARTS



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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training.bushidofma@hotmail.com

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