Term 1, Week 7 - Friday 13th March 2026

NEWSLETTER

A word from Mrs Cooney...

School Building Project

It is with great excitement that I can announce that a contractor has been appointed for our school building project. The successful contractor, Intrec Management Pty Ltd, has completed many educational projects, and we are looking forward to working with them over the coming months.

Next Friday, the Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes MP, will be attending BPS to conduct a sod-turning ceremony on behalf of the Minister for Education. We will also be holding our first site meeting next week, and I look forward to keeping the community updated as the project progresses.

The first stage of the project will involve constructing new toilets in the multipurpose hall before the existing toilets are demolished as part of the new administration building works.

School Swimming Sports

In perfect swimming weather on Tuesday, our Grade 3–6 students participated in the annual school Swimming Sports. It was fantastic to see so many students participating and cheering one another on, with wonderful support from the many parents and carers who attended.

BPS Parents and Friends

This week we held the BPS P&F AGM. Thank you to those who were able to attend – it was fantastic to see some new faces joining the committee. Thank you to Jenine, Angela and Jennifer for nominating for office bearer positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Future meeting dates will be published in our 'Dates to Remember' and everyone is welcome to attend.

Monday Morning Assembly
We will be holding a whole school assembly on Monday morning on the basketball court. At this assembly we will be acknowledging our student leaders for 2026 and presenting them with their badges. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Student Behaviour
We have recently seen an increase in behaviours involving physical aggression towards others. This behaviour is not acceptable and does not align with our school expectations.
For the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, any child who displays intentional physical aggression will be removed from the classroom or yard, and parents will be contacted. Physical violence is never acceptable at school.
We would appreciate your support in speaking with your child about the importance of treating others with kindness, using respectful words, and seeking help from a teacher if they feel upset or frustrated.
By working together, we can help ensure our school remains a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Reminders:

Yard duty supervision before and after school

Broadford Primary School's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.40am until 3.30pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students and students should not be in the school yard.

Families are encouraged to contact The Kelly Club at www.kellyclub.com.au for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community.

Before school teachers are preparing for the day ahead so on wet days students will not be able to enter classrooms early.

Electric Scooters and Victorian Road Rules
As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, we want to remind families that electric scooters (e-scooters) are not permitted to be ridden to or on school grounds.

Under Victorian road safety rules, e-scooter riders must:

- Be 16 years of age or older to lawfully ride an e-scooter in public.
- Never ride on footpaths- this includes the paths around the school.

Mrs Jennene Cooney

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week	Date	Events
8	16 - 20 Mar	Mon 16th - Fri 20th Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN Testing window Mon 16th - Assembly, Student Leaders Badge presentation, 9am Fri 20th - Harmony Day, wear Orange to school
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 of term 2, 8.50am start

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

2026 SCHOOL PHOTO'S

Term 2 - Tuesday 5th May

2026 CURRICULUM DAYS

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.

CAMPS 2026

Grade 3 & 4 - Lady Northcote Discovery Camp

Wednesday 29th July to Friday 31st July

Grade 5 - Phillip Island Adventure Camp

Monday 17th August to Wednesday 19th August

Grade 6 - CYC Melbourne City Camp

Monday 26th October to Wednesday 28th October

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 6	Week 7
Foundation	14	ELLIANA F	ELIZA H
	15	CELESTE O	FINN K
	16	LUCAS J	KIRA H
Grade 1/2	10	ELI B	HAYLEY H
	11	XANDER D	SKYLAH M
	12	JASPER C	WILLIAM B
	13	JAMES M	AIRLIE S
Grade 3/4	1	JAXSON H	LILIANA G
	2	JORDAN K	ZOE C
	3	KAYDEN B	STASI K
	4	TAIT N	JAY C
Grade 5/6	6	-	MEMPHIS C
	7	XAVIER N	MIA F
	8	OLIVIA W	XAVIER B
	9	OAKLEIGH F	ISAAC M

EASTER RAFFLE

PARENT CLUB IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO PUT IN OUR EASTER RAFFLE

CHOCOLATES, LOLLIES OR ANY EASTER THEMED ITEMS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED. PLEASE LEAVE AT BPS OFFICE

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

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

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

FRIENDS & FAMILY COMMITTEE

JOIN US!

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, lets make their primary school years the best!

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)

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

TO ENQUIRE CONTACT BPS OFFICE

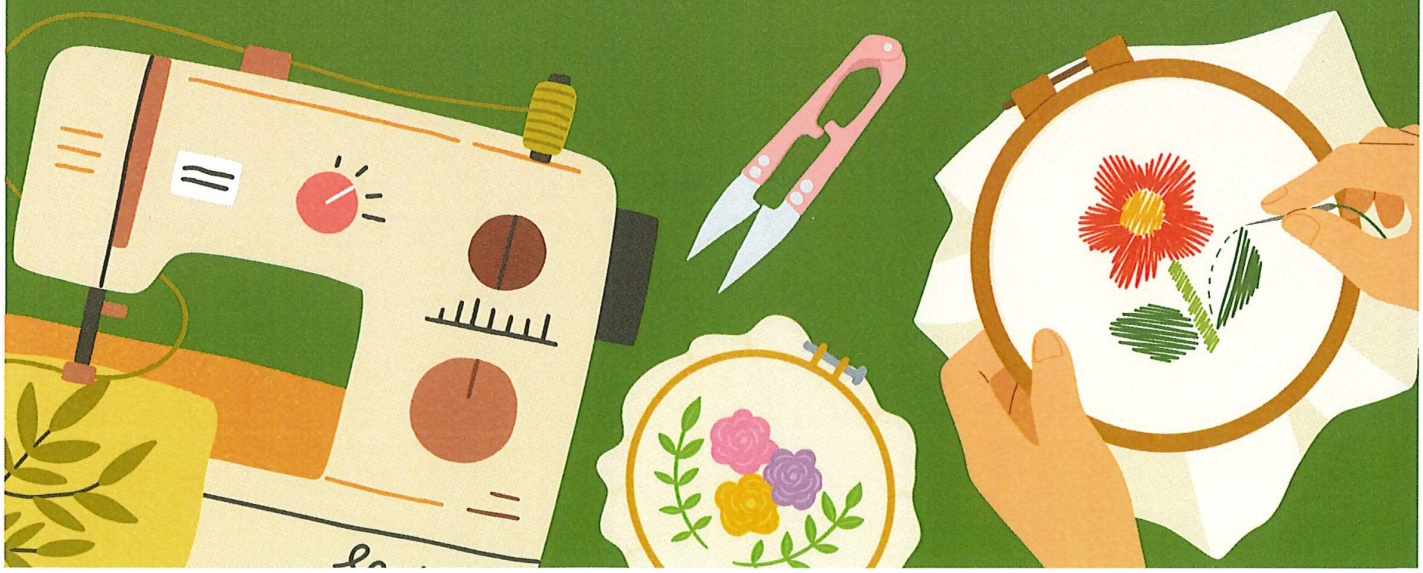
Calling All Makers!

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



KELLY CLUB 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

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Happy Easter Monday!

FULL FEE
AFTER MAX CCS*

Tues 7 Apr — INCURSION

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

Wed 8 Apr — CREATE & TAKE

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

Thur 9 Jan — EXCURSION

SEA LIFE AQUARIUM

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

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

WEEK 2

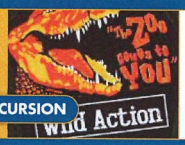
Mon 13 Jan

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

Tues 14 Jan — INCURSION



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

Wed 15 Jan — CREATE & TAKE

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

Thur 16 Jan — EXCURSION

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

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

Contact: Courtney Pateras Email: broadford@kellyclub.com.au Phone: 0478 153 546
Further information: 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

OPEN REGISTRATION

2026 REGISTRATIONS

BROADFORD NETBALL CLUB INC

REGISTER NOW TO GET A FREE PAIR BNC SOCKS

BROADFORD NETBALL CLUB INC

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

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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training.bushidofma@hotmail.com

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