



Term 3, Week 5 - Friday 14th August 2026

# NEWSLETTER

## *A word from Mrs Cooney...*

### Principal's Update

We have now reached the halfway mark of **Term 3**, and what a busy term it has been! There is still plenty happening across the school, with many exciting events and activities to look forward to over the coming weeks.

### Grade 3/4 Camp

Since our last newsletter, our Grade 3/4 students have settled back into school life following their exciting three days away at camp. It has been wonderful to hear the stories and see the smiles as students have shared their favourite moments from their time away. From canoeing and the giant swing to archery and open-fire cooking, there were plenty of opportunities for students to try something new, challenge themselves and have fun with their friends.



### Mamma Mia!

This week, our Grade 5/6 students had the opportunity to attend the **Broadford Secondary School production of *Mamma Mia!***

I was lucky enough to attend the performance last night, and it was fantastic to see so many previous BPS students taking to the stage. The production was of an incredibly high standard, and it was wonderful to see the audience singing and dancing along to the music.

Our students gave the production rave reviews, and I would highly recommend heading along this weekend if you get the opportunity.



### Farewell Mrs Canavan

Today, we farewell **Mrs Maddi Canavan**, who has been teaching in Room 1 this year as she prepares for the arrival of her first baby. I would like to wish Maddi all the very best as she embarks on this exciting new chapter. Thank you, Maddi, for all your hard work, care and commitment to our students this year.

**Ms Nicole Reid** will be stepping into the teaching role in Room 1 for the remainder of Term 3.

As a school, we love seeing our students excited about books and reading. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair and helped encourage a love of reading in our students.

On Monday, our Grade 5 students will head off to **Phillip Island** for their school camp. Phillip Island is a fantastic location, with plenty of exciting activities and opportunities for students to challenge themselves, have fun and create some wonderful memories with their friends. I am sure they are going to have a fantastic time, and I look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

It is a very busy week ahead for our senior school students. On Thursday, our Grade 3–6 students will take part in **athletics trials**, followed by the **5/6 Interschool Sports Competition** on Friday.

These events are wonderful opportunities for our students to get involved, have a go, represent our school and, most importantly, enjoy being active with their friends.

Book Week is fast approaching, and this is always one of the highlights of our school year. This year's theme is **'Symphony of Stories!'**

We are looking forward to celebrating the wonderful world of books and reading, exploring the **2026 shortlisted books** and, of course, our annual **Book Character Dress-Up Day**.

There is something very special about seeing our students become their favourite book characters for the day. We look forward to seeing the creativity and imagination of our students and families once again!



The next proposed date for **AEU industrial action is Wednesday 19 August.**

The Victorian Government has put forward a new offer, with a decision expected to be finalised by the end of the day on **Monday 17 August.** We will be provided with the outcome once a decision has been reached, which will clarify what this means for the proposed industrial action. I will keep families informed as soon as further information becomes available and we have a clearer understanding of any impact on our school.

*Mrs Jennene Cooney*  
*Principal*

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

| Week | Date           | Events                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6    | 17 - 21 Aug    | Mon 17th - <i>No assembly due to camp</i><br>Mon 17th - Wed 19th - Grade 5 Phillip Island Camp<br>Fri 21st - Bullying No Way day, wear purple<br>Fri 21st - Grade 5/6 Round Robin, Kilmore<br>Fri 21st - 2027 Foundation Art session, 2.30pm-3pm |
| 7    | 24 - 28 Aug    | Tues 25th - Book Week Dress Up day, 'Symphony of Stories' 9am Parade<br>Fri 28th - Book Club orders due                                                                                                                                          |
| 8    | 31 Aug - 4 Sep | Mon 31st - Assembly, 9am<br>Wed 2nd - Father's Day stall<br>Fri 4th - 2027 Foundation PE session, 2.30pm-3pm                                                                                                                                     |
| 9    | 7 - 11 Sep     | Thurs 10th - Grade 5/6 Production, The Wizard of Oz<br>Fri 11th - Grade 5/6 Production, The Wizard of Oz                                                                                                                                         |
| 10   | 14 - 18 Sep    | Mon 14th - Assembly, 9am<br>Fri 18th - Last day of term, <b>2.30pm finish</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |

Hard copy notes sent home from the office this week— Book Club catalogue

## **2026 CURRICULUM DAYS**

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 5** - Phillip Island Adventure Camp

Monday 17th August to Wednesday 19th August

**Grade 6** - CYC Melbourne City Camp

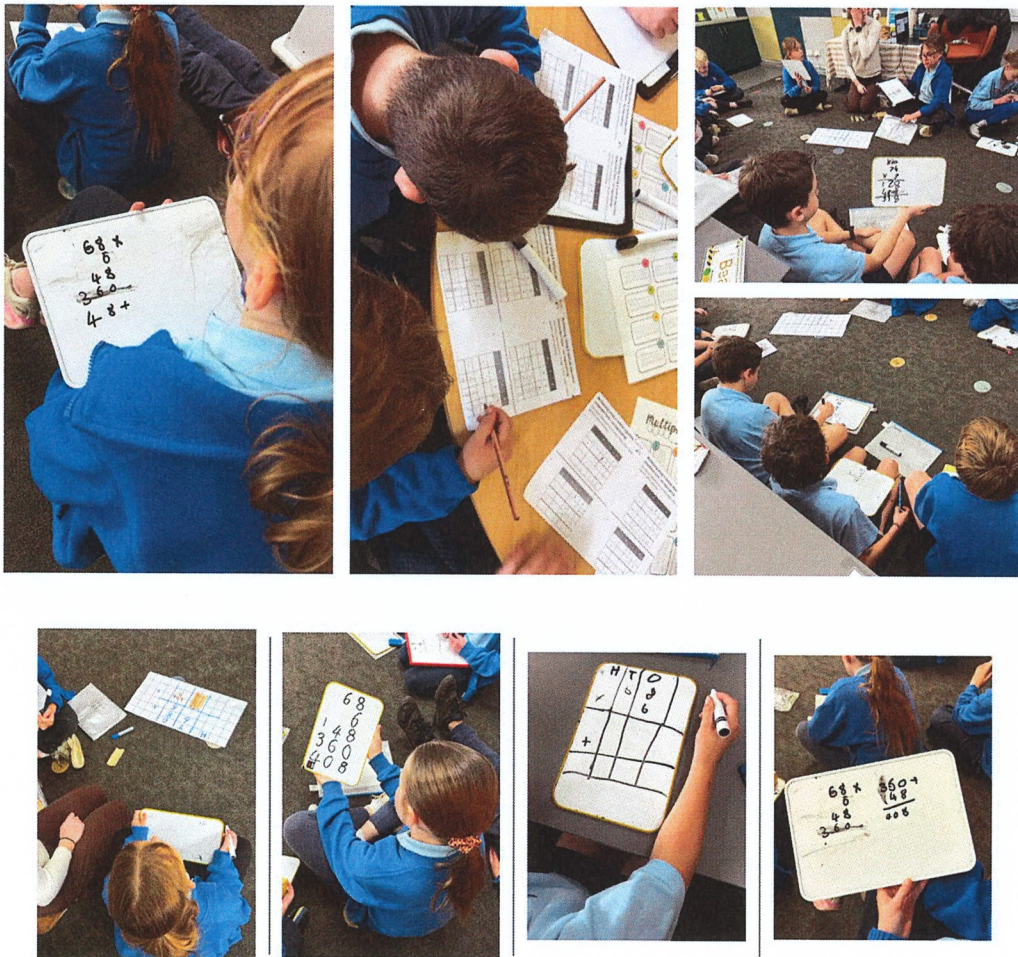
Monday 26th October to Wednesday 28th October



# Learning at BPS - Grade 3 & 4 Multiplication

Students develop their understanding of multiplication gradually throughout their primary school years. In the early years students build a strong foundation by learning to recognise equal groups, make and count collections, and use hands-on materials to represent simple multiplication situations. As learning progresses through primary school, students develop fluency with multiplication facts, explore patterns and strategies, and learn to use multiplication to solve everyday problems. In Grade 3 and 4, they begin to move from using materials and drawings to more efficient mental and written strategies, including multiplication with larger numbers and decimals. By Grade 5 and 6, students are expected to confidently apply multiplication when solving increasingly complex problems, including working with fractions, decimals, percentages and measurement. At each stage, the focus is not simply on memorising facts, but on developing a deep understanding of what multiplication means, why different strategies work, and when to use them.

Key to all of this is students developing proficiency with their knowledge and recall of times tables. When students already know their multiplication facts, they are able to apply them to work with larger numbers and problem solve. Proficiency is the ability to recall the answers to times tables without having to skip count from zero. This is something that students can always practise at home, in the car or when playing games. Check out Room 2 multiplying larger numbers using an algorithm!







# 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   | TILLY S   | -          |
|            | 15   | LOGAN M   | GWEN L     |
|            | 16   | JAMES H   | MACK M     |
| Grade 1/2  | 10   | -         | AVA H      |
|            | 11   | SONNY E   | ARIA M     |
|            | 12   | ZEMIRA M  | HENRY M    |
|            | 13   | JACKSON M | AIRLIE S   |
| Grade 3/4  | 1    | KARLO S   | -          |
|            | 2    | JAMES M   | BRIGITTA W |
|            | 3    | ETHAN B   | -          |
|            | 4    | ALLIRA G  | JED B      |
| Grade 5/6  | 6    | OLLEY C   | ROSIE T    |
|            | 7    | CHARLIE B | OSCAR Z    |
|            | 8    | OLIVIA W  | HARVEY B   |
|            | 9    | KAYLA P   | LOGAN L    |

## Broadford Primary School Uniform

We are seeing an increasing number of students wearing non school uniform items to school.

We have a student dress code that aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Broadford Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community

We would ask that you support this by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform each day. Our preference is for students to have a blue school jacket however we acknowledge that the weather is particularly cold at the moment so students can wear a warm coat or jacket to and from school and in the yard but these do not need to be worn in class.

Our student dress code policy can be found on our website <https://broadps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Student-Dress-Code.pdf>

## Notice re Yard Supervision

Student safety at Broadford Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

**Before school:** School grounds are supervised at **8.40am**. Before school, school staff will supervise the school playground and surrounding areas.

**After school:** School grounds are supervised until **3.30pm**. After school, school staff will supervise the Gavin Street, Snodgrass Street and Powlett Street exit gates.

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity.

Families are encouraged to contact The Kelly Club at [www.kellyclub.com.au](http://www.kellyclub.com.au) for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

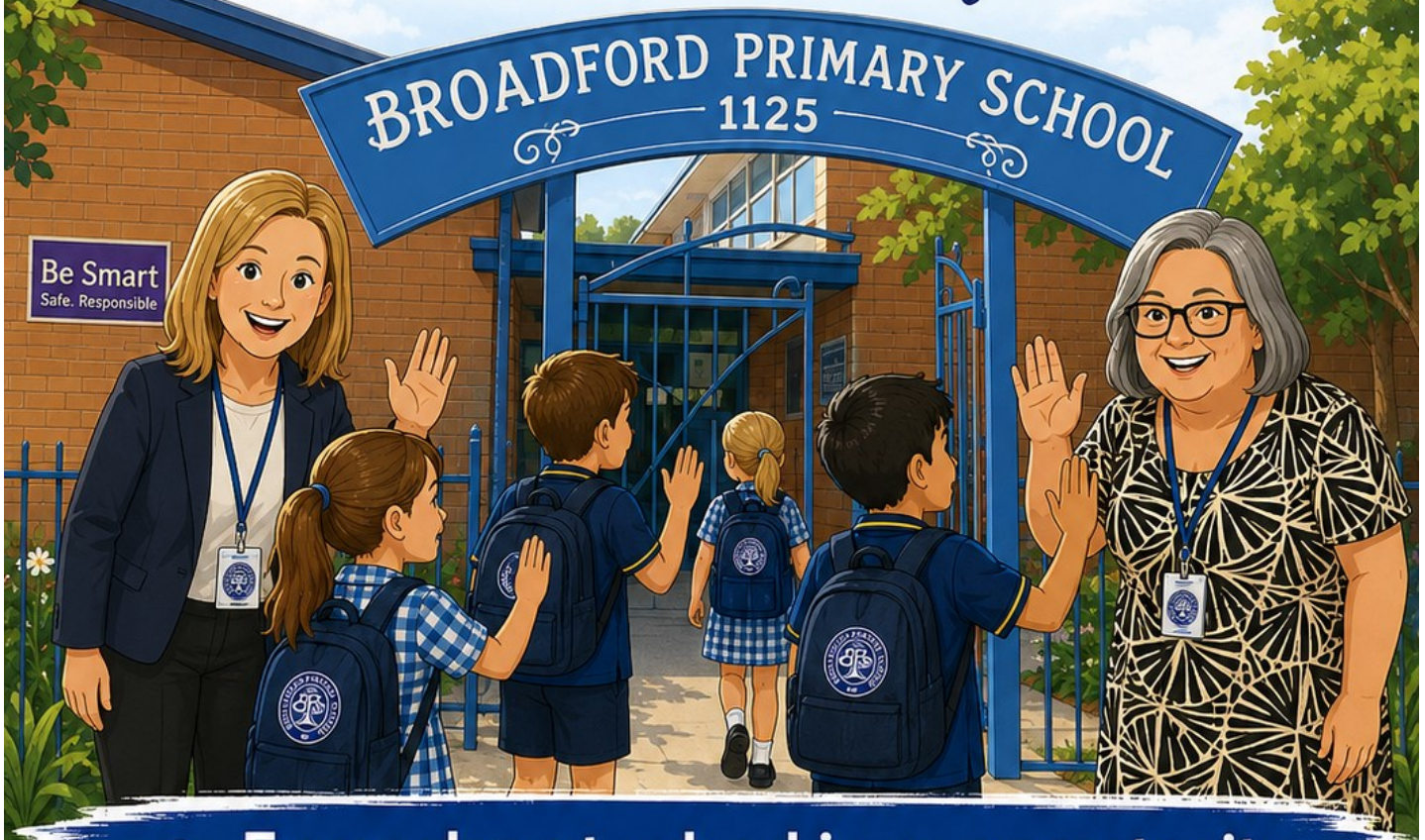
For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy please see the school website, or contact the school office for a hard copy. This policy includes Broadford Primary School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.





# EVERY DAY COUNTS

at Broadford Primary School ♡



Every day at school is an opportunity  
to learn, connect and thrive.



**LEARN**  
something new



**BUILD**  
friendships



**FEEL**  
like you belong



**GROW**  
in confidence



Unless your child is unwell,  
we encourage every student to attend every day.



**BE HERE ♡ BELONG ♡ LEARN ♡ THRIVE**



# BULLYING NO WAY!

WEEK 2026

SMALL  
ACTS,  
**BIG**  
**IMPACT**

Bullying No Way Week 2026 — 'Small Acts, Big Impact'

## 17-21 AUGUST

This week, we come together to  
celebrate kindness, inclusion and respect.

Let's make our school a place where  
everyone feels safe, valued and connected.



BE KIND



BE RESPECTFUL



BE INCLUSIVE



SPEAK UP



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE



## WEAR PURPLE DAY!

FRIDAY  
**21 AUGUST**

Wear a splash of **purple** to show you  
stand against bullying.

TOGETHER, we can create a school  
where **EVERYONE BELONGS.**





# Broadford Primary School

TERM 3 FOUNDATION 2027

## TASTER SESSIONS

Come and join in the fun for our Term 3 Foundation 2027  
Taster sessions!

This time we are offering a session with our **specialist teachers**.  
You are welcome to attend even if your child is not enrolled just yet!  
We have one Performing Arts, one Visual Arts and one PE session on  
offer. Please see the dates, times and locations below.

### Performing Arts



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug



2:30-3:00



Performing  
Arts Room

### Art



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug



2:30-3:00



Art Room

### PE



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept



2:30-3:00



PE Hall

Please meet a friendly staff member at the school's office to be  
guided to the specialist space.

**\*Your child does not need to be enrolled to attend these sessions\***





As part of Book Week's

# *Symphony* of *Stories*

we'd love you to

**DESIGN**

A

**BOOK COVER!**

FOR THE STORY OF  
**BROADFORD**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



### BE CREATIVE!

Think about what makes Broadford Primary School special—our people, places, values and memories!



### OPEN TO EVERYONE

Foundation to Grade 6

Entries due:

★ **A4 SIZE**



### PRIZES TO BE WON!

★ F – 2 ★

★ 3 – 6 ★

**WINNERS DRAWN**

**FRIDAY 28TH AUG**

★ **OUR SCHOOL. OUR STORY. OUR FUTURE.** ★

will be displayed in our corridor display. ♥



Tickets for our Grade 5/6 Production 'The Wizard of Oz' will go on sale

Monday 17th of August at 9am.

Bookings via Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1627569>

Broadford Primary School in association with The  
School Musicals Company presents

# THE WIZARD OF OZ



**10 & 11**  
**SEP 2026**

Adults \$15

Concession \$10

**Seymour College**  
**Arts Centre**  
**7PM**

**Tickets via TryBooking**



# BUSHIDO KARATE

FREESTYLE MARTIAL ARTS

**BROADFORD DOJO**

**THURSDAYS**  
**6:30-7:30PM**



ALL LEVELS  
BEGINNERS - ADVANCED

**BROADFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

To register your interest scan the QR or contact:  
P: 0434 481 350 E: [shelley@bushidofma.com.au](mailto:shelley@bushidofma.com.au)



## MITCHELL SHIRE CONCERT BAND

## ANNUAL CONCERT

Featuring Guest Vocalist

**SHERRYN MCDONALD**

**SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026**

**COMMENCING AT 2PM**

**Seymour College Arts Centre**

Cnr Loco & Anglesey Streets

Tickets available at the door, or  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DOSJX>

\$5 child (under 16) - \$15 Adults - \$30 family (2 Adults, 2 Children)



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