



Term 3, Week 3 - Friday 31st July 2026

NEWSLETTER

A word from Mrs Cooney...

It has been a busy and exciting two weeks at BPS since our last newsletter.

Commonwealth games Day

Last Friday, we celebrated the start of the Commonwealth Games with our very own BPS Games Day. Students enthusiastically participated in a range of activities that promoted teamwork, encouraged personal challenges, and celebrated achieving their personal best.



Foundation – 100 Days of School

This week, our Foundation students celebrated their **100 Days of School**. Throughout the day, students took part in activities centred around the theme of '100', and it was wonderful to see so many creatively "aged" students on parade! It has been a delight to witness the incredible progress our Foundation students have made on their learning journey since beginning school earlier this year.



Grade 3/4 Camp – Lady Northcote

On Wednesday, our Grade 3/4 students headed off to camp and are due to return this afternoon. School camps provide wonderful opportunities for students to challenge themselves, try new activities, develop independence, and strengthen friendships. Reports from camp suggest that everyone has had a fantastic time. I am sure there will be some very tired travellers—both students and staff—when they return!



Building Update

Over the past two weeks, we have also seen the demolition of Block B as our rebuild and refurbishment project continues to gather momentum. Students have been fascinated watching the excavator carefully demolish the old building and toilet block before removing the debris, which is taken away to sort and recycle. It has been an exciting opportunity for students to observe the different stages of the construction process firsthand, and we look forward to seeing the next phase of our new learning spaces take shape.



Mrs Jennene Cooney

Principal

Making the Most of Every Break

Recess and lunchtime are a great opportunity for students to connect, explore their interests and have fun! Across our school, a fantastic range of clubs and activities are available each week, with sessions held in a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces to suit a wide range of interests.

We are incredibly fortunate to have so many dedicated staff members who generously volunteer their own time to run these activities. Their enthusiasm and commitment help create opportunities for students to build friendships, discover new interests, develop new skills and feel a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

Whether it's getting creative, enjoying a quiet activity, playing games or connecting with others, there's something for everyone! We encourage all students to have a look at the timetables below and come along to give a club a try.

✦ **New this term!** We're excited to welcome **Dance Club**, run by **Emily from Flex Dance Co.**, every **Wednesday** this term. Students can enjoy learning new dance moves, building confidence and, most importantly, having fun together!

Take a look at the Term 3 **Bliss Club (Recess)** and **Lunch Club** schedules below to see what's on offer. We can't wait to see even more students getting involved!

Teagan Nugent - Wellbeing and Engagement Assistant Principal

BLISS Term 3 2026				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playdough	Loom Bands	Friendship bracelets	Lego	Games and Colouring
				

Term 3 2026 - Lunchtime Clubs 2pm				
Monday Mrs. L	Tuesday Miss Black	Wednesday Miss Stewart	Thursday Miss Smith	Friday Miss Reid
BER	Outside - Near snakes and ladders	Outside - Asphalt	BER	P.E Halls
Tech Club	Outdoor Activities (Skipping, ball skills, hula hoops etc)	Outdoor Games (Basketball, Netball etc)	Lego, toys or drawing & colouring club	A mix of fabulous games!
		 Dance Club PE Hall 		
		1.40-2.20pm		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week	Date	Events
4	3 - 7 Aug	Mon 3rd - Fri 7th - Book Fair - 8.30am-8.45am & 3.30pm-3.50pm Mon 3rd - Assembly, 9am
5	10 - 14 Aug	
6	17 - 21 Aug	Mon 17th - <i>No assembly due to camp</i> Mon 17th - Grade 5 Phillip Island Camp Tues 18th - Grade 5 Phillip Island Camp Wed 19th - Grade 5 Phillip Island Camp Fri 21st - Grade 5/6 Round Robin, Kilmore
7	24 - 28 Aug	Tues 25th - Book Week Dress Up day, Symphony of stories
8	31 Aug - 4 Sep	Mon 31st - Assembly, 9am
9	7 - 11 Sep	Thurs 10th - Grade 5/6 Production, The Wizard of Oz Fri 11th - Grade 5/6 Production, The Wizard of Oz

Hard copy notes sent home from the office this week— Grade 5 NAPLAN reports

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 1 & 2 Phonics

What is phonics?

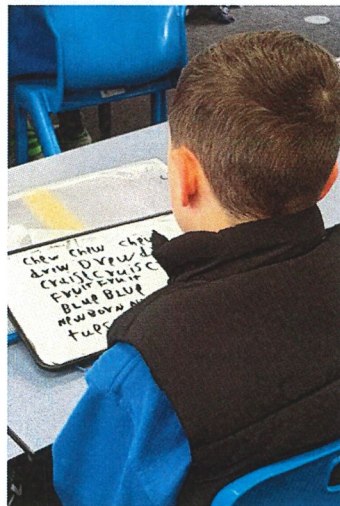
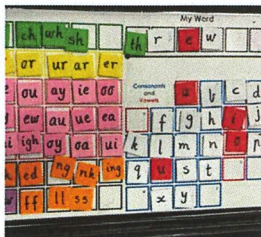
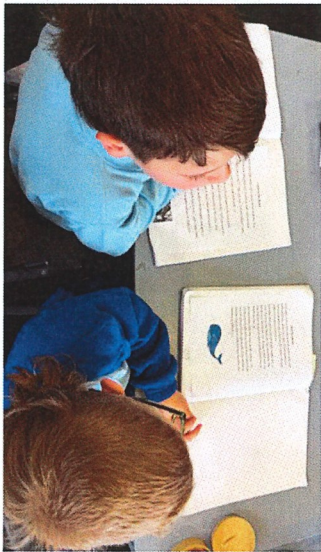
Phonics is a way of teaching reading and writing by connecting sounds with letters or groups of letters. Phonic skills help children understand how letters link to sounds in spoken language and how those letters work together to form words.

What is systematic synthetic phonics?

Systematic synthetic phonics is an evidence-based way of teaching children to read and write words, and is used from Foundation to Grade 2. This approach is called "systematic" because it follows a clear, step-by-step order for teaching sounds. It's called "synthetic" because children first learn individual letter sounds and then learn how to blend those sounds together to form words.

Teaching children the connection between letters and their corresponding sounds, means they gain the skills to read words by sounding them out (decoding). They also learn to write words by breaking them down into sounds (encoding).

Children being taught systematic synthetic phonics become increasingly proficient in reading and spelling words. This increases their confidence, motivation and enjoyment of reading.





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	PATRICK M	ELIZA H
	15	RUBY W	-
	16	AYDEN B	MACK M
Grade 1/2	10	LEXI D	BENNY J
	11	JASPER S	BOBBY C
	12	HANIAH V	JASPER C
	13	OLIVIA P	MAC S
Grade 3/4	1	-	-
	2	DANIEL V	-
	3	XAVIER W	-
	4	HUNTER M	-
Grade 5/6	6	EMMA S	LOGAN W
	7	ESTELLE M	CHARLIE B
	8	RIVER F	FLETCHER G
	9	ISAAC M	BROOKLYN C

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 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.

E-Scooters

A reminder that students are not to bring e-scooters to school.

Legal e-scooter use

Use of e-scooters is legalised in Victoria.

You can legally ride an e-scooter in Victoria if you:

- ride on:
 - shared-use paths (not on footpaths), or
 - roads that have a speed limit up to 60km/h
- are at least 16 years old
- wear a helmet
- do not travel more than 20km/h
- do not use your mobile phone
- do not carry a passenger (dinking).

Legal e-scooter definition

A legal e-scooter is defined as a vehicle that:

- is designed for use by one person
- has a maximum speed of 25 km/h when ridden on level ground
- transports a person while the person is standing or seated
- has two wheels (one in front of the other)
- has a footboard between the front and rear wheels
- is steered by a handlebar
- does not weigh more than 45kg
- is propelled by a motor, or by the person pushing one foot against the ground.

An e-scooter that falls outside the scope of this definition is considered an unregistered motor vehicle, and is liable to penalties.

READ
MORE!
DREAM
BIG!

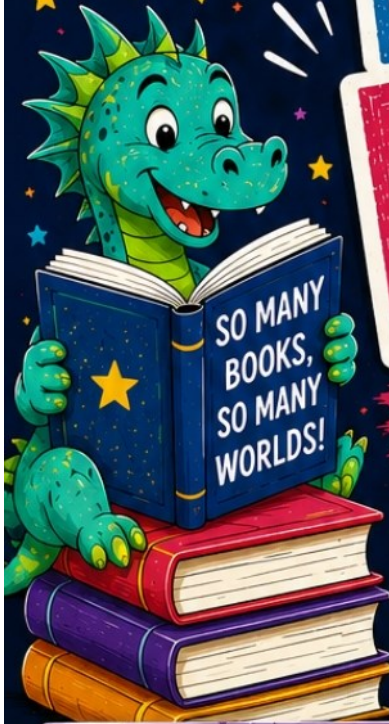
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a new
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BOOK FAIR!

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and **ENJOY!** ♥



WHEN?

Monday to Friday

8.30am to 8.50am

3.30pm to 3.50pm



WHERE?

In the

BER ♥



WHY?

Every purchase
helps our school
get new books and
resources! ★



**BOOK PRIZES
TO BE WON!** ★

Each book purchase
GETS A RAFFLE TICKET! ♥



**AWESOME
BOOKS
COULD BE
YOURS!** ↑

**EVERY
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YOU BUY
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE!** ♥

**CASHLESS
PAYMENTS
AVAILABLE** ♥

✓ EFTPOS
✓ CREDIT CARD

**MORE BOOKS.
MORE FUN.
MORE
POSSIBILITIES!** ♥

LET'S CELEBRATE THE JOY OF READING! ♥

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. ♥

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:

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