



Brunswick North Primary School

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Diary Dates Term 3

July	Monday 20 th	Carmel Feretti – Parents Group 9.30-10.45am
	Tuesday 21 st	Grounds Committee Meeting 6.30pm
	Monday 27 th	Grade 4/5 & 5/6 Excursion – Aquarium & Imax
	Tuesday 28 th	School Council Meeting 7.00pm
August	Tuesday 4 th	Grade 3/4 Excursion – Werribee Zoo
	Thursday 13 th	Standardised Athletics
	Monday 17 th	Book Week Performance – 2.20pm
	Friday 28 th	Championship Athletics
	September	Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th
	Friday 18 th	Last Day of Term 3 – 2.30pm Dismissal

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back To Term 3

Welcome back everyone

It is great to see everyone return from the holidays looking refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

This term looks all set to be another busy term with many exciting and fun activities planned for our students and community.

We have excursions planned to the Werribee Zoo, Imax and Aquarium, whole school events such as an Illustrator visit and a drama performance for Book Week to name just a few.

We have a Family Fun Science Night all set for Tuesday 1st September from 6.15-7.30pm where we will all be treated to a smorgasbord of fun science activities for the whole family to experience together. I love these nights as both a parent and as a principal. It is such a fantastic way to see your child's learning in action.

More information will be included in the next newsletter.

Maintenance Works Over the Holidays

Many of you may have noticed that there was a fair bit of activity at Brunswick North PS over the

holidays. We were very fortunate to get quick approval from the department to commence working on reconnecting the gas supply to our school. This entailed installing new copper pipes throughout the school. Thankfully most of the major work was finished during the holidays, sparing us from too much disruption during school time. All classrooms have now been fully connected and we all have operational heaters!

Thank you to all students and teachers for your patience and understanding.

Brunswick North Primary School- 2008 Annual Report

The next section from the Brunswick North Primary School- 2008 Annual Report to be included in the newsletter is-

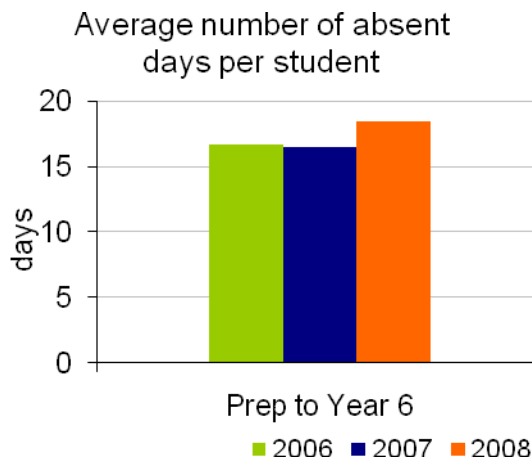
Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Brunswick North Primary School continued to provide programs that promoted our students' engagement and wellbeing in all aspects of school life. Targeted areas for improvement were student attendance, and the development of social competencies and resilience.

The key improvement strategies implemented for the year included:

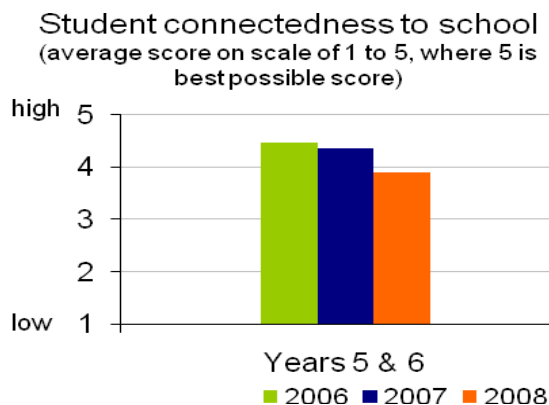
- Peer mediation programs for Years 5-6 students.
- Success for Boys including a clubs program.
- Junior School Council.
- Whole school system for parents to report and notify school of student absences.
- Improve social and emotional learning through the implementation of the Kids Matter program.

Average number of absent days per student –
 In 2008 the average days absent per student was 18.4 days per student compared to 2007 where the average day absent per student was 16.5 days (see graph below).



Students' school connectedness –
 Students in Years 5 and 6 are asked what to what extent they agree with each of five statements (I feel good about being a student at this school, I like this school I feel I belong at this school, I am happy at this school, I look forward to going to school) on a scale where 1=strongly disagree and 5= strongly agree. The graph below indicates a decrease in the students rating of their connectedness to school from 4.2 in 2007 to 3.9 in 2008.

The decrease in score warranted a closer examination by school staff and community. As a result, the teachers are going to be working hard in 2009 to ensure that effective programs and activities are in place at all year levels to improve student connectedness to school.



Term 3 Parent’s Group with Carmel Feretti

In term 3 Carmel Feretti will be running the following parent group sessions from 9.30 to 10.45 on the following Monday’s straight after assembly:

- Monday 20 July - Are you expecting too much of yourself as a parent.
- Monday 3 August - How to support your child’s learning at school.
- Monday 17 August - How to support your child’s learning at school.
- Monday 31st August – Confident parenting.

Please contact office prior to sessions if you require childcare on the morning.

Years 4/5 and 5/6 Excursion to Aquarium and Imax

As a part of their Unit on Antarctica the Year 4/5 and 5/6 students will be going to the Aquarium and Imax Cinema on Monday 27th July. Please ensure that you return your signed permission form as soon as possible. All students are required to wear full school uniform when going on excursions.

Physical Education Sessions

We welcome Peter Hocking back to Brunswick North Primary School this week. Our students have Physical Education with Peter Hocking on either Thursday or Fridays and we ask all parents to please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate footwear on these days.

Anaphylaxis Training For Staff at Brunswick North PS

On Thursday 20th August all staff members will be participating in Anaphylaxis Training after school from 3.30-6.30pm.

It is very important that all staff regularly update their first aid training to ensure that we can offer our students the best assistance and care if needed.

We will need to close the Office promptly at 3.30 on Thursday to ensure that Helen and Diana are present for this very important training.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your support.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) 2nd Installment 2009

If you were paid EMA for the first installment and your child is enrolled at the same school for the second installment, **you will not be required to complete a new application for the second installment.**

If you did not apply for the EMA in the first installment, **you must submit the second installment application to the school by 7th August 2009.**

If you transfer your child after the 1st Term Census Day (**27th February 2009**) and prior to or on the **7th August 2009**, it is your responsibility to reapply at the new school for the second installment.

Application forms are available in the office.

Note: The Department will not accept late applications.

Quadrangle

Parents and Children are very welcome to use the blue and yellow playgrounds after school each day.

However, for security reasons and to allow the cleaner to clean the toilets we lock the quadrangle area at 3.45 – 4pm each day.

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.45am – 9.30am and 3.00pm – 3.45pm.

Uniform Shop Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday From 8.45am – 9.30am and 3.00pm – 3.45pm.

Celebrating our Students

Art and Music

The Rock Band students are working hard in preparation for the upcoming School of Rock Concert to be held in Epping next Friday. The Bands will be giving a special performance at school on Thursday 23rd July at 3pm in the multi purpose room and all Parents and Students are welcome to come and see the students perform on Thursday.

The Art room has purchased a class set of lab coats to use as art smocks. It would be appreciated if all art smocks that have been brought to the students were taken home.

Thanks to the parents who have donated materials to the art room. This term I will be looking for Tin Cans (no sharp edges please), Foam Meat trays, and scrap felt material.

L'angolo Italiano

Welcome back to another term. Studenti from 3-6 will start with I numeri. Back by popular demand are the giochi of SU E GIU`, SCAMBIO and a new one called SOMME. Find out how to play these

by asking any studente! We will then revise I COLORI and then start our wonderful unita` on Roma and Pompei. I have already heard about all the studenti that have visited the Museo di Melbourne to see the wonderful exhibition on Pompei. Preparations are also on the way for IL CAMPEGGIO ITALIANO.

Saluti, signora Bruna



BIRTHDAYS **Many Happy Returns to**

19th July 2009

Sophie O'Connell (Grade 4)

24th July 2009

Abdilahi Abdi (Grade 5)

Celebrating out Community

4 SALE

Brunswick Secondary College Uniform and Year 7 textbooks

Textbooks:

Essential Maths VELS Edition Year 7

Skillworks 1

Science Alive 1

Heinemann English links one

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Jacaranda Society & Enviroment Atlas

Humanities Alive 1

Mac Slater Cool Hunter, The Rules Of Cool

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Oxford The Australian Intergrated Dictionary
And Thesaurus

Uniform:

Green Polo Top size 14

Navy Pants size 12

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**Have you ever considered introducing
your own children to an older international
sibling?**

**World Education Program is looking for
Volunteer Host Families for International
Students arriving in February 2010.**

**Our Big Brothers & Big Sisters from
France, Switzerland, Japan, Brazil, Italy,
and Belgium are keen to start
corresponding with a family they can call
their own and learn about the place they
will call home.**

**If you would like more information on
becoming a Host Family, please contact:**

Nikki Medwell
Inbound Exchange Administrator
World Education Program

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Email: nikkimedwell@wep.org.au

**An information pack can be sent on
request.**

**It's easier than you think & a fantastic
experience for all!**

The Department of Health and Ageing and
Drummond Street Relationship Centre

**"What are you doing with the kids this
weekend?"**

Drummond St Relationship Centre in Carlton
are running their great program for DADS and
their kids (aged 5-12) – it's an outdoor
recreation/activity program that runs
alternate

Sundays starting Sunday 19th July 2009.
(5 activity days in total)

An information night is being run at the
centre on

Thursday 16th July 6.30-7.30pm

**** It is important that all dads attend in order
to receive details re: safety, activities,
meeting points etc.**

What kinds of activities?

- ♦ Flat water RAFTING
- ♦ Low Ropes Course
- ♦ Indoor ROCK

CLIMBING

- ♦ Survivor Style Activities
- ♦ Family Olympic Games

(All with qualified experienced instructors)

- Separated Dads very welcome!
- Find out what healthy activities are available close to home
- Learn more about good nutrition, and a great variety of yummy food is provided.

**COST: \$75 per family or FREE with HCC
(includes all 5 activity days, lunch, and
equipment. \$25 booking fee applies to
secure place).**

**Enquiries and bookings : Call Helen on 9663
6733**

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**A BRUNSWICK FAMILY IS SEARCHING FOR A 3
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