

**BRUNSWICK  
NORTH WEST  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

 **TERM 3**
 **WEEK 9**
 **15.09.17**


# the NOR'WESTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### TIME TO BID YOU FAREWELL

This newsletter message is the last I will write as the Principal of BNWPS. It also represents one of the last tasks I will undertake after more than three and a half decades of involvement in education. I could not have picked a more wonderful school as my last place of service in the Victorian education system. For the remainder of my life, in those quiet contemplative moments, my thoughts about my career of full time work will always be about BNWPS. These heartfelt reflections will include the red brick main building, the Sprout deck, undulating land and stately trees, the greenery of Yakai Barring and the expanse of asphalt areas which have all been my home and work focus for these many years now. The feelings accompanying these memories will include sentiments of warmth, belonging, respect, connection and fun, all of which have been the hallmarks of my experience of the people in this wonderful school community. The sound track to these memories will be the laughter of children, the vibe of good conversation with parents and staff, and the song: 'There's a school on the hill shining out like a star...' to the tune of Click-Goes-the Shears.

I can say with all honesty that being the Principal at BNWPS has been the best and most rewarding part of my career in teaching. I have been very fortunate to be involved with generations of children as they have flourished to the edge of teenagehood. There is nothing more rewarding than being involved in people's lives on a daily basis. In honest retrospect there is probably nothing more challenging as well. This notion of the 'privilege and price' is particularly true of working alongside children, parents, carers and staff in a primary school setting as a Principal. However, in leaving this school, I take with me a treasure-trove of wonderfully rewarding memories celebrating many of the best things in life – childhood, family, growth, endeavour, friendship, laughter

and of course learning. Mine has been a fortunate vocation! I have spent the best part of my working life seeing the sparkle of youth and enthusiasm in children's eyes, hearing lively happiness in their voices, and that look of realisation and wonder when a child understands something new. It is incredibly fulfilling to be a participant in ones of life's most magical moments - that of seeing children learn.

Over my years of service at BNWPS, there have been generations of families comprising wonderful children and parents and carers who have all been impressive and engaging individuals. It has been a privilege to journey alongside all these people. Thank you to the many wonderful parents I have worked alongside at School Council and subcommittee level, and in the many other ventures such as working bees, fundraising activities, school events and daily school life. Many of you have taught me so much, and my professional and personal life has been enriched through knowing you and working alongside you in support of this school community. I would love to list here all the parents and carers who have made significant contributions to BNWPS, during the tenure of my principalship. This list would be far too long and I fear I would leave someone out. But to each of you I express my most sincere appreciation for the contribution you have made to the children of this school, its community and in support of my leadership. I hope parents and carers continue to enjoy the challenge and immense reward of one of life's most important roles – that of parenthood. May the years ahead be filled with many magic moments of seeing your children grow and mature towards the inevitable autonomy of teenage years and adulthood.

I have also appreciated enormously the many staff members at BNWPS who have shown through their work a daily dedication to the care and growth of children, and a commitment to the ideals and culture of our school community.

## TERM DATES 2017

**TERM 3:** 17 July to 22 September

**TERM 4:** 9 October to 22 December

## CALENDAR

<b>FRI 1 SEPT</b>	Hats must be worn from this day onwards for all outdoor activities
<b>WED 20 SEPT</b>	Whole School Photo at 1130am, weather permitting-see ordering options on Compass on 13 September
<b>THUR 21 SEPT</b>	Science Festival-details now on Compass
<b>FRI 22 SEPT</b>	<b>Last Day of Term, EARLY FINISH AT 2.30PM</b>
<b>MON 9 OCT</b>	First day of Term 4

## CURRENT NOTICES

- Whole School Photo Order envelopes, available at the school office only, please order online or return envelope and money preferably by Wednesday 20th or Friday 13 October latest- see Compass message on 13 September
- Grade 4/5 Camp notice-final payment due urgently
- Grade 6 Camp Rumbug—final payment due urgently
- Camp Medical forms for both Grade 4/5 and Grade 6 Camps-please return urgently
- Science Festival-please give consent on Compass and there is a list of items that need to be provided by each class for this festival.
- End of Term BBQ-sent to each child on Fri 25 August, final return by 9.00am 18 Sept. This note is not on Compass.

I have been so impressed with your level of creativity, enthusiasm and effort applied to programs and activities across classrooms, specialist areas, OSHC, Sprout and the office. I have had the privilege of seeing many of you launch your career as newbie fledglings and then soar to great heights as skilled and experienced contributors to our school. I know that wherever your future professional journey takes you, you will make a valuable and life changing contribution to individual children, school communities and the Victorian Education system.

To each and every wonderful child at BNWPS I wish you all a healthy, interesting and fulfilling future. Each day should be enjoyed to the fullest, and cherished as a sacred opportunity to experience the awesomeness and spectacle of life. I hope you find a chance each day to bring a smile to someone else's face, and in doing so, kindle your own warmth and happiness. Sometime in your future, as you are busy writing chapters in the storybook of your own life, you will flip back over the pages written when you were here at Brunswick North West. Some pages will shine bright, other might be a little ruffled around the edges, but each page will be a unique narrative of your friendships, learning, and all the success and challenges that you experienced here at 'the school on the hill!'. BNWPS will always be part of your background on which the rest of your life's storyline is based. Now go have fun writing a wonderfully rich, enjoyable and satisfying story!

My congratulations and best wishes are extended to the newly appointed Principal of BNWPS, Hannah Reid. You are very fortunate to be the successful applicant

for this great place of life and learning. I am so proud of you Hannah. I know you will be formidable in your endeavours to improve this school, wonderfully supportive and caring in relation to all, and tenacious in your efforts to ensure all members of this community enjoy the best school experience possible.

Can I say a huge 'thank you' for all the kind words and well wishes from members of the school community. Your warmth and thoughtfulness mean a great deal to me as I depart, and your expressions of appreciation will remain with me always. Many have asked, where to after BNWPS, for me? I am organising some part time work, and I intend to volunteer regularly at a museum I am involved with. I look forward to getting back into running, and taking the time to further explore my interests in writing, drawing, history and woodwork. I have been a long term scholar of Tolkien's legendarium, and there is much I still want to explore. We have plans to travel and there is much of the world I long to see. Best of all, I'll now have time to be more involved in the care of my elderly mother.

To current members of our community, and the alumni of past students and parents, I extend to you best wishes for the ongoing happiness and health of you and your family, and I hope each of you finds much joy and fulfilment in your future family, leisure and work life.

The sun comes up, it's a new day, and new opportunities and adventures await us all along life's pathway!

Trevor Bowen,  
Principal



**ASSEMBLY ITEMS**  
**There is no whole school assembly on the last day of term, Friday 22 September, as there is an early finish at 2.30pm. The next assembly item will be in the 2nd week of term 4.**

**There are no lunch orders available on Friday 22 September as it is the last day of term.**  
**The new Sprout Term 4 menu will be sent out next week.**  
**Many thanks to our volunteers as always, we couldn't run the canteen without you!**  
**Thanks from Kris!**

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**LOST PROPERTY**

Hi everyone, please remember to put your child's name onto all pieces of clothing and items they bring to school. There is a mountain of lost property at the moment near Unit BH.

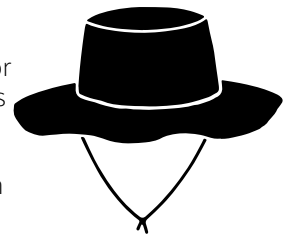
The Grade 1/2s will endeavour to return the items (that have been named) over the next few days. All unnamed items will then go into a free market on the last Wednesday of term in the undercover area. Any unclaimed items will then be taken to the op-shop as usual.

Remember to name all items with a first and last name!

Thanks, Grade 1/2 team

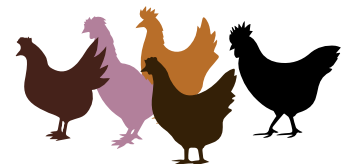
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**HATS TO BE WORN FOR ALL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

As we are a Sunsmart school, we require hats to be worn for all outdoor activities (recess, lunch, PE, OSHC etc). Broad brimmed or Legionnaire's hats are most suitable and are available for purchase from the office. (Broad brimmed hat \$12.00, Legionnaire's hat \$10.00).



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**HOLIDAY CHOOK ROSTER**

The roster is on the noticeboard in the hall, please fill in your details if you are able to care for the chooks over the holidays. You will be rewarded with delicious eggs from our feathered friends!



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**SCHOOL BANKING:**

The last date this term for school banking was on Thursday 14 September. School banking will resume on Thursday 19 October in term 4.





**Hats, Hats, Hats!** Now that Spring has arrived, we are obliged to enact our Sunsmart policy here at OSHC. From now until April 2017, all children will be required to wear hats outdoors when the UV index is at or above 3. We will no longer be supplying spare hats to children, due to concerns about spreading headlice. Instead, we will monitor UV ratings in real time, and allow children outdoors without hats when UV levels are low enough. If your children do not have hats with them at school, they will not be able to play outdoors during OSHC sessions unless UV levels drop below 2.5.

**Sunscreen** – From now until April 2017, we are also required to ensure children apply sunscreen when they go outdoors. Our service supplies Anti-Cancer Council brand sunscreen. If your children require special sunscreen, please supply this to us. If you would like to negotiate alternatives to sunscreen use, please discuss this with Fiona. A written Sunsmart plan will need to be created for individual children who do not have sunscreen applied. Thank you!

**OSHC will be operating on the last day of term: Friday September 22 from 2:30pm – 6:00pm**

Last day of term rates will apply. If you require care on this afternoon, please book your place now (your child must be currently enrolled in the program first). If you have a permanent Thursday afternoon booking and will not be attending, please let us know.

**Term 4 bookings:** If you have an ongoing permanent booking we will assume your bookings will continue into Term 4, unless otherwise advised. Please remember, as per our fee policy, there is a 7 day notice period required if cancelling any permanently booked days, otherwise absent fees apply.

**OSHC Casual Bookings and Changes**

– In order to relieve some of the workload for School Office staff and to streamline our bookings process, please TEXT through all casual bookings and changes to the OSHC Mobile phone. Please DO NOT leave voicemail messages as they are often difficult to decipher due to sound distortion. The OSHC Mobile Number is: 0478 836 264. Thank you!

**Payments into the school bank:**

Just a reminder when you pay your OSHC accounts by direct deposit - please put "OSHC - <child's surname>" in the description/reference part. The account is the BNWPS school's general account, so our Business Manager will not know what is being paid and who has paid it, unless this reference is completed correctly. All account payments must be up-to-date before the beginning of Term 2. Thank you!

**Welcome to Lisa Do, a new Educator in our team! Our current team of OSHC Educators consists of:**

Fiona Mariposa, Andrea Marshall, Adam Mathews, Beverly Andrews, Brianna Bartley, Sean Prien, Mahaelia Thavarajah, Lisa Do, Carly Cheffins, Christina Georgelos, Mika Sutawan, Sarah Maroukel, Naarah Lagowski, Sylvia Kaklamanis and Nadia Faragaarb.

**To contact OSHC:** Speak to the OSHC staff directly or email us on: ohsc.brunswick.nw.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. The OSHC mobile is 0478 836 264.

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bouncy castle, face painting, food trucks, circus skills, craft, ice cream, AFL Star Ben Brown, music, fairy floss, photo booth, coffee, games

**Family Fun Day**  
on Sunday September 17th  
11am - 3pm

come along & show support to our local Rainbow Families & LGBTIQ community

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Halwyn Cres Preston  
take the no. 11 tram or even ride your bike!

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**LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE**  
ESSENDON 73

**Come & Try Days**

Saturday 16th and 23rd September 2017  
9:30 - 11am  
Moonee Valley Athletics Track, Corio Street, Moonee Ponds

- Boys & Girls aged 5-15 of all abilities are welcome to join
- Registration fees: \$145 per child. Family discounts for 3 or more children
- Registrations now open online at [www.lavic.com.au](http://www.lavic.com.au)
- New season starts Saturday 7th October

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## SHINING STARS FROM 25 AUGUST AND 8 SEPTEMBER

**UNIT FL/CC Wynn** for his excellent work in maths.

**UNIT CM Spencer** for being an encouraging class member and considering the feelings of others.

**UNIT DR Liam** for trying extra hard to help your classmates.

**UNIT SM Eden** for the incredible effort you have put into your division work. It's wonderful to see your confidence as a mathematician grow.

**UNIT CD Jennah** for the effort and care you always put into your work. Thank you!

**UNIT MM/LM Harriet** for going above and beyond with our maths work this week. Great job Harriet!

**UNIT JB Ruby** for trying hard to focus and produce your best work in writing this week. Your creativity and willingness to accept feedback is outstanding. Well done!

**UNIT LK Finian** for always doing your best in writing. I enjoyed reading your investigations reflection.

**UNIT BH Sarah** for taking such care and using fantastic listening skills during book club this week.

**Carl** for working hard and always trying your best. You have really proved you are a great role model.

**UNIT AL Chiara** for the consistent effort you put into your learning.

**UNIT KM Ava** for the fantastic English book you have created for children in Indonesia.

**Abdi** for the excellent effort you have put into your English story book yesterday.

**UNIT AH Milla** for the positive attitude you have shown towards your learning.

**Alexandra** for the awesome effort you put into your maths!

**UNIT FL/CC Lock** for his resilience and help with the technology in the classroom.

**UNIT JHW Matilda** for the exemplary manner in which you have approached your studies this year. Well done!

**UNIT LVW Kat** for her energy and the passion she brings to her learning.

## OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE FOR CASUAL RELIEF EDUCATORS

We, Brunswick Montessori Children's House – the kinder next door – are seeking experienced educators who would be available to undertake casual relief work in our centre.

Occasionally our wonderful staff fall ill and we wish to be able to establish a list of relief educators that we can call on at this time. This allows the relief teachers to establish a caring and nurturing relationship with our children as well as work productively alongside our small preschool education team. There will also be an opportunity for more permanent work next year when we recruit a part time assistant.

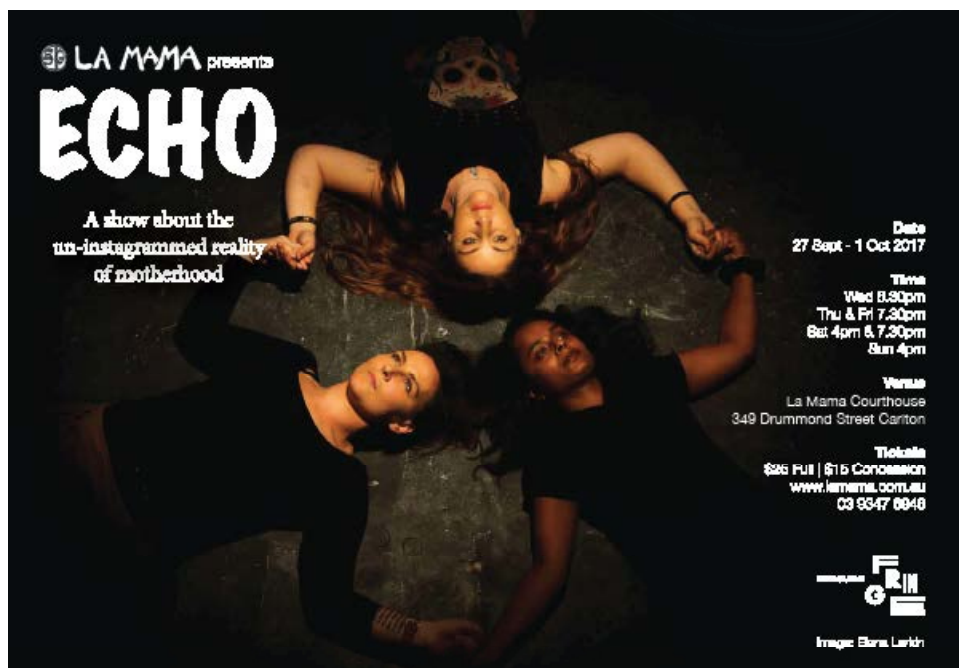
If you have Certificate III in Children's Services (minimum requirement), a current Working with Children's Check (WWCC), first aid qualifications (desirable) and are eligible to work in Australia – please contact Jennifer Gottliebse and send your resume to [jennifer@bmch.org.au](mailto:jennifer@bmch.org.au)

**Appointments to meet will be made for the first few weeks of term 4.**

## BIRTHDAYS-UP UNTIL THE END OF TERM.

Birthdays occurring over the holidays will appear in the first newsletter for Term 4.

3 SEPT	<b>Stewart</b> KM
	<b>Albee</b> JHW
4 SEPT	<b>Marlow Buster</b> TP
6 SEPT	<b>Arsh</b> AH
9 SEPT	<b>Toa</b> JHW
10 SEPT	<b>Nico</b> FK/CD
11 SEPT	<b>Pippa</b> RE
	<b>Eden</b> SM
12 SEPT	<b>Chiara</b> AL
	<b>Caspar</b> AL
13 SEPT	<b>Alex</b> FK/CD
	<b>Margot</b> KM
14 SEPT	<b>Joey</b> KM
15 SEPT	<b>Jake</b> CM
	<b>Miller</b> JB
16 SEPT	<b>Miles</b> MM/LM
	<b>Ari</b> AL
18 SEPT	<b>William</b> BH



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