

**BRUNSWICK
NORTH WEST
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

the NOR'WESTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MAGIC!!

There were times on Saturday when the enormity of Winter Magic Market just made one stop for a few seconds, to survey with incredulity, the mass of visitors thronging across the asphalt area, multipurpose room, oval and undercover area.

The magnitude and exuberance of Winter Magic Market 2016 was breathtaking to experience. This was a huge event! We invited a lot of guests to come and enjoy the company and warmth of our school community on Saturday, and from all reports, our visitors departed having enjoyed a great time. There was delicious food to savour and a range of drinks to entice, all whilst sitting near an open fire enjoying the company of friends and family.

The level of industry across the food stalls was relentless until the concluding minutes of the market. The undercover bar and art room wine bar each exuded their own expression of conviviality, and the quality of the entertainment was one of the many highlights of the day. The sunset we enjoyed provided an ochre backdrop to the increasing glow and wonder of the fairy lights, as the market passed through the twilight to become the dark, vibrant evening affair we all appreciate.

As the gravity of the event picked up, past marketeers began commenting on the sizable increase in the crowd this year and the busyness of food and drink vendors to keep up with demand. Runners were being sent out to source additional supplies and most food and drink stalls were scraping the bottom of the barrel by 7.45pm. It was fabulous to see our children enjoying themselves so much on rides and inflatables. Toffee-apple tinted smiles adorned many youngsters faces, adding to the kaleidoscope of colour created with painted

faces, all framed with a smear of tomato sauce from a sausage long since devoured. The oval became a fun-filled wonderland for the children, with thrills and adventures to be enjoyed.

More than any previous Market, children have been commenting on how much fun they had at this year's event. Many children have asked if it is possible to have a Spring Magic Market. Are you up for it parent and carer helpers? The ride operators commented that they work at many school and public events, and our BNWPS children were some of the best behaved and well-mannered children they had the pleasure of providing rides for.

Our school community is entitled to wallow in a well-deserved sense of pride, contentment and satisfaction at a job done incredibly well on Saturday. WMM16 Coordinator Tanya Pittard and her team of organisers from the Community Events Team and beyond have been on maximum efforts for months now, and their expenditure of effort, time and creativity is appreciated by all members of our community. Right across the school from Foundation to Year 6, volunteers have rolled up their sleeves and contributed to ensure the Market was a success. Some parents and carers were in a position to donate day after day in preparation for the event, and on the day. Others contributed by working on a shift or two on market day itself. All contributions and help were appreciated. Thank you to you all! Your input has resulted in a very successful fundraiser and the further promotion of our school in the local and wider community. Our BNWPS community has received further enhancement and definition by the friendly and constructive manner in which we have all worked together to achieve a great success.

What wonderful statements you have all made to your children. By individuals contributing to the life and work of their community great things can be achieved, connections made between people and mutual benefits shared across all involved. Many parents involved have also mentioned that despite working hard, toiling for hours, they enjoyed spending time with other parents and friends of the school. What an amazing lot you are!



TERM DATES 2015/16

TERM 3: 11 July to 16 Sep
TERM 4: 3 Oct to 20 Dec

CALENDAR

URGENT!	Final payment for Grade 4/5 Camp required
SAT 13 AUG– SUN 21 AUG	Science Week
SUN 21 AUG– FRI 26 AUG	Book Week
WED 24 AUG– FRI 26 AUG	Grades 4-5 Camp
SUN 28 AUG	Working Bee
THUR 1 SEPT	Hats are required to be worn from this day for all outdoor activities
FRI 2 SEPT	Spring Family Day activities
TUES 6 SEPT	Community Input evening, more details to follow.
FRI 4 NOV	Date for final payment for Grade 6 Canberra Camp
MON 21 NOV– FRI 25 NOV	Grade 6 Camp to Canberra

CURRENT NOTICES

- Camp notices to all grade 4/5 students, final payment to be made urgently
- Grade 4/5 camp medical information form, please return urgently
- Grade 4/5 camp, what to bring, sent on 3 August
- Canberra camp for Grade 6, payment note sent on 21 July, please return note and payments as per the schedule on the form
- Expression of Interest for Grades F-2 swimming, sent to each child on 12 August
- Foundation only - school nursing programme forms, sent on Tues 9 Aug, please return by 16 Aug

UNIT JHW WILL PROVIDE THE ASSEMBLY ITEM ON 19 AUGUST.

UNIT AH WILL PROVIDE THE ASSEMBLY ITEM ON 26 AUGUST.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY

We invite you as an important member of our BNWPS school community to complete a survey. Simply click on the attached link or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BNWPSparentsurvey> before Monday 22nd August at 5pm.

This survey is designed for parents and carers to complete, and is a great opportunity for you to share your views, provide ideas, voice concerns and give an honest appraisal of our school and school community. The information from this survey will help inform the BNWPS strategy and will be an important reference in the school strategy evening on Tuesday 6th September. The survey is an extension of the Dept. of Education's formal annual questionnaire that is sent to approximately 40 families each year. We have used the same questions and added further questions that are relevant to our school and school community.

We encourage you to provide this valuable feedback to us. The feedback is confidential, and we do not require you to give your name or identify yourself in anyway. The information from the survey will be collated by the school leadership and Rosemary Fisher (volunteer) under the guidance of the School Council. The results will be shared with the school community as part of the strategy development process.

SOME UPSETTING NEWS TO SHARE

I have to report to the school community that our garden shed container was broken into during the week.

The following items have been stolen: Ride on mower, Line trimmer, 2 hand mowers along with a range of tools and spare parts

Thieves cut the chain on the double gates on Wales Street. The container storing these items has a ¼ inch steel lock box which is designed to limit access to padlock. The padlock was a toughened steel device. The ride on mower was also chained within the

container to the wall. All these safeguards were circumvented with some sort of cutting device and access gained to the equipment. Police have been called and DET emergency services have been notified. This machinery was all insured. School Council and the respective subcommittees will examine storage of future maintenance assets.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome Yasmin Speekman who will be undertaking a physical education teaching role on a Monday for the remainder of the year. Kate McCormack is departing this week on maternity leave. We send Kate our best wishes and look forward to the exciting news about the safe arrival of her second child. Mellissa Marlatt recently announced the arrival of her son, Eamon Jasper Davis, weighing 4.12 kgs. Everything went well!

SCHOOL CONCERT 2017

A group of committed parents with a strong background in the arts, have volunteered to apply for Creative Victoria's Artist in Schools program for BNWPS which would enable experienced artists to work with the BNWPS children to create an amazing school concert in 2017. As our school has such wonderful talent in its parent population in the performing arts from award winning playwrights, directors, actors, designers and musicians, it would be great to create a 2017 concert that represents our schools dynamic and unique talents. The current proposal is for a Term 4 2017 performance on our school grounds that encompasses performance, animation and projection. There will be many opportunities for anyone who wants to get involved - we will be posting notices in the newsletter as the project evolves. For further information please contact Luke Kane.

Trevor Bowen
Principal



CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE ON A WONDERFUL WINTER MAGIC MARKET!

An especially big thank you to all those fabulous volunteers who helped me both in the kitchen and on the day getting the curries ready and serving them up. Special mention needs to go to Kate Cunningham who coordinated the stall, what an epic and amazing job you did Kate! Thank you so much.

As always I would like to thank my gorgeous volunteers at Sprout. It is a joy to work alongside you and your help and commitment means so much to the canteen. It wouldn't run without you.

As we bake daily at Sprout, our snacks regularly change. Parents and students, please be aware that if you order something extra with your lunch order, it may not be available. We will replace with the most suitable substitute but to avoid disappointment we would prefer you came to the canteen to purchase any extra items.

Warm regards,
Kris

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

After an event such as the Winter Magic Market, it's hard to think of anything else to write about this week! This time last year I wrote about the sense of community that was so obvious and heart-warming at the WMM'15. This year, however, I found myself overwhelmed with another positive emotion: pride. I saw, heard and felt pride everywhere I went last Saturday and I have a feeling that you saw, heard and felt it too.

It was such a joy to see students dragging their families and neighbours around by hand, through the grounds to proudly and rapidly introduce said family members to their friends/teachers/cubbies/chickens/classmate's-uncle's-dog. I couldn't help but smile when seeing the ex-students and wider community members, who proudly attend our events saying "This is my primary school," while going to university, growing facial hair or doing something else terribly grown-up. I start to giggle when I see teachers (those who have been here more than a decade and those who have been here less than a year) also dragging along partners, family members and friends – almost more proud of our school and more childish in our joy than our students! But it was in speaking with new parents that I saw just how much school pride there is within our community. I spoke with at least ten new families on Saturday, all of whom had attended a WMM in previous years, but this year they were not coming as guests, this year it was their WMM too. The grins, tears, laughter and exclamations that came from these families were all overwhelmingly positive and made a huge statement about our school-family.

Did you know, however, that research says school pride has a direct correlation to student achievement? According to surveys conducted across schools in the United States, Canada, England and Australia, school pride can improve a student's commitment to education, which can in-turn act as a deterrent to negative behaviour later in life. While researchers continue to explore the concept of school pride; what it is and how we can foster it, the idea that school pride creates a positive learning environment that makes school exciting and allows for relationships to be fostered is not a difficult one to follow. What's more, studies would say that students who show support for their school are more engaged in positive social behaviours, are more mindful citizens of their community and are "happier in general" than students who do not display the same pride.

One concluding statement in an article I was reading stated "[School pride] goes hand in hand with positivity and is a benchmark of a school's holistic success." After your experience at this year's WMM, do you think we met benchmark? I know I do!

Hannah Reid

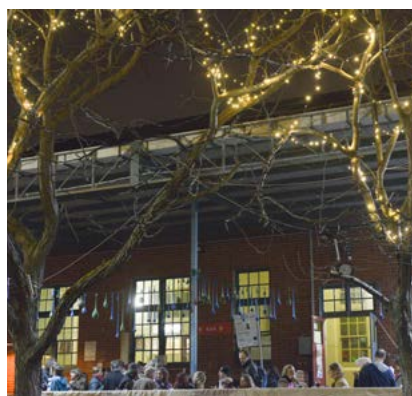


THANK YOU FROM BNWPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Brunswick North West School Council thanks the school community for the success of the 2016 Winter Magic Market. We recognise the contributions of all those involved, from the organisers to the makers, bakers, creators, and gophers, to the ticket sellers, burger flippers and electricians, to those working behind and those propping up the bar, to the artists, musicians and our school staff and students. We recognise those who were able to give their time, those who cared for children to enable others to contribute, and those who were able to give their hard-earned dollars. Every little bit counts and whatever your bit was, large or small, we are grateful.

INVITATION

The School Council invites the school community to celebrate the success of the Winter Magic Market and give thanks to all those involved in staging this wonderful event. Please join us for drinks and nibbles on the deck at Sprout on **Friday 19th August from 3:30-4:30pm**. No RSVP required.



BOITE CHOIR 2016

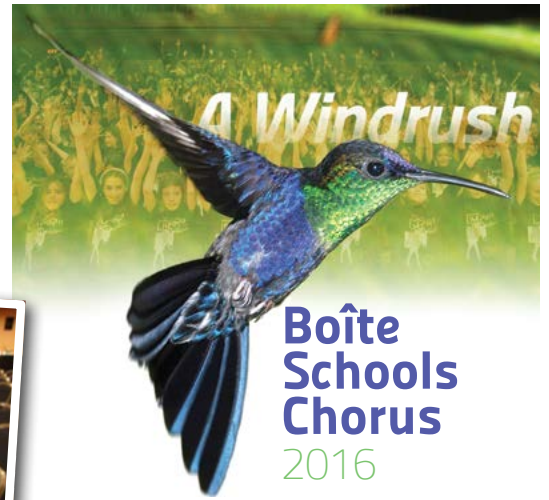
On Wednesday the 3rd of August the Boîte Choir joined other schools at the Melbourne Town hall to sing in a mass choir celebrating the music that developed from the Caribbean to the UK. It was a personal story of the writer's parents growing up in an impoverished part of St. Lucia and the life changing journey to a new life in the UK. The music was written about their early life and transition to a new home. A highlight of the night was when the writer's daughter sang the lead vocals of a song about her Grandmother.

Our students sang with the gusto and finesse that they have displayed year after year participating in the Boîte schools chorus. I am so proud of their efforts and want to congratulate them all.

A big thank you to Chelsea and Sylvia for all your passion and dedication in teaching the choir and a special thank you to Sandra for photographing the night.

Well done everyone,

Luke Kane



The West Coburg Cricket Club's Junior Program is recognised by Moreland Council and Cricket Victoria as providing a welcoming and inclusive program for boys and girls to learn cricket skills in a safe and fun environment.

Our Junior Registration Day will be held on Saturday 13 August from 10 am to 1 pm at the Shore Reserve clubrooms.

For those who are unable to make it on that day, there will be a follow up registration session on Tuesday 16 August from 7 pm to 8pm also at Shore Reserve.

(We will be holding a separate Milo In2Cricket Registration on Friday 16 October from 6pm to 7pm)

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Contact Jeff Lally on 0416 272 423 for further information.



SHINING STARS FROM 29 JULY



UNIT RE **Misono** for trying hard to use the sounds you know to write words, keep it up!

UNIT CC **Perry** for your improved handwriting and excellent poster for the Winter Magic Market. Great work!

UNIT DR **Alex** for the enthusiasm, effort and pride you have shown in your work. Keep it up!

UNIT LK **Chiara** for the amazing effort you have put into improving your reading skills.

UNIT SM **Henry** for using very neat handwriting and coming up with great ideas in your work. Keep it up!

UNIT AL **Amaran** for working hard and maintaining focus during learning experiences.

Sadie for the excellent effort you have applied to your procedural writing. Well done!

UNIT KM **Bessie** for your insightful contributions to class discussions this week. Keep it up!

UNIT MM/AK **Grace** for the effort you put into your spelling words.

UNIT CD **Isabelle** for the imaginative detail you put into your moderated writing piece. Keep up the wonderful work!

Sharmake for the effort you are making to improve your automatic recall of facts-well done!

BIRTHDAYS

2 AUG **Shaymaa** CM 8 AUG **Soma** CC
 4 AUG **Thomas** AH 11 AUG **Tighe** SM
Mirah MM/AK 12 AUG **Teah** AH
Aki MM/AK
Arthur LVW
 6 AUG **Soraya** JHW
 7 AUG **Thea** DR



OSHC

New Sustainability Agenda At OSHC: As part of our commitment to improvements in the area of ecologically sustainable practice, BNWPS OSHC is making the transition to using 100% recycled paper toilet paper and tissues in the MPR building. Our educator team believes that the clear-felling of forests to produce paper pulp for toilet paper manufacture is a terrible tragedy, and we are committed to using recycled paper products wherever possible at our service.

OUR NEW TOILET PAPER SUPPLIER - WHO GIVES A CRAP

'Who Gives A Crap' toilet paper is not only made from 100% Recycled paper waste, the company donate 50% of their profits to WaterAid projects in impoverished communities around the world. Their toilet paper prices are very reasonable and we think that many families in this school community might be interested in the products they produce. For more information, please visit:

<https://au.whogivesacrap.org/>

Ecologically Sustainable Art Materials: Our OSHC service aims to make a transition towards using biodegradable materials for art and craft purposes as much as possible. Sourcing such materials is not difficult, but it can take time. And so we ask the support and assistance of families to help us to achieve this aim. We would love ongoing donations of leaves, flowers and petals, bark, shells, interesting stones, pieces of wood, sticks, feathers, seed pods – any items that have been respectfully gathered from the land. If your kids love collecting shells and feathers, but you don't want to have a whole bunch in your house, bring them to OSHC. If you spot paperbark that a tree has naturally shed, bring it to OSHC! All donations of natural items are gratefully appreciated!

OSHC EDUCATOR TEAM:

Our current team of OSHC Educators consists of: Fiona Mariposa, Andrea Marshall, Stephen Lopez, Adam Mathews, Beverly Andrews, Nicholas Donnelly, Brianna Bartley, Sean Prien, Mahaelia Thavarajah, Carly Cheffins, Michael Porter and Christina Georgelos

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 (Suzanne) will not know what is being paid and who has paid it, unless this reference is completed correctly.

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.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017 REQUIRED BY END OF AUGUST PLEASE!

If you have a sibling enrolment, please collect a form from the office and bring your child's birth and immunisation certificates when you drop the form in.

We would like to have our 2017 enrolments finalised by the end of August to enable planning to start for next year.

TRAVELLING BOOK COMMUNITY

Our books travel through our school community ...simply borrow a book or two and bring it back for someone else to enjoy when you're finished!! You'll find a book stand outside the office.

See Jo in the Library (@bnwps_jo) or Claire Wiltshire (parent of Grace TP)

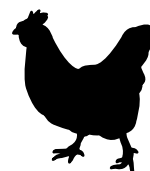


HATS

Hats are required to be worn from 1 September for all outdoor activities (recess, lunch, PE etc). There are hats for sale at the school office.



CHOOK ROSTER



The weekend chook roster for this term is on the noticeboard in the hall.

Please put your name on the roster if you can care for the chooks and be rewarded with lovely eggs from our feathered friends.

SHINING STARS OF THE WINTER MAGIC MARKET

While we of course wish to acknowledge and thank all who contributed to the Winter Magic Market it is important to acknowledge the special financial contributions that occurred. Many thousands of dollars worth of sponsorship and discounts were given, helping to increase the profit margin on the market. Coordinators and some others also donated hundreds of hours of expertise to help. We simply could not have afforded to pay retail price for the expertise required to run a successful market.

DESIGN/BRANDING + SIGNAGE

We received more than \$20,000 worth of discounts and donations

- Beci Orpin
- BigThink Creative
- Broadcast Design
- Plakkit printing
- Prism Imaging
- Image Box
- Katrina Hall Public Relations
- Jellis Craig Real Estate

DECORATIONS/DISPOSABLE CROCKERY/TOYS + GLOW STICKS/ART, CRAFT + BISCUIT DECORATING, PHOTO BOOTH

More than \$2,500 in donations

- Kmart
- Hessian
- Phil Moir Photography
- Tamsin West, Maryam Clarkson, Sally Quinn and Tracey Hopkins coordination

AFTERNOON TEA STALL/CHAI + HOT CHOCOLATE/PANCAKES/TREATS/COFFEE CART + PLANT, PRODUCE + CAKE STALL

We saved 100s of dollars in ingredients costs through donations by local businesses and the wonderful parents who baked and served.

- Aussie Farmers Direct
- Basfoods
- Melbourne Zoo bakery
- 3 Bridges Apples
- Kmart
- Sarah Wolfe, Erica Fisers, Kerstin Rezo, Gaynor Vere, Nina and Rod Dewar, Bianca Hall, Tom and Lucy Beaumont and Jane Camilleri coordination

this fortnight's newsletter design + layout by debbie wood deb@bigthinkcreative.com.au from the Make It Pretty Committee editorial by linda henshall. any submissions by midday wednesday to henshall.linda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

CURRIES + GADO GADO

We saved \$1000s on ingredients costs through generous donations from local businesses and cooking expertise from parents.

- La Manna Fresh
- Wimmera Grain Store
- Basfoods
- Nan's amazing Roti
- Darren Martin donated the Bain Marie
- Tash's hot boxes
- Kate Cunningham, Kris Bidenko, Linda Bennett coordination

BAR

We saved \$1000s thanks to generous donations and discounts

- Rathdowne Cellars
- Thunder Road brewery
- Cheese Culture
- IGA Sydney Rd
- Chris Harders, Sue Redfearn, Anne Fragnito, Jason Downes, Paul Broadhurst coordination

BARBECUES

We saved \$1000s thanks to generous donations and discounts

- Taco Truck
- Nino's and Joe's sausages
- The Village Bakery bread and rolls
- Bunnings Brunswick gas bottles
- Kennards hire Preston BBQs
- El Barbecue
- Carli Gray, Cathy Farrell, Raph Rashid, Abel Galante

ART AUCTION, BOOK STALL + READING ROOM

All of our communities wonderful artists contributed \$1,000s worth of artworks and items. Thanks to the teachers for their reading talent and the donations of hundreds of books from parents.

Special mention to coordinators:

- Samantha Everton Photography
- Claire Wiltshire
- Vanessa Hutchinson

MUSIC + DISCO

Magnificent performances set the scene for a magical afternoon.

- Coordinated by Lani Seligman and Sue Tyrie
- Disco by Darius Kedros and Jody Bell

CARNIVAL RIDES

We saved \$1000s thanks to generous discounts

- Baileys Bouncers

thank you!!



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