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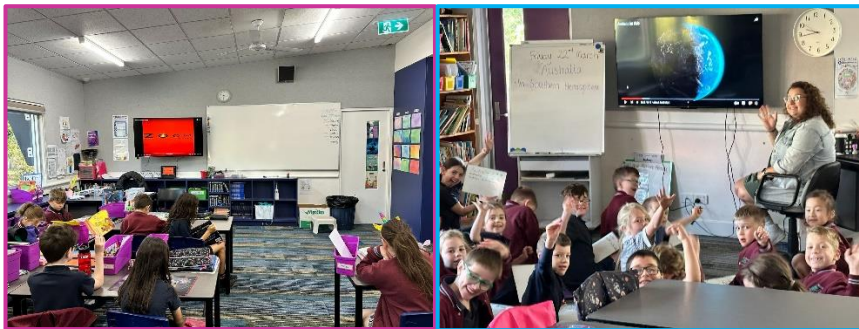
From the Principal's Desk

Here we are, almost at the end of Term 1 already! Over the past two weeks there has been an explosion of activity around the school, both with student activities and works being done around the school.

Maintenance works and upgrades

This year we have tagged funds in the budget for the improvement and upgrade of various equipment and learning materials to further support student learning and facilities.

This term we have added 30 laptops for the junior school, to be used alongside the ipads that we currently have. All 10 classes have had 55 inch TV screens installed to replace the older style projectors, and to locate all the tools teachers need for delivering explicit teaching to one end of the classroom. This will also allow teachers more flexibility for using collaborative learning spaces in the classroom, especially the Yr 3-6 classes. The TVs and installation were purchased using fund raising money from our 100 Year Celebration last year.



We have also added new mulch to the junior and prep playground areas, and students loved seeing the big truck pump the soft fall straight onto the playgrounds with a huge hose.

Both of our courtyard upgrades are almost complete, with the synthetic turf giving a wonderful pop of colour and a safer surface for students to play on. We also managed to remove a couple of small superfluous sections of fencing, to give the yard a cleaner and more open look. This is part of the Inclusive School Fund grant that was awarded to the school back in 2022 (yes it has taken that long!!). The remainder of this work, which includes an additional section of playground on the junior side, is due for completion mid year.



Calendar

Friday March 22 2024
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March

Friday 22nd

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Assembly 2.45pm Badges Presented

Monday 25th

Knox Raiders Basketball Clinic (Gr 3-6)

Wednesday 27th

Multicultural Day

Music Concert 2.30pm

Thursday 28th

Assembly 1.30pm Easter Raffle Drawn

Last Day of Term 1

2.30pm Dismissal

April

Monday 15th

Curriculum Day (Student Free)

Tuesday 16th

Students return for Term 2

Friday 19th

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Monday 22nd

Indonesian Cultural Day-Grade 6

Students

Heathmont College

Thursday 25th

Anzac Day

From the Principal's Desk continued....

As part of our plans to tidy up the school grounds and improve facilities, I sent out a link for a poll asking if BNPS parents and families would be interested in coming to help with some gardening jobs, and we have had a good response. The link is still live, and it would be great to hear from some more people about their ability to help out. <https://forms.gle/6SuRxhkwWDLZ8mULA>

From your responses, I would like to tentatively schedule a **Gardening Bee for the weekend of May 4th & 5th**. Further details will be sent out in week 1 of term but for now please pencil the date into your busy calendars.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our wonderful student leaders on receiving your badges at Assembly today. It is great to see the pride students have in wearing those badges, and more importantly in fulfilling their roles as leaders and demonstrating our School Values as they do so.

NAPLAN

Our testing for NAPLAN has concluded, and I was impressed by the students' perseverance throughout this process. They were superstars! Despite it being a disruption to normal routines, they took it in their stride and our participation rate was very high. This will provide valuable information regarding how we are going with student learning as a school, and will help to inform future decisions regarding curriculum improvement in the coming year.

Events Galore!

Over the past two weeks, and through to the end of term, our students are enjoying a rich variety of events and activities that contribute to their personal and academic growth and overall experience at school. These include the Nursery Rhyme Parade in Prep/1, Senior sport Gala Day, Junior School council beginning to meet, PLAY Leaders beginning to organise activities, Running Club, Basketball Clinics for 3-6 students next week, and of course our whole school Harmony Day and music concert for next Wednesday.

A huge thanks must go to the teaching staff who go above and beyond to plan and organise these activities for our students, and to the parents who help support it as well.

I hope everyone enjoys the Easter Holidays and the term break, and has a chance to rest and reset in preparation for Term 2. It has been such a successful and positive start to the year and I am eagerly looking forward to the rest of the year and Term 2.

Don't forget we have a curriculum day with the Bayswater Education Plan schools on the first day of Term 2 - Monday 15th April.

Mrs Graunke
Principal

PTFA



BNPS Easter Raffle 2024

The PTFA are running our annual Easter Raffle to be drawn at a special end of Term One assembly on Thursday 28th March.

Foundation News

We have been having a busy time in Prep and are settling into the routine of attending school full time. Our Share Reading continues with the students enjoying the various picture story books being read to them by our wonderful parent helpers. This week we had our annual Nursery Rhyme Parade which was a great success. We performed a Welcome to Country and various nursery rhymes including Jack and Jill, Humpty Dumpty, Baa Baa Black Sheep and The Grand Old Duke of York. The students looked sensational in their costumes. Thank-you Mums and Dads!

In Numeracy, the Preps have been shape detectives looking for circles in the playground, while the Grade 1's have been learning about the similarities and differences of 2 and 3-dimensional shapes. They have been practising counting and joining groups.

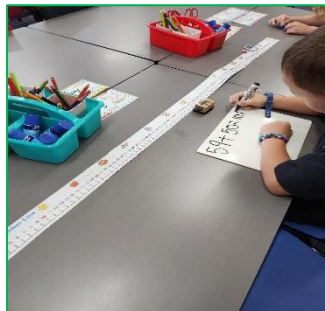
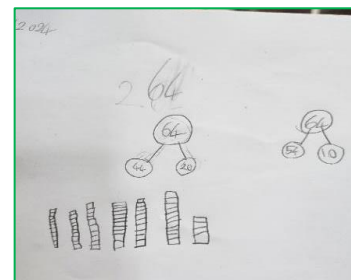
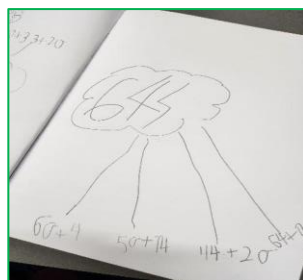
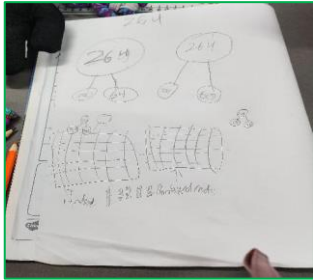
Everyone has been enjoying icy poles on Thursday's and will miss these next Term. They will be back again for the warm weather in Term 4. We are enjoying spending time together and merging both classes for eating times in the Prep courtyard and especially during all the Nursery Rhyme practice we've been doing over the past few weeks.



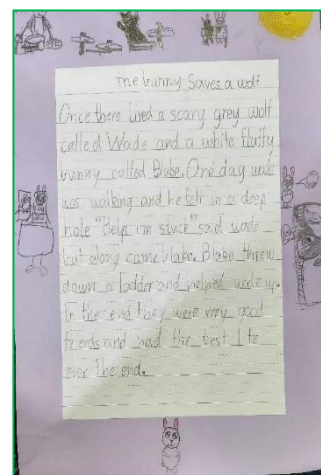
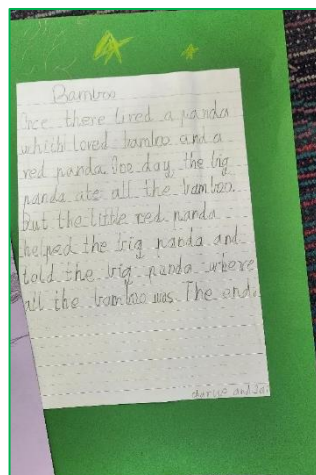
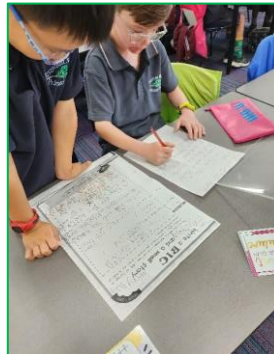


1/2 News

The students in 1/2 have been busy mathematicians! We have been investigating number bonds, sharing different strategies for grouping counters, and solving simple addition and subtraction problems using a number line.



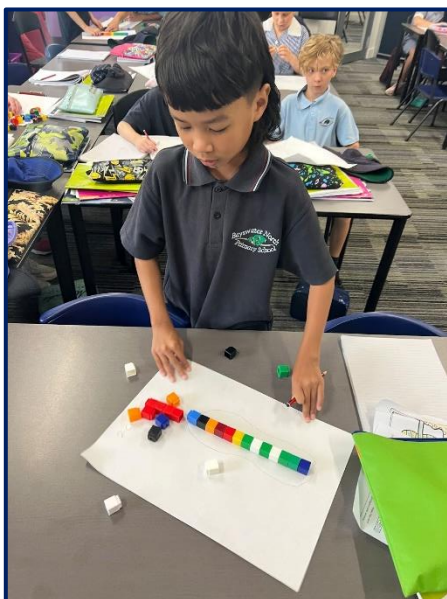
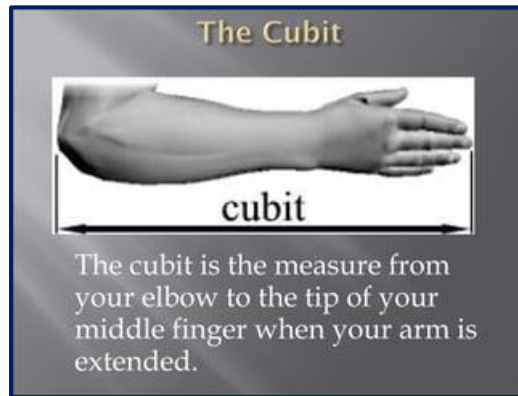
During our writing sessions, students have been learning about the features of an imaginative text. Working with a partner, they planned stories about two animals, one big and one small, before drafting their ideas. They edited and published their stories, ready to be read to their classmates!



3/4 News

Did you know that historically units of length derived from the lengths of human body parts? For example a length of fabric was measured using the distance between a person's nose and the tip of the middle fingertip when the arm is extended (measuring about one metre). Cubits (about 57mm) were based on the length of the arm from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger and was considered the equivalent of 6 palms or 2 spans. Hands are still used to measure the height of horses. A hand is four inches so a horse that is sixteen hands and two inches will be described as "16.2hh."

Students explored using informal units to measure the length of their shoes and other objects in the classroom. It was agreed that it was too confusing to use different units to measure length and it was a much better idea to measure length using standardised units such as mm, cm and metres.



5/6 News

Kitchen Garden

5/6's have been continuing to explore the Scientific Method, growing seeds in different conditions - our sugar snap pea seeds have germinated and continued to grow after being planted in pots! The next step is to get them growing in the school garden.



Another exciting event in the kitchen garden program was a cooking session! Year 5/6's spent time in the kitchen making dips - tzatziki, salsa and guacamole - YUM! Students worked so well together in groups and produced some delicious dips to eat with corn chips. Salsa seemed to be the overall favourite - well done everyone! All students received a recipe book so I'm sure they will be excited to make some dips for you at home!! 😊

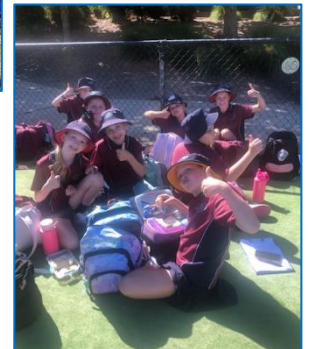


NAPLAN

The Year 5's had a successful NAPLAN period - we are so proud of them for putting in their best effort. Many thanks to parents/carers for ensuring students were at school and on time for these days.

Senior Sport Gala Day

On Friday 15th March the Year 5/6's participated in the Senior Sport Gala Day round robin competition. The sports were: cricket, lacrosse, basketball, volleybounce and hot shots. BNPS hosted the cricket competition, basketball was played at Melba College, hot shots was played at Croydon PS, lacrosse was played at Domeney Reserve (Park Orchards) and volleybounce was played at Ringwood Nth PS. The students represented BNPS very well, and a super fun day was had by all! Many thanks to our wonderful parent helpers and staff who made this day possible, and thank you to Mr Hannah for his organisation.

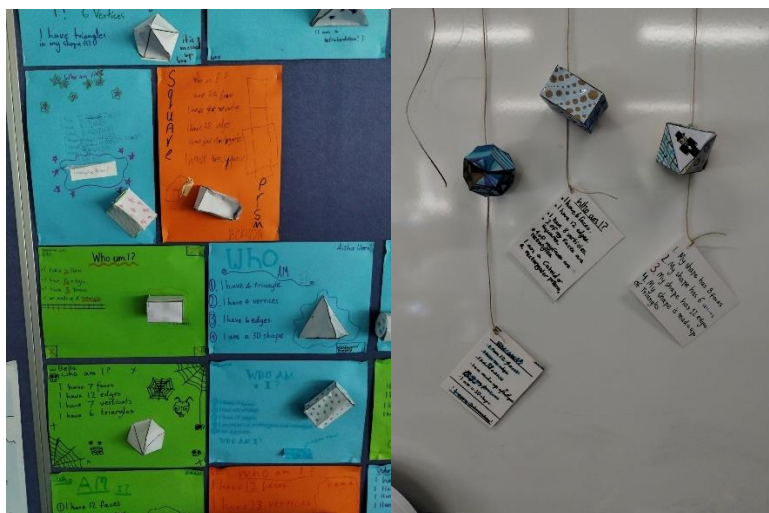


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One of the reading comprehension strategies we have been focussing on is 'visualisation' - readers create pictures in their mind as they are reading a story or text. Students used visualisation to create pictures from a passage of text from our class novel, 'The Magic Misfits' that described 'The Grand Oak Hotel'.

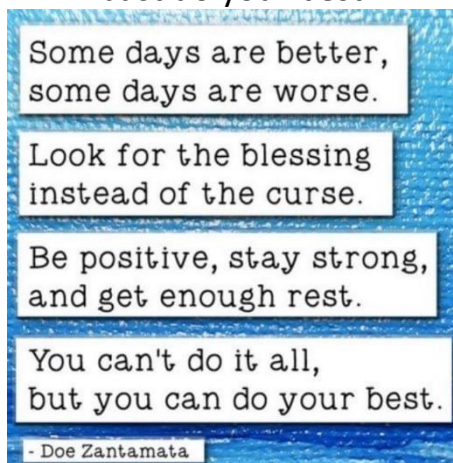


In Maths we have been learning about 3D shapes. The students have been very creative with some 'Who am I?' 3D shape puzzles.



Chaplain's Spot

'Just do your best'



Sometimes, other people's expectations on us can feel quite unreasonable. They seem to think that they know what is best for us. We all have different skills and talents. Life would be very dull if we were all the same. We usually know our limits, although we can be challenged to try and reach new levels.

I like the above quote. It helps to put perspective in our day. There are always going to be demands placed on us, by our kids, work colleagues, friends, those in authority. However, we also need to be focused, and not sidetracked, so that we can do our best at whatever is in front of us. How do we do that? Here are some ideas:

1. Make People Feel Special - Encourage and empower people at every chance.
2. Find Work You Love and Put Your Heart and Soul Into It.
3. Focus on the Task at Hand - Do the best you can where you are with what you have.
4. Treat Every Task as Important - Every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it.
5. Always Do the Right Thing, Even When It's Hard - Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can.
6. Take Initiative - Even if you're already very good at your job, do whatever you can to push your limits.
7. Be Part of the Solution - Don't be known as someone who is always complaining about something.
8. Tell the Truth - Let people know they can count on you to be honest even when it creates difficulties.
9. Help as Many People as You Can Along the Way - Become someone people seek out for assistance.
10. Maintain a Positive Attitude - A positive attitude is always contagious.

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Wellbeing: Come and visit our Breakfast Club program on Thursday mornings. It is a free program for every student, providing toast, juice, carrots, milk and fruit cups. Check out our s/hand uniform stock. We have plenty of items for sale, for a gold coin donation.

Contact: If you need to contact me, you can email me, or phone or see me at school on my days listed below.

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Maroondah Council events:

Events, expos and information sessions

***SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** activity*

Nature Play Day

Join us to celebrate Nature Play Week with free fun, interactive and creative activities that will inspire your little nature adventurers to care for our local nature and have lots of fun outside too! The day will include activities suitable for children 2 to 10 years. Families with younger children, older children and all abilities are welcome.

Date: Wednesday 10 April 2024. **Time:** 10am to 1pm. **Venue:** Cheong Park, 84-100 Bayswater Road, Croydon 3136

Cost: FREE but registrations are essential - access QR code via Council website.

NOTE: Adult supervision required. Children cannot be left unattended.

Avoiding parental burnout

When the daily stress of parenting becomes chronic it can turn into parental burnout.

Date: Thursday 18 April 2024. **Time:** 7pm to 8.30pm. **Venue:** Online. [Bookings essential](#). **Cost:** Free

Please contact Cathie Wills with any questions on 9294 5740 or email: childrens.services.events@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Maroondah Night Run

Come dressed in your brightest activewear for a 5km run or walk through Ringwood Golf on Friday 19 April at Ringwood Golf Club. BYO glow bands and lights to really stand out from the crowd! All athletic abilities welcome.

Cost:

- Individual - \$26 per person (12+ years or have an adult with them)
- Family - \$57 (max of 4 people with one entrant 18+. Extra \$10 per person)
- Concession entry - \$20 per person.
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To register head [here](#). Registrations close Tuesday 16 April.

For more information including Race rules and bib collection head [here](#).

Take charge of your financial future

Join Victoria Devine, 'She's on the money' podcaster, well-known author and former financial advisor to learn strategies to help you take charge of your financial future.

Date: Thursday 2 May 2024. **Time:** Doors open at 7pm. Presentation starts at 7.30pm. Event finishes at 9pm.

Venue: Karralyka, Mines Road, Ringwood East 3134.

Attending online? Livestream session starts at 7.30pm and will run for one hour. The link to attend online will be sent to registered attendees on the day of the session.

Cost:

- \$10 per person. \$5 for additional people under the same booking.
- \$5 per person concession.
- \$10 per livestream booking.

Who: Suitable for ages 16+. Parent supervision required for people under 18.

Bookings: Please [book here](#)

Be ahead of the game: talking to young people about gaming

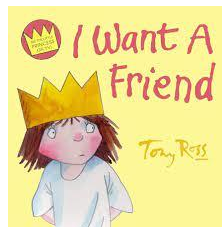
Join this free information session to understand how the blurred line between gambling and gaming is placing young people at risk of harm.

Date: Tuesday 14 May 2024. **Time:** 7.30pm to 8.45pm

Venue: Online. Book [here](#). **Cost:** Free

For more information please contact Cathie Wills on 03 9294 5740 or email childrens.services.events@maroondah.vic.gov.au

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I was recently reading this book with a student. It's a great story about someone who has no friends at school, and who meets lots of others who 'have no friends' as well. I recommend it for those who need some new friends to play with.

Fun Facts for 4 Kids: Number four is the only one with the same amount of letters!

Easter focus thought: If you would like to know the origins of Easter eggs, you could check it out on Google. There is a deep message behind these delicious oval shaped [or bunny shaped] items in which we usually overindulge. Easter is a significant time for many people, and it is good to remember that even though this world can be very challenging and dark, there is still hope beyond what we can see. However you 'celebrate' Easter, may it be a special time for you and your family.

Alan Silverwood: Chaplain - Pastoral care for our community. [Wednesday, Thursday]

alan.silverwood@education.vic.gov.au **Supporting the School community in emotional, social, spiritual and practical wellbeing.**



The Chaplaincy program is funded by the Federal Government's 'National Student Wellbeing Program'.

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- Session 3 – commencing at 6:30pm

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