PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:
This week schools across NSW are promoting the successful programs operating in regional and city areas that are a direct result of GONSKI funding. This additional funding has allowed BVPS to employ extra support staff to work in helping improve students’ read, write, calculate and better engage in their own learning. GONSKI funding has helped purchase new and innovative technology for our classrooms, just come along and visit 6L/6B to see the creative learning happening throughout the day with the class bank of laptops making learning fun and interesting.

It is critical that schools receive the final 2 years of GONSKI funding promised to continue the huge difference that is happening to improve student learning outcomes.

Welcome to Day for Daniel

This Friday is Day For Daniel. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

Wear Red and Educate is the theme for Day for Daniel and BVPS will join with many other groups in the community and across Australia to take action and conduct child safety activities to help in Keeping Kids Safe. All children are asked to wear red on Friday in respect.

The term is getting very busy for everyone, please check the What’s Coming Up section of this Newsletter to ensure your child is prepared, this prevents any unnecessary anxious times.

Thanks,
Carolyn Nugent

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Healthy Canteens
This week our P&C hosted, catered for and attended the Community Health Conference “Healthy Canteens”. 7 local school Canteens were represented and participated in a video conference and discussions with other schools across the Southern Area Health Service relating to the theme for the day, Healthy Canteens. Many thanks to our hard working P&C for their efforts in making this day a success!

P&C Working Bee
Last week the P&C dusted off their paint brushes and set to work brightening up some areas around our classrooms. The kids love it and we are so grateful for all of your efforts!

New Lunch time Bike Program at B.V.P.S. Term 4
Our lunchtime bike program for Stage 2 and 3 students will commence in Week 2, Term 4. We will be conducting some skill sessions in the school grounds as well as riding along the local bike paths outside of school grounds, where the children will cross a number of minor roads. The program will take place each Tuesday and Wednesday. Children who wish to take part will need a working bicycle (with brakes) and a helmet. Children will meet Mrs Reeve at the bike rack at 1.10 pm, after they have finished eating their lunch. A reminder that children who attend Open Doors the week prior to each session will not be able to attend.
If you would like your child to take part in these sessions, please complete the permission form below.
Mrs Reeve/Mr Lennon

I give permission for my child _____________________________ Class________ to attend the Tuesday and/or Wednesday lunchtime bike sessions, held on school grounds as well as on local bike paths.

Name ____________________________________________ Date ______________
Signature __________________________________________ Date ______________
A lot of students have been taking part in the Bega park run each Saturday morning at 7.45am at the Old Bega Racecourse.

For those that don’t know it is a free 5km timed run each week. Kids are welcome (children under 11 must run with a responsible adult at all times)

You can register online at www.parkrun.com.au - print off your unique bar code and bring it down on the day.

The organisers would love to take a group photo of all the junior runners this Saturday - if you want to be part of the photo come down this Saturday and get involved.
Canteen News - The Snack Shack

**Weekly Specials**

- **CHOC DIPPED BANANAS**
- **SLICE WATERMELON**

*The School Garden*

Students and staff are busy planting in our Garden. Thanks for donations of small plants/seedlings. This week the tomatoes are going in.

**ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL FOOD FEST**

Come AND JOIN IN THE FUN on Saturday 21st November 11am to 3pm. ZORB Balls, Water Fight Challenge, Jumping Castle, Sideshow Alley. Watch how sausages are made or enjoy the flavours of Your Inspiration At Home receipts. If you are keen to have your own stall, contact Antoinette Woods for more details on 64920067 or pish_nette@hotmail.com

**ROSTER**

Canteen roster for next week - please call Sheryl on 64924729 if you can help fill a vacant spot.

**Friday 30th October**
- 9.00am - 11.30 am: Melissa Russell
- 11.30am - 2.00pm: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

**Wednesday 4th November**
- 9.00am - 11.30am: Sally Gowing
- 11.30am - 2.00pm: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

**Friday 6th November**
- 9.00am - 11.30 am: Karen Earnshaw
- 11.30am - 2.00pm: Kylie Naumcevski

The canteen can only run with the help of our great volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday or Friday please contact Sheryl.

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*For further information contact Bega Pre School 64921639 or Nicky 041052708*
Working Bee – Great success
Wow, what a difference a pressure wash and some colour can make! If you get a chance have a look at the freshly painted stairwell, the touched up map of Australia and the washed down area in front of the Kindy class rooms.

Thanks to all the people that volunteered on Sunday for a couple of hours. We will be running another Working Bee to paint the other stairwell and there are a number of other projects we can do to brighten up the school – keep an eye out in the newsletter and on Facebook for details.

Fun Run
We’ve had a great response to the online fundraising for the Fun Run – with over $1200 donated already. Jump onto the School Facebook page and follow the link to register for online donations – it is a brilliant way to get friends and family who live outside the area to be able to donate.

The paper based donations are due in at the end of next week. Please make sure your child has completed the front page, chosen a prize based on how much they have raised and collected all the money. Put the money and donation form in a sealed envelope or snaplock bag and return to the front office by the end of next week (week 5).

The Fun Run will be on next Friday the 5th of November. We would love to see a heap of parents attend to participate or just cheer the students on. The Fun Run will start at 11.30am at the school.

Bega parkrun
Congratulations to all the students that attended Bega Park Run on Saturday. Bega Valley was well represented with everyone looking to have had a great time. Bega Park Run is on every Saturday morning at the old Racecourse at 7.45am.

Canteen
Canteen Specials for week 5 and 6
Wednesday Meal – Nachos – Corn chips, bolognaise sauce and cheese. $4 (please order on lunch order)

Snack specials week 5 and 6 (available Wednesday and Friday)
Fruit kebabs $0.50 each
Rice balls $0.50 each

Online Survey – P&C Meeting Times
Jump onto the School Facebook page and follow the link to complete the short questionnaire about the meeting times for the P&C. We’d love to see more parents, carers and grandparents on the P&C as we head into 2016.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting is on Monday the 9th of November at 3.15pm.

There is a survey on the School Facebook page to gauge preferred meeting times – please take a couple of minutes to fill in that form. If you aren’t on Facebook, give Rod a call to discuss the options – we’d love to see more parents consistently attending meetings.

Facebook
Please join the schools Facebook page, it is a great source of information about what is happening in the school.
Kinder Orientation

WHEN: Monday 9th November 2015
TIME: 9:30am – 11:30am
WHERE: Take your child/children starting kindergarten to the Kindergarten classrooms. Parents will then walk to the School Hall for an Information Session.

*Fruit will be provided for your child/children by the school but could you please pack some morning tea so they can experience a recess at school with the other K-2 children. A morning tea for the parents will be provided by the school.

*Please bring the Smooth Start surveys with you to Orientation. This gives the teachers’ a better understanding of your needs in regard to Smooth Start and the best placement for your child in 2016.

*The P&C will provide every child a new school hat. These will be given out when your child comes to school for their Best Start Assessment prior to starting school in 2016. A letter will be sent to you with further information about the Best Start Assessment.

Looking forward to seeing you and your child/children on Orientation day!
Carolyn Nugent
Principal – Bega Valley Public School
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Absentee Note Bega Valley Public School:

My child/ren ____________________________________________ of Class/es - ___________________
were absent on:
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Please tick box where appropriate.

☐ Sick  ☐ Family Leave  ☐ Appointment

Details:
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Signed: _________________________________  Date: ________________

Change of address or phone numbers

Student Name/s: __________________________________________________________
Residential Address: _______________________________________________________
Mailing Address:  __________________________________________________________
Contact Name: ____________________________________________________________
Relationship to student: _____________________________________________________
Phone (Home): _____________________________________________________________
(Work): _________________________________________________________________
(Mobile): ________________________________________________________________
Emergency Contact Name: _________________________________________________
Emergency Contact Phone Number: _________________________________
Relationship to Student: ___________________________________________________
Signed: _________________________________  Date: ___________________________