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Where happy kids learn!

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From the Principal Team

Natalie Shanahan, Sam Fleming, Claire Johnston

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Benvenuti a tutti...

Καλώς ορίσατε όλοι...

Wominjeka...

Wherever your family is from, we WELCOME you....

...to the first newsletter of the new year!

This is where you will find all of the information you need regarding events, activities and programs across the course of the year.

Welcome Back Students!

Our classes have all been busily engaged in 'get to know you activities'. Our motto 'happy kids learn' is now emblazoned on our rebound wall thanks to some talented students, and is also our mission during the Start Up program across the first few weeks of the year.



Supporting the children to feel safe, secure and connected to their teacher and their peers is a priority for us at BPS. Our school values take residence on the other side of the rebound wall and are also a focus in classrooms at the start of the year.



This sets up a great foundation for learning in a supportive environment which encourages kindness, curiosity, risk taking and mistake making.

Welcome to new families!

A special welcome to our 2025 Prep students, their families and those who have joined Banyule from other schools! We have all been super-impressed by the preparedness for school that our new students have shown. They have displayed independence, kindness and friendship in these first few days. Thank you to everyone who has supported this transition:

parents, teachers, school leadership, office staff, and of course the students themselves. Congratulations!

Welcome back teachers and support staff!

We are continually grateful for the high quality of teaching at BPS! Our teachers go above and beyond to create a positive and safe learning environment for our students. As a staff, we pride ourselves on being continuous learners and are continually reflecting to ensure we remain aware of our school's learning and wellbeing priorities. Our first two professional learning sessions have be testament to this, providing the opportunity for teachers and educational support staff to focus on what great teaching, learning and wellbeing support will look like across the school here at Banyule in 2025.

Welcome Parents!

Parent/Teacher Meetings in 2025

We have made a few changes to our parent teacher meeting program for this year in response to feedback. The year will begin with an open classroom afternoon. This will provide an opportunity for parents to;

- meet the classroom teacher/s
- have an opportunity to see the classroom
- ask general questions regarding class and year level processes and happenings
- listen to their child present their learning goal/s

Parents of students with identified additional needs will be contacted to arrange a separate meeting at a different time to develop Individual Education Plans. If you have any private or personal matters that you wish to discuss with the classroom teacher please contact them via email to arrange a meeting.

Formal Parent/Teacher interviews will be scheduled for the end of term two, where teachers will provide information on individual students learning progress. This will replace the three way conferences previously held.

Welcome everyone!!!

Family Picnic

Following the open classroom time all families are invited to the oval for a relaxed afternoon to get to know one another.



The gym toilets will be open for use on the evening. Please note that children need to be supervised by parents and are required to stay on the oval. The other areas of the school will not be supervised and following some accidental damage caused during last year's Christmas carols evening, we ask for your support with ensuring children are close by.

Assembly

Our first official assembly for the year will be held on Monday afternoon at 3.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend assembly. Our Yr 6 Captains will be presented with their badges next week.

Parent Payment Arrangements

We are reliant upon parent contributions to support the teaching of the curriculum, run intervention programs, purchase library resources, and support our building and grounds projects. Parent contributions also enable us to employ our first aid officer, maintenance person and school librarian.

Thank you for you ongoing support, it really does make a difference!

Natalie, Sam and Claire

Want to see more?

Follow us on our 'socials' for a window into what we're up to at Banyule Primary School....



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Events and Reminders

Date	Event
10th Feb	Assembly 3pm- School leaders badge presentation
11th Feb	Swimming Trials 3-6
12th Feb	No preps attend (Prep Interviews)
	Open Classrooms 4-5pm/Family Picnic
19th Feb	No preps attend (Prep Interviews)
19th Feb	School Council
26th Feb	No preps attend (Prep Interviews)
3rd March	Preps full time this week
	District Swimming
4th March	GRIP Student Leadership Conference
5th March	School Review Feedback Session 2.30pm
6th March	Year 5 and 6 Athletics Track Day
10th March	Labour Day Holiday
11th March	Year 3 and 4 Athletics Track Day
11th March	SEA Program Parent information Session
12th March	NAPLAN Testing commences
21st March	Harmony Day
26th March	Open Morning and Tour for new families
26th March	School Council
27th March	District Athletics
28th March	Years 3 and 4 Performance 2.30pm
2nd April	School Photos
4th April	End of Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal

Our Pupil Free Days for 2025 will also be published here after they have been approved by School Council at the first meeting of the year.

Camp Dates

Year 3 Camp- 26th November-28th November

Year 4 Camp- 23rd June- 25th June

Year 5 Camp- 27th August- 29th August

Year 6 Camp- 25th August- 27th August

Reminders

Uniform

All students should now be wearing the correct uniform. The school uniform colour is **navy** blue not black. Hats must be the school approved Sunsmart hats available from the Uniform supplier. Please contact the principal if you are having any difficulty sourcing the correct uniform for your child.

Mobile Phones

Student are not permitted to use mobile phones or smartwatch devices on the school grounds. Students must hand their mobile devices to their classroom teacher in the morning so that it may be securely stored for the day.

Safe driving around the school

Unfortunately we don't have the luxury of a dedicated quick pick up zone at BPS. We do however have the 2 minute parking zones which can be used in a similar way however this relies on community minded people. We ask that all drivers stay in their vehicles and adhere to the 2 minutes.

School Savings Bonus: School Activities

Thank you for your ongoing patience as we find our way with the rollout of this new initiative. If you have allocated any of the bonus for use on school activities you will need to send the office an email so that we can remove the charges from your nominated activity. At BPS the bonus can be used for the following:

- School camps
- Excursions and incursions
- Swimming and sporting programs

Graduation



2025 School Council Parent Nominations

School Council is a governing body that oversees many aspects of school governance such as finances, facilities, fundraising and policies. The composition of our school council consists of 8 parent members and 4 staff members. Positions are for a two-year tenure (members can re-nominate). This year we have 6 vacancies.

Council meets twice per term on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. Meetings are efficiently run and rarely go over an hour. I have included a fact sheet below with further information however please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Should we receive more nominations than positions vacant we will need to call an election.

If you are interested in joining our Council, please fill in the nomination form attached and return it to me by Thursday the 20th of February at 4.00pm. Hard copies of the form are available at the school office.

Looking forward to a great year of working together!

Natalie

natalie.shanahan@education.vic.gov.au

Nomination Form:

2/27/25, 11:30 AM	Thursday 6th February 2025 PDF Export - iNewsletter

Fact Sheet:

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parent

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 200* doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected parent member category –members of this category generally com more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be pare members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee member category members of this category mandated elected school employee member category members of this category mandated elected school employee members of the school is automatically one of the members.
- An optional community member category members are co-opted by a decision of the because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligi community members.
- · A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership

A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the memb expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and m find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledg

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership v others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the Public Administration Act 2004

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Ent issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Vict public sector values and requires councillors to:

- act with honesty and integrity be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declareal, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- act in good faith in the best interests of the school work cooperatively with other coul
 and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests o
 students foremost in their minds
- act fairly and impartially consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision
 to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act f
 interest



Student Achievements

Jayden Zhou of 6SN has recently passed a Judo practical and knowledge test called a grading at the Yarra Judo Club. This is no easy task and requires a great deal of practice. The grade is awarded by the presentation of a coloured Judo belt. Junior Judo belts are in varying colours signifying age and expertise. Jayden has been awarded a Junior Orange belt. Below is an 'Introduction to Judo document' (Welcome to Judo Victoria.PDF) which is provided to new members of Judo Victoria.

Welcome to Judo Victoria (JVI)

You have made the first step in the right direction; now allow me to answer some of the questions you most likely have.

Many years ago in Japan, the main form of self defence for the samurai was called jujutsu. As you can imagine, to be effective, it was brutal, to say the least. As Japan moved into the modern era however the samurai were banned from carrying weapons and so the need for self defence became less.

Over 130 years ago a very astute man, his name was Jigioro Kano, realized that there were many advantages to learning jujutsu, however he also knew that the Japanese youth of the time were not prepared to suffer the potential injuries. He introduced rules to make training safer, but still maintained the ethics and respect, which is still with us Inday.

Judo players (judo-ka) are expected to give respect to those more senior and in return, the senior judo-ka impart their knowledge and experiences to the junior judo-ka. Most instructors will tell you that it is a great day when their students become more skillful than they.

Kano formed the Kodokan to teach the new ideas and gave his form of jujutsu the name Judo. The Japanese word Ju can be translated as gentle, but is best translated as giving way to a superior for The word Do means the path to, or the way. These are the Japanese characters for judo. You will see them everywhere.



Ok, now what about modern judo

Judo today is both a sport and a martial art. The sport has well defined rules to ensure safety as far as possible and maintain the mutual respect ideals governing the players, referees and officials. Through the sport training, there is a path to the martial art, but mainly for those with advanced skills and experience.

Here are some answers to possible questions that you may have before your first lesson. Let me emphasize, you will start your judo through the sport of judo. Is there any kicking or punching in judo

No, none What will you learn?

rn how to fall, throw, and hold you partner down. Arm locks and strangles are taught only to older

age groups.

Does judo target the head?

No. Strikes and kicks are not allowed and so head protection is not needed. Are judo people allowed to do judo anywhere?

No. Judo people may only practice inside their judo club.

Judo is safer than most contact sports popular in Australia, notably all three football codes and netball.

What is the bowing for?

What is the bowing for?

Bowing is a demonstration that each recognizes the character of the other person, and is showing respect towards them. Bowing may be standing or kneeling (which is the more polite form),

Am I covered by insurance for an injury?

Not that this is likely to happen, however as you have become a member of JVI you are covered by insurance through the Judo Federation of Australia



So why do judo, after all it does take a lot of effort?

Judo teaches self respect, respect for others and especially teachers and senior It is a system of education and at the same time you will get fit. You will find the body.

Now for some do's and don'ts

Firstly the Do's

- Talk to your instructor about any medical condition that may affect yo Ask questions, that is what your instructor hopes for. Don't be shy or Be punctual, the first part of a lesson is where you formally greet your Stay to the end of the class that is where you formally thank your inst Listen carefully and practice what the instructor has taught you. Wash your judo uniform regularly, preferably after each class. If you are practicing with someone smaller, or not as strong, help ther

Now the don'ts

- No shoes or socks on the mat. So make sure your feet are clean, espi Do not talk while the instructor is talking. If you are asked to sit down, make sure that your legs are crossed an
- your legs. Remove any objects such as earrings, bracelets, watches, hair pins, ar All finger and toe nails must be kept short.

Do you need a judo uniform (judo-gi)?

The answer is yes. Will a karate uniform do? No.
The judo-gi fabric must be strong and fit correctly. Your club will be able to sell put you into contact with a supplier.

Is there competition in judo?

Most definitely, but only if you want to. The competition rules are governed by Federation of which the main emphasis is safety to the competitors. The rules fi stricter.

Judo is a contact sport that will give you a boost and tire you out. But keep in n learn. Very senior members will tell you that you never stop learning.

Also, when your days of hard practice are over, stay in the sport and give back to



Malcolm Slade 7th Dan, Life Member Judo Victoria



Dear Banyule Primary School parents and carers,

URSTRONG's whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, and teachers with a common language of friendship. We are proud to be a URSTRONG School and are committed to empowering your children with friendship skills.

You are invited to take advantage of a <u>FREE Parent Membership</u> to access hundreds of resources – including an 8 session video series. This will allow you to learn the same language & strategies being taught in the classroom through the Friendology 101 curriculum. We hope that, as a URSTRONG Family, you will reinforce the important messages of empowerment, self-compassion, & kindness at home.

As a next step, we would recommend:

- Click here to view an overview of URSTRONG.
- Activate your <u>FREE Parent Membership</u> and explore all the resources available to your family.
- Explore the hundreds of resources available to you!

We believe that empowering our students with these skills will create a culture of kindness at our school and we hope that, together, we can support your children to have healthy, feel-good friendships.



Specialist Programs





Community Advertising



Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School
Servicing Banyule Primary on Monday and Friday!
Orders received until 8:30am on the day!
2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack.

Main Course Menu	2 Course	3 Course	* = Premium Iter Snack/Drink Menu (+\$1.00)
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided	Lunch	Lunch	FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar ★
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls	\$11.50	\$13.75	Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces ★
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Fresh Fruit Combo ★
Avocado Hand Rolls (GE, Vol.	\$11.50	\$13.75	Freshly Chopped Orange Segments
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Va)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Va)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Whole Fruit - Apple
			Whole Fruit - Banana
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc)			Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli
BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!			Edamame (Lightly Salted)
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (v)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes ★
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95	ought orial read, bear and erion remaided A
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (v)	\$6.45	\$8.95	BAKERY - SWEET
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95	Choc Chip Cookie
Semi-dried Tomato, Olive & Cheese Roll M	\$8.95	\$11.45	Finger Bun with Sprinkles
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85	Fruit Bun
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Cinnamon Doughnut
	410110	4.0.00	Cornflake Cookie
PIZZA & GOZLEME Served at Room Temp			Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF) ★
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (//	\$7.45	\$9.95	Blueberry Muffin ★
Samosa Pastizzi (2) (vo)	\$7.45	\$9.95	Jam Drop Biscuit (GF) ★
Margherita Pita Pizza (v)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Banana Slice (GEI ★
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65	
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$15.45	SUSHI
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	1pc Tuna Sushi (GF) ★
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	the second secon
			POPCORN
SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS			Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95	Lightly Salted
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45	
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (v)	\$9.95	\$12.85	DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas
Cheese and Salad Roll (v)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Roasted Chickpeas
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas ★
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75	DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes ★
Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber (H)		\$14.95	Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes ★
'Banh Mi' Style Roast Chicken Long Roll (H)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes ★ Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes ★
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT & VEG			
Steamed Corn Wheels, Broccoli & Carrot (GF, Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85	YOGHURTS / BOWLS
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) ★
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) ★
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries ★
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard ★
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V)	\$12.75	\$14.95	高級(254)高
Mexican Inspired Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Apple Juice (Nippy's)
GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS			Orange Juice (Nippy's)
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95	So Good Soy Milk
GF Wrap - Garden Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Full Cream Milk ORDER NOW
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Banyule City Council is proud to be hosting the 2025 Twilight Sounds Festival at

Heidelberg Park Oval, Beverley Road on Saturday 15 February from 3pm-10pm.

Bring along a picnic or visit the onsite food trucks whilst watching live entertainment on stage by a range of performers for all tastes! There will also be free craft workshops, hair braiding and face painting for the kids.

Here's the Facebook event and webpage to share: <u>Twilight Sounds 2025 | Banyule Council https://www.facebook.com/share/1GRoj8gjvi/</u>





Learn basketball fundamentals through fun and inclusive games

(All Girls session available)

Practice 5v5 full court basketball in a supportive and fun environment.

Cost \$113.50 (incl. BA & BV fees)

Less than \$15 per session

+\$50 New Participant Pack (Incl. ball & personalised singlet) recommended

All Sessions at: Macleod YMCA

For session times and further details go to banyulehawks.com.au/



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Banyule Primary School WEDNESDAY

8:00 - 8:45 AM Online Class

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork



Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20 % compared with children who have not

To book online, scan or go to chessmates.com.au/schools

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Winni Wizard and The Ditzy Dizzard

Join Winni and her friend Ditzy for a brand new show for ages 4 – 400, smooshed with more magical mayhem than ever.

A show for the whole family filled with songs, dances and jokes funnier than your Dad's.

'Wonderful interactive and high energy entertainment from start to finish.' ★★★★½

Winni Wizard Live

Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

Dates: Sat 5th April - Fri 11th April (No monday)

Times: All shows 2pmAges: 4 - 400 yr olds

Use code BANYULE when booking to ensure the donation.

Code valid for Ivanhoe Library shows only (Previews not included)





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Have you been thinking about becoming a Foster Carer? Are you able to provide Aboriginal children with a positive and nurturing family life?

Are you excited to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

VACCA is seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding. If you've ever considered becoming a foster carer, now is the time to start your foster care journey.



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