

# Beechworth Primary School

No 1560



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Term 4, Week 1



**Beechworth Primary School is committed to the implementation of Child Safe Standards to promote the safety and wellbeing of all young people.**

## Principal's News

Welcome to Term 4 and our Week 1 Newsletter.

Term 4 traditionally is a busy term, and this year there is no exception. This term we focus heavily on ensuring learning goals are met as well as celebrating success and preparing all students in all year levels for transitioning to a new year level or school (year 6'ers). It's important that our communication is concise and timely for families to ensure all our students participate in the school's programming fully.

Next week is a particularly busy week, with Buddy Excursions to Beechworth Kindergarten, our Year 1/2 Excursion to Beechworth Honey and our Year 5/6 Excursion to watch the Beechworth Secondary College Production.

## Summer Uniform Reminders

At Beechworth Primary School, we believe that a uniform promotes a sense of belonging, equality and school pride. The uniform has been designed to take account of comfort, flexibility, ease of care and cost. The basic colours are bottle green, yellow and black. As determined by School Council, it is expected that full school uniform will be worn by all students each school day.

Our Summer uniform includes:

- BPS Bottle-green polo shirt with yellow trim and school logo
- **Black school shorts or skort** of a reasonable length (*not short running or sporting shorts, or bike shorts*)
- **Broad-brimmed BPS bottle-green hat**
- White, black or grey socks
- Closed in school shoes or runners (black recommended)

## Pokemon Card Trading

Pokemon card trading at school has been quite problematic with students struggling to understand that a trade is permanent. For this reason, we do not permit students in Foundation to Year 2 to trade Pokemon at school. Over the past Term we have had supervised trading during eating time inside the BER on Fridays for students in Years 3-6. However, we have seen a rise in issues of students who become upset later on during class time when they reflect on their trade. Teachers will speak to all students in year 3 - 6 today about trading fairly and the consequence of a trade.

## Student, Classroom Placement for 2023

Parents who wish to make specific requests regarding classroom placement for their child in 2023, are required to send their request in writing by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. These can be delivered to the office or emailed to Sue on: [susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au).

There are three types of parent requests the school will consider when using parent input into the process.

1. Parents can request a separation. Valid reasons why their child would not learn to the best of their abilities if in the same classroom as a particular student.
2. Parents can request a pairing. This requires both sets of parents to put in writing a request for their children to be in the same classroom.
3. Parents can request a type of teaching style. This requires a description of the attributes their child learns best with, parents are unable to request a particular teacher (by name).

### Please note:

- That teachers have not been allocated to 2023 classes and this will not happen until very late in the year.
- **We do not refer back to requests from prior years** as the relationships between children change over time. We will do our best to accommodate requests, but we cannot guarantee that they can be met - should this be the case you will be contacted.

To ensure all families have clarity around the class placement process, the following is an outline of the initiatives Beechworth PS undertakes to ensure our classrooms are balanced and true places of learning.

Classroom configurations of student groupings is a balanced and educationally sound configuration based on: gender balance, academic balance, additional needs balance and an even distribution of numbers across year level classrooms.

Students have a voice regarding their placement by nominating five (5) learning partners which they rank from 1 to 5.

The principal and whole teaching team then reviews the lists vigorously to ensure classrooms are successfully configured. This takes into account prior knowledge and experience in acute cases.

Have a wonderful week.

Kind Regards,  
Sue McDonald  
Principal

[susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au)

## COVID – Positive Results

Parents and carers must report a COVID-positive result to:

- The school by phone on 5728 1066.
- The Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or call centre on 1800 675 398.

Covid-19 RAT kits are available at the school office.

## For the diary ...

Week	Date, time	Event / Activity
<b>Week 2</b>		Buddies (Yr 5) to Kinder Year 1/2 Honey Excursion Year 5/6 Excursion to BSC Production
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Junior Swimming – Wangaratta
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Cup Day Holiday Year 3 & 4 Echuca Camp
<b>Week 7</b>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 9-11am	Prep Transition Visits commence
<b>Year 8</b>		First Nations Bedtime Stories Week 5/6 Kanga Cricket – Wodonga Excursion
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Swimming BPS Swimming Carnival
<b>Week 11</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation Class party day
<b>Week 12</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Student Free day – 2023 Planning Last day of School for 2022 – 2.30pm finish

### Beechworth Primary School Office Hours are: Monday – Friday 8.30 – 4.30

- Jeanette: Mon - Thurs 8.30-11.30, Fri 8.30-3.00
- Samantha: Mon – Fri 8.30–4.30

### TheirCare (Before & After School Care at BPS)

- Service and Bookings: phone 0447 717 055
- Area Manager, Rick phone no: 0459 555 671

### Our Mailing address is:

Beechworth Primary School  
P.O. Box 203 Junction Road  
Beechworth, Vic 3747

Please contact the office on: (03) 5728 1066

beechworth.ps@education.vic.gov.au



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Including a car, family holiday, Overland Track hike, holidays, kite boarding lessons, an electric scooter, bikes, Tiger Moth joy flight, wireless speakers, headsets and so much more!

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**COME AND TRY**

**WANGARATTA RANGERS**

WANGARATTA RANGERS ARE PUTTING A CALL OUT FOR ALL GIRLS AND LADIES, AGED 8+ INTERESTED IN REVIVING JUNIORS & SENIORS SOFTBALL TO COME DOWN, HAVE SOME FUN AND GIVE IT A GO!

**KEVIN POOL**  
03 5721 3315

**FREE**

**3-5PM**  
SATURDAYS  
8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH  
OCTOBER

**TARGOORA PARK, WANGARATTA**

### Would you like to give back to the community by joining a skills-based board?

Beechworth Community Early Years Learning Centre (previously known as Beechworth Community Childcare Centre) is currently recruiting for a new skills-based board to govern the centre.

We are looking for people in the community with skills, experience and an interest in the following types of areas: early years sector / education settings, accounting, legal, communications / marketing, human resources, grant writing, policy development / strategic planning and project management.

It's not necessary to have a child at the centre to join the board. Meetings will be held once per month.

If you would like to apply to join this board or would like further information about it, please contact Wendy Holland at e: [wendy@communityvibe.com.au](mailto:wendy@communityvibe.com.au) or m: 0438 433 555.

**Applications close on 10 October 2022.**



**BCG** Beechworth Chain Gang

**Junior Ride Program**

**TERM 4 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

Let us show your kids how to have fun safely on bikes! The BCG Junior Ride Program is perfect for primary school-aged kids of all abilities.

Register online via our website using the QR code:

**MORE INFO:** [bcg.juniors@gmail.com](mailto:bcg.juniors@gmail.com) / [www.beechworthchaingang.com.au](http://www.beechworthchaingang.com.au)

