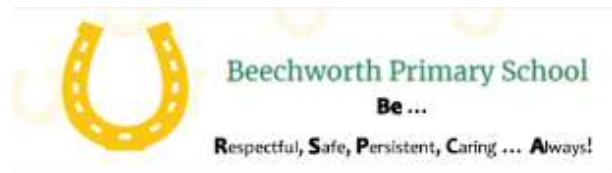


Beechworth Primary School

No 1560



Friday 14th October 2022

Term 4, Week 2



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 our Week 2 Newsletter.

This week commenced with beautiful sunny Beechworth days, but by Wednesday the weather began to turn with Thursday being very wet and cold.

Friday has been a super busy day with students out of the school at a variety of events; our Year 5 Buddies visiting the Beechworth Kindergarten, Year 1/2 Beechworth Honey excursion and our Year 5 & 6 students out to watch the Beechworth Secondary College Production final rehearsal.



2022 Voluntary Contributions – Thank you

Voluntary Contributions are used to supplement the basic resourcing received by the school through government grants and to support many of our programs that enrich and benefit your child's learning. Without the support from our parents and carers paying their Voluntary Contributions, we simply would not be able to offer these additional resources and our students at Beechworth Primary School would miss out on opportunities, learning experiences and these resources that support their education.

Thank you for your contributions and ongoing support.

Voluntary contributions are still open and can be paid via Compass via course confirmation and payments.

Upper Hume Division Athletics

On Friday the 7th October, a group of our students travelled to Albury to compete at the Upper Hume Division Athletics Carnival. The weather was very dismal and quite damp, however, all students competing took on nature's challenges and brought their best efforts to action in their various events. Despite the conditions there were some incredible athletic performances and brilliant results from our students. Congratulations to Lexie Kardol who has made it to the next level and will compete in the Regional Athletics Championships.

Indigo Youth Ambassador Leadership Program

The Indigo Youth Ambassador Program commenced this week. The program runs for six weeks each Tuesday and is facilitated by Anthony Nicholson from The Mandala Project and the Indigo Shire.

Congratulations to our BPS Junior Ambassadors for 2022, Violet Carr and Eli Tomlinson. I'm sure that they will be excellent representatives for our school. It is terrific that we have the opportunity to engage with other students from across the shire through this program to develop our students' leadership skills.

This Week's SWPBS Focus - CARING

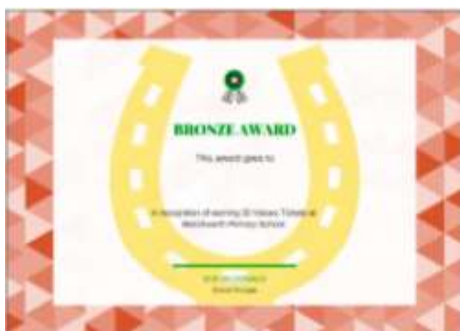
At Beechworth Primary School we strive towards caring for ourselves, others and our environment. We are a caring school community that displays kindness and understanding to others through our words and actions.

We demonstrate caring through:

- Speaking to others how we would like to be spoken to
- Considering others needs by showing generosity, patience and understanding
- Making others feel special by including them in our games and part of a community
- 'Friending' someone on the buddy bench
- Using encouraging words
- Being honest
- Looking after ourselves (exercise, good nutrition, plenty of sleep, effective hygiene practices)
- Picking up rubbish in the yard and tidying up after ourselves in all settings

Congratulations 1/2 Jones – Bronze Awards

This week our 1/2 Jones class received a special treat as acknowledgement and celebration of every student in the class achieving their Bronze Value Award (30 values tickets). They are the first class for 2022 to have all students with a Bronze Award. Keep up the great work 1/2 Jones!



SWPBS Silver Awards

This week at our School Assembly we presented three of our students with their Silver Award for 60 SWPBS Values tickets. Congratulations to Jemima Neil, Alyssa Egan and Grace White. These students consistently demonstrate the school values and are terrific role models for their peers.



Capital Works Update

Unfortunately, the wet weather is not helping with our building progress. The builders are looking forward to seeing a few sunny days so that they can pour the slab for the new Multipurpose room.

However, the progress continues with the interior works. We are now seeing the new rooms take shape. This week we saw the new walls being framed up, the beginnings of our new heating and cooling installation and the painting continuing.



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 28th October. These can be delivered to the office or emailed to Sue on: 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

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
Week 3	Monday 17 th to Thursday 20 th October Wednesday 19 th October	Junior Swimming – Wangaratta School Council – 5.30pm
Week 4		No planned events
Week 5	Monday 31 st October Tuesday 1 st November Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th November	Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development Day Cup Day Public Holiday Year 3 & 4 Echuca Camp
Week 6	Monday 7 th November	Year 5/6 Bonegilla Excursion
Week 7	Monday 14 th November Tuesday 15 th November 9-11am	SRC Walk-a-thon Prep Transition Visits commence
Year 8	All week Friday 2 nd December	First Nations Bedtime Stories Week 5/6 Kanga Cricket – Wodonga Excursion
Week 10	Monday 5 th – Thursday 8 th December Friday 9 th December	Senior Swimming BPS Swimming Carnival
Week 11	Thursday 15 th December Friday 16 th December	Year 6 Graduation Class party day
Week 12	Monday 19 th December Tuesday 20 th 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

1st
Mitsubishi XE ASX ES
Valued at \$26,114
(incl. on-road costs)

2nd
Family Holiday with
accommodation for four
people, flight to Sydney
(valued at \$4,100)

3rd
Overland Track hike with
guide and private
accommodation included
(valued at \$4,095)

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Per ticket

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



Sports Marquee Raffle success!

We did it! We raised a enough funds to over the costs of a new BPS branded sports marquee. The raffle was drawn onsite at school on Friday 7th Oct and all of the winners have been notified. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket (or 10).

We have placed the order and are now in the process of design. It will be ready and delivered to the school ready for use later this term.

We are on the lookout for **PAFA Legends**. If you're not so keen to commit to a committee, but are able to cover a shift on a BBQ, or could help with a working bee at school, please email pafa.bps@gmail.com to get on the list.



INDIGO YOUTH AWARDS

Young People recognising Young People

This youth-led initiative aims to recognise young people's contributions to our community and elevate and affirm their voices across Indigo Shire.

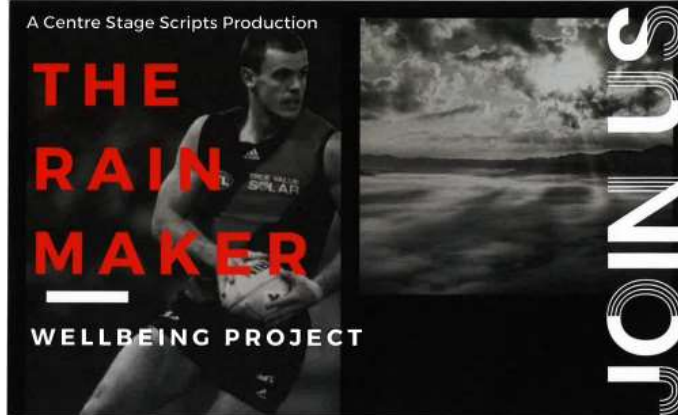
Are you aged 25 or under?

Scan the QR code and nominate yourself or others for an award!



*Nominees should live, study or work in Indigo Shire and be aged 25 or under.

For more information visit www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au or call 1300 385 003



We're bringing the acclaimed play **THE RAIN MAKER** to Indigo Shire as part of our Youth Mental Health Project.

Join us to learn the story of Billy and Howie, best friends who are both facing big challenges in their lives – Billy has unexpectedly been thrown into the role of father and carer at home, his AFL dreams in tatters, and Howie, is struggling with anxiety and depression as well as his sexuality. A major incident at their local footy match will test their resilience and courage and acts as a catalyst for necessary change.

The **RAIN MAKER** is an arts project designed to engage and educate youth audiences around youth mental health care and is suitable for young people 12 years old and over and their families.

Chiltern Memorial Hall
Wednesday 9 November 6.30pm

Yackandandah Public Hall
Thursday 10 November 6.30pm

Tangambalanga Community Centre
Friday 11 November 6.30pm

More info: www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au

SCAN TO REGISTER





COME AND TRY

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!



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

FREE

TARGOORA PARK,
WANGARATTA

KEVIN POOL
03 5721 3315



Education and Training

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE TEAM

DR. ROB GORDON ROADSHOWS 2022

Beechworth Secondary School
Parents & family information session:
Wednesday, November 9th. 7.00pm - 8.00pm


Connect with Rob who has extensive experience in trauma and disaster recovery to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 and bushfires on staff, children and families. These sessions are designed to support your staff, students and parents to increase their understanding of:

- prolonged stress, disruption and uncertainty on health and wellbeing
- self-care strategies to support yourself and others during this time
- the impact on children and practical ways to support them
- post-traumatic growth, hope and optimism

Each session is tailored to suit your school's context and needs.

You can either RSVP to the below email, to Patricia Broom (School Principal) or turn up on the day. If you have anything specific you'd like to hear Rob speak about, please contact Kate Dale.

Kate Dale
 Recovery and Resilience Senior Project Officer
kate.dale@education.vic.gov.au



About Dr. Rob Gordon OAM, PHD, FAPS, FCCLP

Rob Gordon, Ph D. is a Clinical Psychologist and has been Psychological Consultant to the Emergency Management Branch of the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Emergency Management Victoria and Australian Red-Cross for Emergency operations. He has worked with communities and individuals affected by emergencies, trauma, critical incidents and work-related stress throughout Australia and New Zealand for 35 years and provides training and workshops to government and non-government agencies. He has published articles and book chapters on recovery from trauma and emergency. He conducts a psychotherapy practice in Box Hill and is engaged by the Recovery and Resilience Team to provide support to education communities.