



Friday 4th November 2022
Term 4, Week 5

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 5 Newsletter. Just a short 3 day week at BPS this week. We hope that you were all able to stay dry and enjoy a bit of down time.

We have a busy time ahead of us as we leap into week 6 of our term. Please keep an eye around the events calendar at the end of the newsletter.



Tiktok Concerns

We have a number of students in the upper grades who are watching Tiktok and (Youtube clips). Many of the videos that they are watching are inappropriate, mocking people with disabilities and people of colour, and other acts which have a safety issue. These clips are then discussed, acted out and shared with peers and younger students at school. When discussing this with students they freely say "but it's just from TikTok or Youtube" and cannot see the harm or wrong in these clips that are publicly available. TikTok and Youtube are not like TV or movies where content is 'rated' resulting in this highly inappropriate content available to all viewers.

Please be aware of this issue and discuss it with your child. In line with eSmart recommendations, we recommend that parents monitor the content of what their children are seeing and to limit screen time.

Year 3 & 4 Camp

As you would be aware, Echuca and surrounding areas are still flooded. We have no option but to cancel the Echuca Camp. We have been able to organise an alternate overnight **camp to Valley Homestead in Ovens, on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December**. The students will participate in a range of adventure activities.

They will return to school midway through Tuesday to participate in Step Up to their new 2023 class. We know that the timing is not ideal, but we are grateful to 'Positive Start' for supporting us with this opportunity. Camp permission notes will be sent out via Compass mid-next week.

BPS PE

This week in PE we had sun!! and Circus Week - all about showing the value caring: for self, others and equipment. Classes performed in a range of tasks from hula hooping, juggling and gymnastics. Classes were also encouraged to work together to create a human pyramid.

Thankfully no injuries but plenty of cooperation and teamwork from many. Shout out to 5/6A for taking out the overall winner of the human pyramid and special mention to 3/4N for positive teamwork and kind words.



F-2 JAPANESE

This term our Foundation students have been learning new vocabulary through the picture book, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?* We have been working on learning the names of the animals in the story and extending our knowledge of colours. Origami remains a favourite activity to complete our bookwork.



The Hungry Caterpillar (Haru Peko Aomushi) is our topic for Year 1 and 2 students. We explored the life-cycle of the caterpillar, the names for the days of the week and the words for the various food that the caterpillar eats.



Portland PS Visit

On Monday I was able to visit Portland Primary School, engaging in conversations with the Principal, sharing ideas and taking a tour of the school. It was great to be able to explore a school with so many similarities to our school. They have a Bastow building like our old building that had been renovated 4 years ago, engage in SWPBS and Respectful Relationships and Berry Street. They have recently been recognised by DET Victoria for their Outstanding Koorie Program and Inclusion model. It was interesting to discuss their journey in this work.



Have a wonderful week.

Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald
Principal

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For the diary ...

Week	Date, time	Event / Activity
Week 6	Monday 7 th November	Year 5/6 Bonegilla Excursion
	Tuesday 8 th November	Year 5/6 Anne Frank Excursion
Week 7	Monday 14 th November	SRC Walk-a-thon
	Tuesday 15 th November 9-11am	Prep Transition Visits commence
Week 8	All week	First Nations Bedtime Stories Week
	Friday 25 th November	5/6 Kanga Cricket – Wodonga Excursion
Week 9	Monday 28 th November	Year 3/4 Anne Frank Excursion
Week 10	Monday 5 th – Thursday 8 th December	Senior Swimming
	Friday 9 th December	BPS Swimming Carnival
Week 11	Monday 12 th - Tuesday 13 th December	Year 3/4 Valley Homestead Camp
	Tuesday 13 th December	Step Up day
	Thursday 15 th December	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday 16 th December	Class party day
Week 12	Monday 19 th December	Student Free day – 2023 Planning
	Tuesday 20 th December	Last day of School for 2022 – 2.30pm finish

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.

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:

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Beechworth, Vic 3747

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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.

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Recovery and Resilience Senior Project Officer
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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.



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Lauren Flack | She/Her

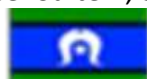
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e: laurenf@vacca.org **w:** www.vacca.org

Wodonga Office: Suite 1, 3 Birralelee Place.



I wish to acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout Victoria.

I pay my respect to them, our culture and our Elders past, present and future.

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