



Friday 16th December 2022
Term 4, Week 11

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

Dear BPS friends,

Well, we now once again come to the end of another busy topsy turvy year at BPS. This year has been a particularly tricky one with much of our school closed down for extensive periods of time whilst we commence our refurbishment.

Congratulations to our students on their resilience throughout the many changes that the year has brought. Thank you to our teachers and school staff for their flexibility and resilience. Thank you also to our School Captains and Student leaders, we have had a great team this year. Well done on your work and enthusiasm as student leaders throughout the year.



Wow! We have squeezed so much into this week! End of Year Assembly, Step-up day, Walk-a-thon, Year 6 Graduation, School Captains Lunch, 2023 School Captains Elections and Class Party Day.



Year 6 Graduation

Thursday night we farewelled our current group of Year 6 students. Our graduation took place under our beloved Fairy Tree. We are proud of the way that the students conducted themselves, and particularly of our School Captains who delivered their speech without faltering despite the squawking of Cockies and then the whirring of a helicopter!

Our formal part of the evening was followed by a lovely casual celebration at The Brewery.

Congratulations to our 2022 award winners:

Sport: Summer R. Academic: Pearl F. Citizenship: Emily M. Encouragement: Hazel W. Arts: Isla B. Principals: Ainsley M. Indigo Shire Award: Matilda Rose C.

School Captains' Lunch

One of the things that I look forward to each year is our School Captains' lunch. It is a lovely way to end the year and thank our 4 school leaders for their work over the year. I love the chatter and getting to hear their feedback on the year that was 2022.



Step Up Day

Tuesday we held our annual Step Up day. There was a wonderful vibe across the school as students engaged in activities in their 2023 classes.



SWPBS ... And We Have GOLD!

At this week's end of Year assembly we have finally seen 3 students achieve SWPBS GOLD Awards. These three students have really worked hard to get themselves across the line to achieve their goal of receiving a GOLD Award. To achieve the GOLD they need to receive 100 Values tickets, with the last forty being made up of 10 Respect, 10 Safety, 10 Persistence and 10 Caring.

Congratulations to Pearl Ford, Grace White and Isla Novosad.



SWPBS Silver Awards

This week at our School Assembly we presented 17 Silver Awards for 60 SWPBS Values tickets.

It is terrific to see these students stepping up and demonstrating our school values.



School Captains for 2023

On Tuesday our candidates for the role of School Captains presented their speeches at a whole school assembly. We were impressed with the quality of the speeches, which is a brave thing to do with many of the students not previously presenting to such a large group. The speeches were followed by all students voting for their new captains. Staff do not have a vote in this process. I am always impressed with how seriously the students take this opportunity to vote for who they believe will represent them best.

Congratulations to our 2023 school leaders:

- **School Captains** - Heidi Ellis and Harry Reid
- **Vice Captains** - Larni Armstrong and Kingston Bywaters

Thank You

I would like to thank our School Council members for all their hard work and tireless championing of our school. A special thank you to our President, Rani Macaulay, for your support and engagement in our school, particularly over the past 3 years as our School Council President.

To our Parent Helpers – who have helped out on excursions, sporting events and school camps. Thank you. Without you these events would not be possible.

Thank you, Judith for making our school look squeaky clean every day. To Mark, thank you for keeping our yard organised.

Lastly, many thanks to the BPS staff who dedicate themselves day after day making our school great. Thank you for your commitment to teaching our young people many new educational concepts and strategies, as well as kindness and respect. What a wonderful team of people to work with every day.

And to anyone I may have forgotten. Thank you for helping our school to be the best for our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a happy, safe and healthy summer vacation. Remember to read every day! Please stay safe and well. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2023!

Have a wonderful week.

Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald

Principal

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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	Event / Activity
Week 12	Monday 19 th December Tuesday 20 th December	Student Free day – 2023 Planning Last day of School for 2022 – 2.30pm finish
2023 First day of the school year	Monday 30 January	All students from Foundation to Year 6

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 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

Allez La France! Let's go France!

It has been an exciting semester once again in French for our middle and senior students! We started the semester with the shivering cold *hiver* (winter) and ended with the shivering cold... *été* (summer). Whilst the weather was disappointing, the students warmed themselves with the sights and sounds of *La Ville de Lumière*, Paris. Learning about *La Tour Eiffel*, *L'Arc de Triomphe*, and *Notre-Dame de Paris*, the middle year students made their own version of Paris, whilst the senior students researched a monument in Paris.

We ended the term with a focus on *La Coupe du Monde* (The World Cup) and we learnt about the history of the World Cup, and the important role it plays in France, around the world. Whilst *L'Australie* (Australia) put in effort to make it to *Les Huitièmes de Finale* (Round of France is *en finale*! It is going to be a tough ask to at 2am on Monday morning to watch the final, but... *France!*

Bonnes vacances et joyeux Noël à tous – have a great and Merry Christmas to all.

- Monsieur Minglis



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Pre-School Holiday Sessions

3-5 year olds

Mondays - 9, 16 & 23 January 2023

8.20-8.45am

Only \$12.50

Book Now!

www.indigogymnastics.com.au




Drop & Shop

WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER
9 AM - 1 PM

AGES: 6-12
COST: \$58

Wednesday December 21, 9-1 for parents to drop their children off and go get some shopping done.



Unsure where the kids will hang these holidays?

Only \$45

LET US HELP!

Indigo Gymnastics is offering an exciting school holiday program for kids aged 6-12. 3 full hours of engaging and exciting activities, new skills, and great fun.

2023 Sessions	9am - 12	Mondays & Wednesdays
9th Jan	11 Jan	16 Jan
18 Jan	23 Jan	25 Jan



Book Now

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Art Camp

Get creative these school holidays!

We're starting our Summer holiday program extra early in December!

Enjoy a full day of creative fun at MAMA, with tailored activities inspired by artworks in our current exhibition program.

Younger kids will enjoy a range of painting, collage, drawing and sculpture activities, as well as theatre games and dress ups in the new Kids Gallery. Older age groups will take a deeper dive into drawing, weaving, photography, collage, and textile art.

At lunchtime, kids will enjoy outdoor play in QIEL Square, exploring the new Summer Place architecture installation.

SUMMER DATES

Every day has a different program of activities.

December 2022
 Tuesday 13 December
 Wednesday 14 December
 Thursday 15 December
 Monday 19 December
 Tuesday 20 December
 Wednesday 21 December

January 2023
 Monday 9 - Thursday 12 January
 Monday 16 - Thursday 19 January
 Monday 23 - Wednesday 25 January

COST: \$60 per day
TIME: Check in 10am, Pick up 3pm

BOOK: Register online mamaalbury.com.au | or in person at the museum.

ENQUIRIES: mama@alburycity.nsw.gov.au | 052 6043 5800



School Holiday activities @ your library

The Big Summer Read is on again!

This challenge aims to promote reading over the school holidays for all children 0-18 years of age. Participants read books and log them in the [BeanoStack](#) app. For every 10 books read, there is an entry in the [state wide prize draw](#) as well as prizes offered at each library branch. To join up visit your local Indigo Shire Library or www.pix.beanoStack.org

Summer Grab and Go Bags

These packs are full of summer activities for keeping children busy over the holidays – collect these at your library branch!

Halve Waste Christmas Crafts

Join the Compost Fairy and her friend Wriggly Worm to learn more about recycling food and waste. We will also make totally recyclable Christmas bon bons! 10.00-11.00 ages 5-12

Beechworth Library Tuesday 20 December

Rutherglen Library Wednesday 21 December

Yackandandah Library Thursday 22 December

Amazing Hats and Bags

Come to the library and decorate your own fabric hat or bag. You bring your designs and we provide materials and markers.

Yackandandah Library Tuesday 17 January 10.00-11.00am ages 5-12

Dr Seuss Storytime

We will have a special Dr Seuss Storytime celebrating the whimsical world of Dr Seuss. This is suitable for pre-schoolers and Lower Primary children and their carers. 10.00-11.00am

Yackandandah Library Thursday 19 January

Kiewa Sandy Creek Football Club Friday 20 January

Beechworth Library 23 January and 27 January

Rutherglen Library Wednesday 25 January

Lego Club

Join us at for an afternoon of Lego construction with our 100s of Lego pieces. 2.00pm ages 5-12

Beechworth Library Monday 16 January

Rutherglen Library Tuesday 17 January

Yackandandah Library Friday 20 January

Storytime @your library

Storytime will be on a break from December 22 but we look forward to seeing pre-schoolers and their carers again for stories, songs and crafts commencing the week of 23 February 2023

2022 BEECHWORTH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Take home meal or share a meal with community

A cold Christmas lunch meal/hamper will be available for community members to take away or register a seat and join in and share your meal with others at the Memorial Hall.

Take Away Meal Collection
11.00 – 11.45 AM

Eat in meal

12.15 pm – 2.30 pm

- Subject to COVID safe guidelines

Date: Sunday 25 December 2022

Venue: Beechworth Memorial Hall

101 Ford St Beechworth

If you would like a meal/hamper on Christmas Day, please let us know:

- How many meals
- Contact details
- Eat in or take away*

*Delivery is available for community members unable to collect meals

RSVP: Beechworth Health Service
03 5728 0200 by Friday 16 December



The event is organised by a committee made up of local volunteers and community organisations. The Beechworth Community Bank – Branch of Bendigo Bank is the major sponsor.