



Friday 25th November 2022
Term 4, Week 8

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 8 Newsletter.

2022 Indigo Shire Youth Ambassadors

This week was the final session for the Indigo Shire 2022 Youth Ambassadors program. Congratulations to our two BPS Ambassadors for 2022, Eli Tomlinson and Violet Carr. They have been terrific representatives for our school and have both worked hard to fully engage with the program. We have seen their confidence blossom through this experience. We are very proud of their effort and engagement.

On Tuesday this week, the Junior Ambassadors from across the area presented speeches about what they learnt in the program, while putting into practice the public speaking training they received. The audience being Indigo Shire Councillors, council staff and families. Eli and Violet talked about the importance of Values and what they mean to them, and their fundraising experiences in support of the **Aturo Friendship Committee** and their passion project - **Crohns & Colitis Australia**.

Thank you to all who purchased socks in support of their project.

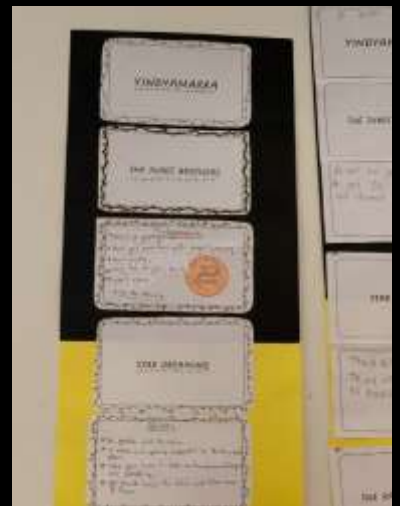
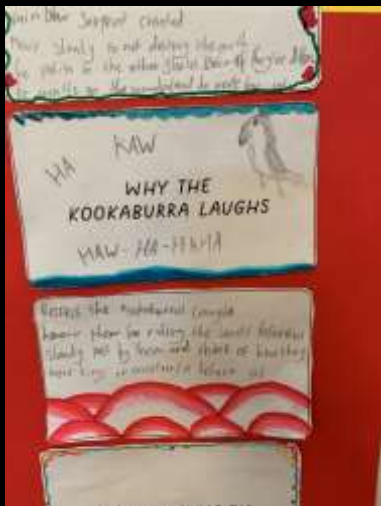
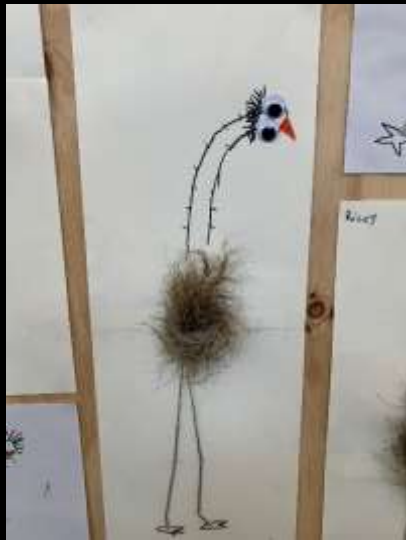


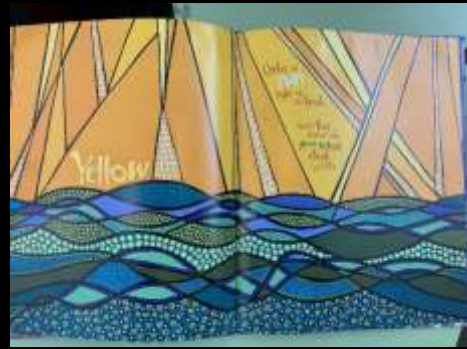
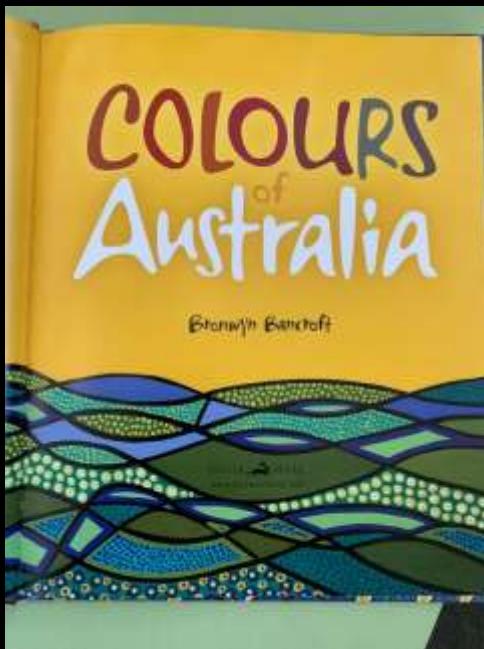
First Nations Bedtime Stories Week

First Nations Bedtimes Stories is an annual week of storytelling developed by Common Ground. Common Ground works with different First Nations creatives and communities to film five Dreaming stories. The films are shared online, and people come together to watch them over five days.

This year the films are from Wiradjuri Country. For 80,000 years, Wiradjuri people have cared for Country, sang songs and danced ceremony together, and told stories under the stars. These stories are the Dreaming of the Wiradjuri. The stories focus on Yindyamarra, which means to respect, to be gentle, to be polite, to honour and to do slowly. Each day we watched a short video clip then engaged in rich discussion and reflections about the stories shared.

This work also flowed through into our Art lessons with the students beginning work on beautiful pieces based on the beautiful picture book, *Colours of Australia* by Bronwyn Bancroft, an Indigenous artist and author.







End of Year Celebration Day – Wednesday 14th December

This day will be a special day of celebration and recognition for our school and students. As we are also holding our Walk-a-thon, we encourage students to wear yellow for Kindness. The day will be as follows:

- **End of Year Assembly and Awards:** The date for our celebration of 2022 school awards will be Wednesday 14th December, commencing 9.15am.
- **Walk-a-thon:** We will hold our walk-a-thon straight after our End of Year assembly.
- **SRC Sausage Sizzle for all students:** No lunch orders on this day.

We would love our parents to join us for the End of Year Assembly and to stay for our Walk-a-thon to cheer on our students.

Vaping Concerns

Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

The Tobacco Act 1987 bans smoking or vaping on school premises or within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises. The smoking and vaping ban applies to:

- *anyone present on school premises during and outside of school hours including students, teachers, and school visitors.*
- *all activities that take place on school premises.*

Smoking and vaping are also not permitted during school events and excursions held off school premises.

Research from the Royal Children's Hospital shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education and Training has developed resources to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping, and some suggestions about how to talk to children and young people about vaping, and where to get support. To access the resources, go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/smoking-and-vaping-advice-parents>

You can also view [this video](#) on smoking and vaping from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne for health advice and tips for starting a conversation with young people.

Mosquitoes

Staying safe from mosquitoes.

After floods and heavy rainfall, mosquitoes can grow and spread in the pools of water left behind. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that are spread through mosquito bites. Mosquitoes are more active at dusk and dawn, but some will also bite during the day. The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites. Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

Further information:

- Better Health Channel information about preventing mosquito-borne diseases <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/protect-yourself-mosquito-borne-disease>
- A handy checklist for at home to help reduce mosquito breeding sites <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/mosquitoes-protect-your-home-checklist>

BPS Swimming Carnival

Prior to the carnival each House Team holds a meeting where students are able to self-nominate as to which events they would like to participate in. These events include regular swimming races, relays and fun events such as kickboard or noodle races.

The BPS Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 9th December at the local Beechworth Pool.

- Senior students (3-6) will attend the pool for the full day, competing in a wide range of traditional swimming races and some fun events. Students will walk to the pool with their class at around 9.15, ready to commence their events. A timetable of events will be published in the newsletter the week prior to the swimming carnival.
- Junior students (F-2) will participate in fun water activity rotations attending the Beechworth pool through the middle of the day. These students walk down to the pool around 11.45 am and then walk back at the conclusion of their activities.

Parents are invited to attend and cheer our swimmers on.

SWPBS Silver Awards

This week at our School Assembly we presented 3 Silver Awards for 60 SWPBS Values tickets. It is terrific to see these students stepping up and demonstrating our school values.



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 9	Monday 28 th November Tuesday 29 th November	Year 3/4 Anne Frank Excursion Prep Transition Visit no 3, 9am-1pm
Week 10	Monday 5 th – Thursday 8 th December Friday 9 th December	Senior Swimming BPS Swimming Carnival
Week 11	Monday 12 th - Tuesday 13 th December Tuesday 13 th December Thursday 15 th December Friday 16 th December	Year 3/4 Valley Homestead Camp Step Up day 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 0459 555 671

Our Mailing address is:

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Beechworth, Vic 3747

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SCHOLASTIC Book Club

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Last issue for 2022

Orders due back November 30

It's Your Time to Dance!!!

Saturday Dance Fever workshops for kids, teens & adults in 2022.

Starts this Saturday the 19th, 26th of November through to December 3rd & 10th!

Preparation classes for 2023!

Lead by Franja Bailey

Qualifications: Bachelor of Human Movement Science, Diploma in Dance & Post graduate qualification in k-12 Education and Teaching.

Dance timetable:

Junior Dance, movement & rhythm.

9- 9.45am 3-4 yr olds (guardian advised)
10-10.45am 4-5yr olds (guardian advised)
11-11.45am 5-7yr olds

Middle years

12.30-1.15pm 8-10yr olds Hip Hop & Street
1.15pm - 2pm 8-10yr olds Contemporary Ballet
2-3pm 11-13yr olds Hip Hop & Contemporary

Senior years

3-4pm 14yrs + Hip Hop & Contemporary dance
4-5.15pm Women's Dance & Movement course
African, contemporary, ballet & jazz & final class is Go - Go dancing with a special guest!
(Different genre per class, listed in order of content being taught!)

Cost:

4 classes @ \$50 pay at commencement of first class per person or \$15 per class. (Family concessions available.)
Be quick, classes filling fast.

Venue: Salvation Army Hall - Enter by Ford St, front door.

Contact: Franja Bailey, 0421 024 998 See you there! 🕺



#democracy sausage at the VIC State Election

We are excited to announce, dear BPS community, that you now have the opportunity to have a sausage to go hand-in-hand with exercising your democratic right to vote! *Finally!*

Onions? No onions? Sauce? No sauce? You do you. PAFA has got your back.

PAFA will host a fundraising sausage sizzle at the Beechworth Memorial Hall on the upcoming VIC state election day, Saturday 26 November. The BBQ will be cranked from 10am. Vegetarian options and cold drinks available.

And FREE sauce (of course).



Democracy Sausage

Saturday 26 Nov
Beechworth Memorial Hall

from 10am

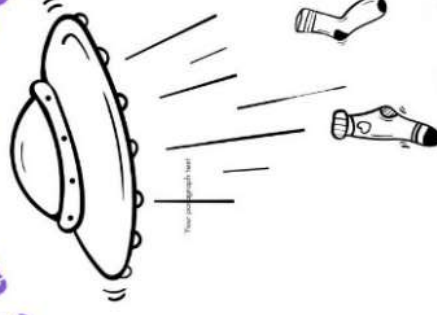


- BEECHWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL -
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

WILD SOCKS

Violet and Eli from Beechworth Primary School
are selling socks to support:
Aturo Friendship Committee
and their passion project -
Crohns & Colitis Australia

Where are my socks?



**Crohn's
& Colitis
Australia**

SOCK SIZES

Children's size S + SM
Other sizes M, L +XL

PRICE

\$6.00