



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Term 4, Week 10**

*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 10 Newsletter.

### State-wide "Step Up" Day

On Tuesday, all year levels "STEP UP" to their next year's class. While there, students will meet their 2023 teacher and learn about all the great things that will happen next year. This initiative is to support transition and reduce any anxieties in our students in preparation for the 2023 school year.

### Assemblies next week

Tuesday 2.30pm - Leadership Assembly

- During this assembly our Year 5 students who are seeking election as a School Captain or Vice Captain will make their speeches to the school community. Voting will occur immediately following the assembly. House Captain and SRC appointments will happen in the first week of Term 1, 2023. The Leadership Assembly will take place in the BER. Parents are invited to attend the Assembly to hear their child deliver their speech.

Wednesday - End of Year Assembly

- Our annual End of Year Assembly will take place on Wednesday, commencing at 9.15am. This will be our final assembly for 2022. During this assembly School Captains for 2023 will be announced and class awards will be presented. Parents and friends are invited to attend.
- 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. Students in Foundation to Year 2 will receive one sausage in bread, students in Year 3-6 will receive 2 sausages in bread. Students will still need to bring their own fruit snack, afternoon recess and anything else that they need to top up at lunchtime in addition to their sausages.

Thursday Night – Year 6 Graduation

- This year again we will hold our Year 6 Graduation event on the BPS School Oval under our beloved Fairytrees, a place where our students began their journeys at BPS playing during lunchtimes. The Graduation starts at 5.00pm.

### Friday 16 Dec: Class Party Day

Friday is our class party day where we celebrate the journey we have had over the year with our classroom friends. Keep your eye out for a note explaining what will be happening in your child's class.

Note: Year 5 and 6 students will have a pool party day – permission notes and information has been sent out via Compass. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you need assistance.

## **TheirCare Survey.**

We are coming to the end of our current contract with TheirCare as providers of our Before School, After School and Holiday Care. Before moving forward with a potential further contract we are seeking feedback from our parent community in relation to the current service. A Google forms survey will be sent out via Compass for this survey. We would love feedback from our wider school community, not just our current users, so please take a moment to hop on and let us know your thoughts.

## **Education Support Staff – Teacher's Aid**

We currently have a position advertised on Recruitment Online for an Education support staff member. The position is working in the classroom under the guidance of our teachers, 5 days per week working from 9.00-12.00 each day. The position includes paid school holidays. This would be a terrific job for the right person. If you would like assistance with applying or have questions, please see Samantha in the school office. [https://edupay.eduweb.vic.gov.au/psc/EDUPPRD1\\_EA/APPLICANT/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM\\_FL.HRS.CG\\_SEA\\_RCH\\_FL.GBL?Page=HRS\\_APP\\_JBPST\\_FL&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=1320927&PostingSeq=1](https://edupay.eduweb.vic.gov.au/psc/EDUPPRD1_EA/APPLICANT/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS.CG_SEA_RCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_JBPST_FL&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&JobOpeningId=1320927&PostingSeq=1)

Applications close 15 December 2022.

## **2023 Booklists**

Will be sent home with students on Statewide Step-up Day on 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you don't receive one please request one from the school office.

## **2023 Family Voluntary Fee Contributions**

The letters and advice for student fees will be sent home on the first week of Term 1 in 2023 with students. The fees are due for payment by the end of Term 1.

## **Senior Swimming**

It was terrific to be able to have our senior swimming lessons go ahead this week. We had a couple of days of cooler weather, but at least we had minimal rain. The students showed great resilience and enjoyed the change of pace, getting out of the school and enjoying an active week.

## **Books, books, books...**

We need your help to round-up our school readers. Some books we have not seen for some time... So where could these books be? Lost in a dark place, under the bed or behind the couch? Lost at Nan's, Dad's, Mum's or in your room – the same room you've been asked to clean, 5 times! We need to find these lost books and bring them back to the library where they belong. So let's Round Them Up! and return them to school.

## **SWPBS Silver Awards**

This week at our School Assembly we presented 10 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

[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	Event / Activity
<b>Week 11</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 Valley Homestead Camp Step Up day End of Year Celebration Day, Walk-a-thon Year 6 Graduation Class party day
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Student Free day – 2023 Planning</b> 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

# Which Way Project



Working with Indigo Shire and Beechworth Health to travel safely to school



## Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### **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](mailto:beechworth.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



## COMPETITIVE GYMNASTICS TRY-OUTS

12.45 pm  
Saturday  
10 December  
2022

Ages 6-9  
and 10+

To register Call Erin:  
0436 407 770

Email:  
erin@indigogymnastics.  
com.au



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

[www.indigogymnastics.com.au](http://www.indigogymnastics.com.au)



## Art Camp

Get creative these school holidays!

MAMA

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 QEII 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](http://mamaalbury.com.au) | or in person at the museum.  
ENQUIRIES: [mama@alburycity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mama@alburycity.nsw.gov.au) | (02) 6043 6800



## 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](http://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  
Yackandandah Library Thursday 22 December

Rutherglen Library Wednesday 21 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  
Beechworth Library 23 January and 27 January  
Kiewa Sandy Creek Football Club Friday 20 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  
Yackandandah Library Friday 20 January  
Rutherglen Library Tuesday 17 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.