



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Term 1, 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. Each day we are seeing more development and changes to our yard which is pretty exciting! It's great for our students to have access to the new basketball court and the senior playground... and the weather has been perfect to enjoy it.

This week also saw the demolition of the interior of the second half of the old building. This area will be transformed into a new library, STEAM (Science, Tech, Environment, Art and Media) space and new staff room and admin spaces.



It was interesting to see a photo shared on Facebook last night of the building taken around 1875. It is exciting to be able to peel back the years through the demolition process and see what lies below, returning what we can to its more original state. It is great to see these old photos to assist us in the process.



## Home/School Communications:

1. School Newsletter – Whole School communication.

Whole school communication is via the **Compass App** and the **Weekly BPS Newsletter**.

Our school Newsletter is a valuable source of information about upcoming events, current information and learning activities. Previous copies of the newsletter are also available on our website

[www.beechworthps.vic.edu.au](http://www.beechworthps.vic.edu.au).

2. ClassDojo – current Classroom/class teacher communication.

As you will also be aware each class has a ClassDojo class page. These pages are a terrific resource for information specific to your child's class and individual student or teacher communication. It is terrific to see you all connected on the platform to allow us to share messages and student learning.

3. Website and Facebook Page – general and ongoing information.

Our school website contains our current Beechworth Primary School policies, a range of information and relevant forms that you may require from time to time. It also contains an active blog with items of interest and events at the school. Please bookmark our page for easy access.

If you need to contact a classroom teacher this can be done either through the ClassDojo or via email...

(teachers name) [firstname.surname@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:firstname.surname@education.vic.gov.au)

If you need to contact myself, I am best reached via email ([susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au)) as I only check the ClassDojos once a week, due to needing to individually check each of the 8 class pages.

## School Uniforms

It has been great to see our students looking proud and polished in their BPS school uniforms. Wearing our uniform promotes a sense of belonging, equality and school pride. The School Council has designed our uniforms to take account of comfort, flexibility, ease of care and cost. With that in mind we just wanted to remind our school community:

- Hats worn to school are expected to be the BPS school full-brimmed hats. These are available from the school office for \$15.00 (cost price), or at the Uniform Zone shop in Wangaratta. I hear they are a little more expensive, but they do have the ability to embroider the name on the back of the hat.
- Shorts – these should be grey or black school shorts. The shorts need to be a reasonable length.

If your child is out of uniform, please communicate the reason by note or email to your child's teacher. Please be reminded that 'hoodies' are not suitable attire for school. Please choose a jumper without a hood. Students out of uniform will be provided with a reminder note to take home. Further information about the **Student Dress Code Policy** is available on the school website.

## Annual Privacy Reminder for 2023

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website, under the Parent Information button, select Policies and Forms from the drop-down list. Alternately you can request a copy from the BPS office. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.



## Leadership School Assembly

Tuesday morning, we were very proud to recognise those students in the senior classes who are taking on leadership roles at BPS this year. This included our School Captains – Harry Read and Heidi Ellis, Vice Captains – Larni Armstrong and Kingston Bywaters, our House Captains and SRC representatives. We would like to thank Mr Alby Freijah, Senior Education Improvement Leader for North Eastern Victoria Region, for coming to our assembly and presenting the badges to our leaders.

Our leadership assembly was followed by morning tea for our school leaders. Our student leaders will be supported by Mrs King and myself this year.



Kind Regards,  
Sue McDonald  
Principal  
[susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au)





## This week at Beechworth Primary School



## STEM with Ms Nick



### For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
Week 3	Wednesday 15 February	School Council Meeting 5.30pm
Week 4		Currently no planned events
Week 5	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Fun Night
Week 6	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Foundation Education Information Night BPS Athletics Carnival
Week 7	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Holiday NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5 School Photos
Week 8	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 & 6 Canberra Camp
Week 9		Currently no planned events
Week 10	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day for Term 1 Easter Hat Parade

**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

# Parenting information sessions - Term 1 2023

FREE 2 hour sessions - Bookings are essential

Adolescent Parenting	Raising Resilient Children (From the Triple P International)	Connecting with your kids Emotion Coaching
For parents and carers of children aged between 12 and 17 years	For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 12 years	For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 10 years
This session will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of teenagers - impacts and challenges</li> <li>How you can support your teenager's emotions and help them build resilience</li> <li>Connecting with your teenager</li> <li>Helping to problem solve</li> <li>Family values</li> </ul>	This session will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognising and accepting feelings</li> <li>Expression of feelings</li> <li>Building a positive outlook</li> <li>Developing coping skills</li> <li>Dealing with negative feelings</li> <li>Stressful life events</li> </ul>	This session will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuning into your child's emotions to help manage behaviour</li> <li>Learn about emotion coaching to help your child understand and regulate emotions</li> <li>Help manage meltdowns</li> <li>looking at child's brain development</li> </ul>
Tuesday 28th March 7pm to 9pm Via online (Link will be provided)	Thursday 23rd February 7pm - 9pm Via online (Link will be provided)	Monday 20th March 7pm - 9pm Via online (Link will be provided)

To book your place contact Gateway Health on 02 6022 8888  
or email [parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au)

[gatewayhealth.org.au](http://gatewayhealth.org.au)

## Parenting Programs - Term 1 2023

\*There is no cost to attend these programs

Location	Program	Duration	When	Where	Register
Wangaratta	Tuning in to Kids Emotionally intelligent parenting (2 - 10 years)	5 weeks	Wednesdays 1st - 29th March 10am - 12pm	Wangaratta Library 21 Docker Street Wangaratta	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting (10 years and over)	5 weeks	Mondays 27th February - 3rd April 6pm - 8pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Bring Up Great Kids (2-12 years)	6 weeks	Tuesdays 28th February - 4th April 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Tuning into Kids Emotional intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	5 weeks	Fridays 3rd - 31st March 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Wednesdays 8th February - 5th April 10.30am to 11.30am	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Lavington	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Fridays 3rd February - 7th April 10.30am to 11.30am	Orana Community Centre 40 Cardo Drive Springdale Heights	Phone 02 6025 3988

For more information on our programs phone 02 6022 8888

[gatewayhealth.org.au](http://gatewayhealth.org.au)