



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**Term 1, Week 3**

*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 3 newsletter.

Sadly, we have made the decision to postpone our Family Fun Night from Week 5 to Week 7, due to the delays with the works on the playgrounds. We really want to be able to use these for our community night.

This week has seen our students hopping into assessments to enable teachers to plan for and teach our students by responding to their strengths, needs and aspirations. This work has been further enhanced this week through our Student Support Group meetings for students who require some targeted support or who are PSD funded.

### Student Wellbeing and Disability Inclusion Co-ordinator

This year we are excited to have Ngaire King taking on the new role of Student Wellbeing and Disability Inclusion Co-ordinator. Ngaire joined our team here at BPS last year. She is highly skilled in this area, having a Graduate Diploma in Teaching Students with ASD in addition to her Bachelor of Education qualification and previous experience as a Leading Teacher for Wellbeing & Engagement in Wodonga Schools.

This new role at BPS is possible due to changes in the funding model for DET Victoria in relation to Mental Health reforms and the new Disability Inclusion model. The role will include:

- Acting as an advocate and champion for students with additional needs (short-term or long-term needs) and students with disabilities.
- Liaising with families and teachers to provide a high level of communication to support student wellbeing.
- working with school staff (Teachers and Education Support Staff) to implement strategies for supporting the education of these students.
- collaborating with allied services working in the school to deliver adjustments and supports to students.
- having oversight of individual education plans (IEPs) across the school, and ensure the school meets obligations for students who are required to have an IEP, building staff capacity to understand, develop and implement IEPs.

Ngaire will be working at BPS Monday – Wednesday. She is best contacted via email on [ngaire.king@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ngaire.king@education.vic.gov.au)

### Disability Inclusion Model

DET Victoria has recently introduced a new model to support students with additional needs. Beechworth Primary School is excited to shift from the current 'Integration' and Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) to the Disability Inclusion.

This new approach will help us to improve support for students with disability and build a more inclusive school for all our students. Inclusive schools have better outcomes in learning, engagement and wellbeing for all students. Beechworth Primary School, along with all government schools in Victoria will be moving to this model over the coming weeks.

The Disability Inclusion model works on a three-tiered system (see below). The model offers individualised funding for students with education difficulties which are deemed as meeting 'Tier 3' needs, with specific, tailored services needed to achieve success in an educational setting. Tier 2 funding is also provided to schools so that supports can be utilised to support a variety of students with difficulties across the school to supplement the differentiated support received in the classroom. Students who are currently under the PSD funding will be transferred to the Tier 3 Disability Inclusion over the coming 3 years (or earlier if current funding is a shorter time frame).



## 2023 for BPS Camps

This year we have two camps planned:

- **Year 5 & 6: Canberra Camp Wed 22– Fri 24 March.** We are excited to be able to offer this camp again this year. The Canberra Camp extends the students learning in the area of Civics and Citizenship in an authentic way, creating learnings and memories to last a lifetime.
- **Year 3 & 4: Feathertop Chalet Adventure Camp Nov 30 – 1 Dec.** We are in the very early stages of planning for this overnight camp in Term 4, but pop the dates in your diary.

Kind Regards,  
Sue McDonald  
Principal

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For the diary ...		
Week	Date	Event / Activity
Week 4		Currently no planned events
Week 5	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	School's Clean Up Day
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 Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Holiday Family Fun Night 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

# This week in STEM

## Foundation STEM

This week the Foundation students were able to measure their pea plants which germinated over the weekend. The students are looking at the conditions that make plants grow, such as the soil type, how much the plant gets watered and how much light the plants are exposed to. The students also used a ruler to measure the growth of their plant.



## 1/2 STEM

The 1/2 students spent their STEM lesson this week looking at the bone structure of animals. Some students and teachers brought in some X-rays and MRI's to share with the classes. We even got to see what Miss Jones' brain looks like! The students then worked on matching animals to their bone structure.

## Senior STEM

This week in STEM, the senior classes looked at the parts of a bee and started to learn about how bees collect pollen. The students created their own pollinator using craft materials. They were asked to think about what features would help the pollinator to collect pollen. We then replicated a flower and it's pollen using Cheetos. The pollinators visited the 'flowers' and we then examined how effective they had been in collecting the pollen (the yellow flavouring from the Cheetos). The students were very creative and came up with some ingenious ideas to make their pollinators effective.



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





## District Swimming Carnival

The first District Swimming sports in four years was an occasion to be excited about last Friday at Beechworth Swimming Pool. Our school was represented in style by 24 senior school students who had qualified at the school swimming sports last December. These students showed they were ready for the challenge of racing 2 laps (50 metres) in the pool, against some strong competition from other primary schools in the district, especially the powerhouse Yackandandah Primary School. Placegetters from BPS were as follows:

Olivia Hetherington - 3<sup>rd</sup> freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> butterfly  
 Alyssa Egan - 3<sup>rd</sup> backstroke  
 Elvie Evans-Barr - 3<sup>rd</sup> backstroke  
 Bailey Neville - 3<sup>rd</sup> breaststroke  
 Violet Carr - 3<sup>rd</sup> butterfly  
 Austin Milsome - 2<sup>nd</sup> butterfly

### Relays:

Medley relay  
 Open girls 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Open mixed 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Freestyle relay  
 10yr mixed 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 11yr mixed 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 12/13 girls 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Students who qualified for the Division Swimming sports on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February are Matilda Bird, Violet Carr, Elvie Evans-Barr, Hazel Carr, Olivia Hetherington and Jemima Neil. Best wishes to these students as they represent both BPS and the Beechworth District at this event at WAVES Wodonga.

The talents and success of these students mentioned are to be congratulated. However, I would really like to highlight the group of students as a whole who answered the call to represent their school. Not all of these students find swim racing easy, and even find the prospect of it a bit daunting. It is a credit to their character that they persevered to complete a challenging task. I also witnessed great encouragement and support between students, as they willed each other to do their best. I am looking forward to our school athletics carnival coming up in week 6 of this term.

Mrs. B  
 PE teacher.



## Division Swimming Carnival

The students representing BPS at the Division Swimming Carnival at WAVES Wodonga today came away achieving lots of 'personal bests' along with great experiences diving from the competition diving boards. A great job done for those who achieved a 4<sup>th</sup> place. We are super proud of our team.

Thank you for representing BPS at Division level.  
 A great achievement to all.

## ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK - Thank You.

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is life threatening. The most common allergens for school-aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings, fruit and medications.

The Department is committed to protecting the wellbeing of children and young people with severe allergies. This commitment is enshrined in *the Education Training and Reform Act 2006* and more specifically in *Ministerial Order 706 - Anaphylaxis Management in Victorian Schools*, which outlines requirements for schools in the management of anaphylaxis.

Approximately 80 per cent of all Victorian government schools have a child enrolled who is at risk of anaphylaxis. The keys to preventing an anaphylactic reaction are planning, risk identification and minimisation, awareness and education.

Here at Beechworth Primary School there are a number of students with a diagnosis of Anaphylaxis. (A number of different allergens between each student).

Nuts is one of the allergens that causes anaphylactic shock for one of our students and we would like to thank you in anticipation, for being mindful when packing your students' lunch boxes. As banning food is not a recommended strategy when managing anaphylaxis in our schools, we would ask that wherever possible an alternative to nut products would be appreciated.

If your child does bring a food to school containing nut products, please ask the child to let their teacher know.

Could we ask parents to also reinforce to your child/ren that we definitely do not share food here at school.

For more information, questions or support in this matter please don't hesitate to pop in and see me. (Chez)

*If you have an unwanted but still functioning sewing machine, could you please bring it in to Chez for the 5/6 Student Investigation sessions.*

*Phone Chez at 0438 506 938*



## School Photos 2023 - Beechworth Primary School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos **on Friday 17th March 2023.**  
**There is no need to return any forms or money to school.**

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

**Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year** using your child's 2023 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

**Once registered, please wait for notification that 2023 images are online to view before making your purchase.**

### SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023 - Important Registration Information

*School Photographs will be taken at*  
**Beechworth Primary School**  
Friday 17th March 2023

**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school  
before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to  
all students on or after photo day**

Your child will be given this to bring home from school.

When you receive your child's 2023 image code

**Follow these 3 simple steps -**

**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's 2023 image code



**2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



**3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

**That's it!**

It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details  
When 2023 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

• Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads

• Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE

**\*\* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2023 \*\***



# 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 - 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)

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## 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 Emotionally 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)



FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT VALUE  
DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY  
SUPPORTED BY THE INDIGENOUS SHIRE COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY COMEBACK PROJECT

**BEECHWORTH**  
**Community Picnics**  
**MARCH 2023**

Sun 5 - Sandcastle Building, Lake Sambell, 11am-2pm  
Sun 19 - Picnic & Paint, The Town Hall Gardens, 1pm-4pm  
Wed 29 - Cricket Fun, Beechworth Primary, 4pm-7pm

SNACKS | ACTIVITIES | FUN  
ALL WELCOME