



Friday 24th February 2023
Term 1, Week 4

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 4 newsletter.



This week there was much excitement as they opened up our new Junior Playground. There is still a little work to be undertaken in the space, but we have access to the sandpit and the climbing frames. It was actually pretty exciting to see the oval completely empty with all junior students exploring the new spaces during breaks this week.



There has also been quite a bit of work happening on the new toilet block at the rear of the school with the brick work well underway and plaster going in. It's great to finally see it taking shape.

School Council Elections

School Council contributes towards governance of the school and is an important component in ensuring the big picture is achieved. Each year, we ask parents to nominate for positions on Council, to help us achieve our parent membership. Our School Council comprises 7 Parent Representatives, 4 Staff Representatives (including the Principal) and a community member (if available).

Nominations for new School Council Members opens Monday 27th February and closes Monday 6th March.

This year, our vacant positions are:

- three parent positions, each position has a duration of 2 years.
- one community member position with a duration of 1 year.

If you wish to be part of this governing board of our school, please drop by the school office and pick-up a School Council Nomination form. Please note that we are only able to have one DET employed parent as a representative.

Where there are more nominations than the number of vacancies a ballot will be held following the closing date for nominations. School Council is a great way of being involved in many aspects of Beechworth PS. Full details of the SC Election process is attached.

NAPLAN 2023 for Year 3 & 5 Students

As you may be aware, the NAPLAN testing window is approaching. Our school was transitioned to Online NAPLAN Assessment in 2022. NAPLAN Online has a test window from Wednesday 15th March – Friday 24th March. However, with our school schedule we aim to have all tests finalised within the first week.

Standardised tests are a snapshot of a student's academic progress on a given day. Beechworth Primary School endeavours to provide a supporting and non-threatening approach to the tests. However, parents with concerns regarding NAPLAN, or who wish to withdraw their child will need to speak directly with their child's teacher, or to Scott Forrest, the school's NAPLAN Co-Ordinator.

Last week all Year 3 and Year 5 students should have brought home an information letter with more detailed information regarding this year's NAPLAN online. Please ensure, as parents and carers, you are well informed and contact us for any further questions or clarification you might have.

Ambassadors Program

Our 2022 Junior Ambassadors for the Indigo Shire 2022 Youth Ambassadors program received Certificates of Appreciation from Crohns & Colitis Australia for their efforts in supporting the **Aturo Friendship Committee** and their passion project – **Crohns & Colitis Australia**.

Violet and Eli have been terrific representatives for our school and we are very proud of their effort and engagement.



SWPBS Bronze Awards

This week at our School Assembly we presented our very first Bronze Award for receiving 30 SWPBS Values tickets. Congratulations to Mila Spiteri on consistently demonstrating the school values and being a terrific role model for your peers.

Dragon Boat Racing – Heidi Ellis

At Monday's Assembly we were interested and super proud to hear from Heidi Ellis about her adventures with Dragon Boat Racing. Over the previous weekend Heidi, together with her family and Beechworth team attended the Victorian Dragon Boat State Championships. This was the Dragon Boat Victoria Lunar New Year Regatta, the first of two State Championship Regattas.



Heidi is in the Victorian Junior State Dragon Boat Team, as well as the local team, Beechworth Golden Serpents. She paddles in some races, and in others, she is on the drum, which is a really important role that requires her to loudly relay instructions to the paddlers as well as keeping time on the drum. She often races in an adult crew.

At the State Championships she raced with the Golden Serpents, who came home with two silver and one bronze trophies. She also drummed with the Victorian Junior Team, who convincingly beat several adult crews and gave the navy team a good run for their money.

Congratulations Heidi on your commitment to your sport and on your wonderful achievements.



Welcome New Staff

This year we are excited to welcome three new Education Support staff to BPS. It has been great getting to know them and we look forward to working with them.



Maria Grincas

Maria was a nurse in Hobart before returning to north east Victoria and joining us as Education Support in the Year 1 Class.

Shannen Hocking

Shannen joins us as Education Support in the 3/4/5 Class this year and has previously worked at Belvoir in Wodonga and Connections as an advanced practitioner with Autism.





Ryley Bouker

Ryley joins us in the 5/6A Class as Education Support this year having completed his qualification at GoTafe and a year long placement at Myrtleford P-12. He also has experience working at the Wangaratta District Specialist School.

Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald
Principal
susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au

For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
Week 5	Friday 3 rd March	School's Clean Up Day
Week 6	Tuesday 7 th March Friday 10 th March	Foundation Education Information Night BPS Athletics Carnival
Week 7	Monday 13 th March Tuesday 14 th March Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th March Friday 17 th March	Labour Day Holiday Family Fun Night NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5 School Photos
Week 8	Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th March	Year 5 & 6 Canberra Camp
Week 9		Currently no planned events
Week 10	Thursday 6 th 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

LOTE - French



Bonjour à tous,

It has been another exciting start to French for our 3/4's and 5/6's. The 4/5/6's are continuing to consolidate their knowledge of French and French culture, in what is already their second year of French. The grade 3's have been introduced to all things French, from berets to escargot, and have even made their own 'marionettes' which allowed them to practice greetings with one another.

It was *fantastique!*

Merci et à la prochaine (Thank you and see you next time).

Monsieur Minglis.

Foundation NW Numeracy



Over the past 4 weeks in the Foundation classroom, our maths focus was Counting and Counting Strategies. We based our learning on picture story books with a number theme such as "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", "Ten In a Bed", "Spinderella" and "Ten Seeds". The children had great fun applying their learning through hands on counting with a variety of objects, making and drawing as well as games such as our spider game during Week 3.

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 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 ****

School council election process overview

Stages of election

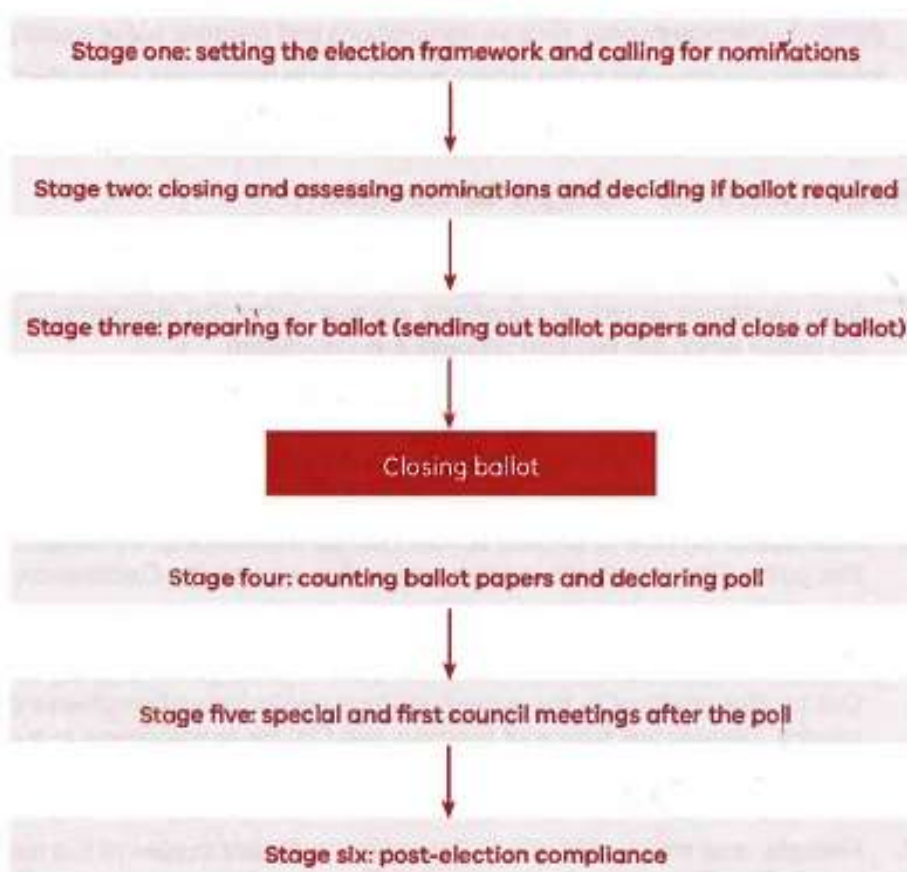
The election process needs to start at least 21 days before the poll closing date. The following are indicative stages of the process.

Further information about the requirements for each stage of the election is set out in subsequent pages.

Indicative timeline



Stages of election process





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

Tuning in to Kids Emotionally intelligent parenting

For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 10 years.

This five-week program aims to help parents and carers understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.



This program will look at:

- managing meltdowns
- tuning in to your children's emotions to help manage behavior
- emotion coaching – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions
- problem solving and self-care
- the different styles of parenting.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Wangaratta Library - 21 Docker St, Wangaratta	Wednesdays 1 March to 29 March 10am to 12pm	This is a free program

Contact us

For enquires and to register your attendance please call 02 6022 8888 or email parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au.

Bookings are essential

gatewayhealth.org.au

Please note this information applies to Term 1 2023.

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People living well



Join Leisha and Cat from This Way North for a great afternoon of playing and listening to music, jamming and singing with other likeminded people.

When: Thursday 2 March, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Where: Yackandandah Community Centre Garden

Who: Young people aged 8 to 20

More info: www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/yackjam



For Sale: BPS School Uniform Items

Long Sleeve Polo sz 10 \$10 (2 available)
Long Sleeve Polo sz 12 \$10 (1 available)
Long Sleeve Polo sz 14 \$10 (1 available)
Short Sleeve Polo sz 10 \$10 (1 available)
Shell Jacket Sz 14 and Sz 12 \$25 each

All items in very good condition
0427 244 965

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**