



Friday 3rd March 2023
Term 1, Week 5

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 beautiful Autumn in Beechworth, my favourite time of year. Beechworth really shines at this time of year with our gorgeous Autumn leaves and amazing weather. The students are loving getting out in our new play spaces and enjoying the new play opportunities that these present.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

This year we have a very active SRC, led by Mrs King. Last week they met and posed 3 suggestions that they sent out to all classes for feedback and voting. The classes voted that our focus for Term 1 will be "*Kind words and actions*", linked to our value of Caring.

They have also set up an 'ideas box' in the BER where students can post their ideas and messages to SRC.



BPS Athletics Carnival

We had such bad luck with the weather over the past few years trying to run our Athletics Carnival in Term 3. So... this year we will be holding our BPS Athletics Carnival in Term 1 on Friday 10 March.

- The Senior classes (Year 3-6) will have events running on the School Oval for most of the day, commencing just after roll marking at 9am.
- The Junior classes will start on the oval with the seniors. Once introductions are completed, they will move to the centre of the oval to run their races. Following this they then move to the front of the school and have rotations of fun sports activities.

We would love to have parents come along to cheer the students on and enjoy the day with us.

Family Night Tuesday 14th March, 5.00pm

Come along to the 2023 BPS Annual Family Fun Night! This will be a night of fun, and a great opportunity for families to check out the new playgrounds and refurbished Junior Wing, connect with the school, and fellow parents. We aim to make the night short and sweet, as it is a school night.

- 5.00pm Classrooms open for families to explore – spend a minute trying to win a ticket to go in our prize draw.
- 6.20pm Prizes and farewell.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

TheirCare

Recently there have been some concerns and queries about TheirCare. BPS (School Council) does not run TheirCare, but sub-contracts to TheirCare as our service provider. This means that there are some things which we are able to follow up on and others which are in the realm of the employer, TheirCare. As a contractor we are currently reviewing our options in relation to our contract.

However, in the meantime we encourage anyone who has concerns in relation to the service, the programs offered or the staff to contact TheirCare directly or the appropriate licencing body. This can be done by contacting:

- TheirCare Support Office: 1300 072 410, or via email info@theircare.com.au
- TheirCare Manager – Operations: 0448 265 281
- DET Hume Area: 03 5771 4471, or via email hume.qar@education.vic.gov.au

If you have any concerns in relation to Child Protection it is appropriate for you to contact Child Protection. You can ring them for a chat about your concerns and they will support you in whether a report should be made. The contact details for Child Protection are:

- Child Protection East Division: 1300 360 391
- After hours Child Protection Emergency Service: 13 12 78

School Council Elections Reminder

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.

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



5/6 Library Visit



For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 1		
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
TERM 2		
Week 1	Monday 24 th April Tuesday 25 th April Friday 28 th April	First day for Term 2 ANZAC Day – Public Holiday Student free day – Berry Street Staff Professional Development

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



STEM (Science, Technology, Environment and Maths)



For sale:

BPS School Uniform Items

All items in very good condition

0427 244 965

1 Long Sleeve Polo sz 14 \$10

1 Short Sleeve Polo sz 10 \$10

1 Shell Jacket Sz 14 \$25

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 ****

- ARE YOU GOOD AT NUMBERS?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE BEECHWORTH COMMUNITY?

IF SO, WE NEED YOU!

BEECHWORTH COMMUNITY EARLY YEARS LEARNING CENTRE has recently established a skills-based board to oversee this important community program.

We have recruited an excellent group of people from all walks of life. However, we are missing someone with financial skills.

If you have financial skills, a desire to support this important community program, want to work with some great people, and can commit to attending one meeting per month, we would love to hear from you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Wendy Holland on 0438 433 555 or wendy@communityvibe.com.au for more information and an application form.



THE DRAGONFLY PROJECT PRESENTS

Dragonfly

program for girls 12-14

EMPOWERING GIRLS TO SPREAD THEIR WINGS AND FLY

Movement | Journal | art | circles

Beginning March 20

Bookings and information at www.thedragonflyproject.com.au

PIPE2SCHOOL

We've partnered up with Drop in and Take off to celebrate Ride2School week and we'll be hosting skate and scooter workshops as well as grip tape art sessions for primary and secondary school Beechworth students.

Join more than 350,000 students across Australia who will ride, scooter and skate to school, then ride from school to the skate park. We'll meet you there for an afternoon full of fun.

When: Wednesday 22 March, 4 to 6 pm

Where: Beechworth Skate Park

Who: Young people aged 8 to 18

More info: www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/ride2school





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BEECHWORTH Community Picnics

MARCH 2023

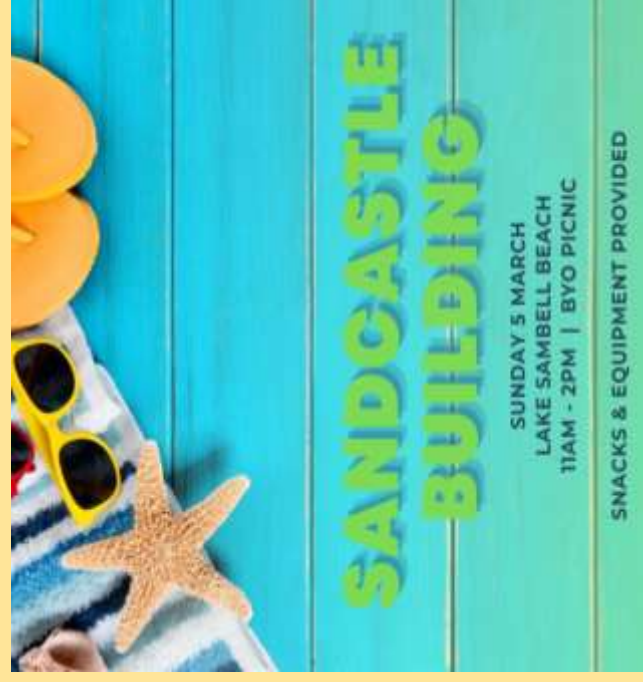
Sun 5 - Sandcastle Building, Lake Sambell, 11am-2pm
Sun 19 - Picnic & Paint, The Town Hall Gardens, 1pm-4pm
Wed 29 - Cricket Fun, Beechworth Primary, 4pm-7pm

SNACKS | ACTIVITIES | FUN
ALL WELCOME



FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT VALUE
DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY

SUPPORTED BY THE INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY COMEBACK PROJECT



SANDCASTLE BUILDING

SUNDAY 5 MARCH
LAKE SAMBELL BEACH
11AM - 2PM | BYO PICNIC

SNACKS & EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

THE DETAILS

WHO CAN COME?

- Anyone!
- Young/Old
- Interested in building sandcastles or just coming for the snacks

WHAT IS PROVIDED?

- Sand (fresh buildy sand!)
- Sand toys
- Snow Cones
- Muesli Bars
- Fruit

WHY ARE WE HOSTING

- To bring people together
- To make new friends and catch up with old ones
- To celebrate where we live

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

- Your picnic
- Picnic rug/chairs
- Sense of fun & creativity
- Your friends, family & neighbours

DO I STAY THE WHOLE TIME?

- Nope, come when you like, stay as long as you like!
- We'll be there 11am-2pm with the team from Beechworth Childcare & Beechworth Toy Library



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