



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Term 2, 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.

We wish all of our families a wonderful day on Sunday for Mother's Day.

A beautiful, but crisp, morning this morning for our Mother's Day breakfast. It was great to be able to use our new catering space and have people explore the new facilities at the rear of the school which are often hidden. It was lovely to see so many mothers, grandmas and special people come out and join in with our breakfast. Thank you to our school staff for your work preparing the fruit salad and getting here early to set up. We are truly blessed at BPS to have such caring and connected staff.



## Position Available - Education Support Staff, Classroom

If you are someone who loves working with children and seeing them grow and learning we may have the job for you! We have been fortunate to receive some additional funding to support students in the classroom and are currently seeking an Education Support person. The position is advertised as 3 hours per day 5 days a week, but will more likely be 4 hours a day. Education support training or experience would be great, but not essential as we can provide training.

For further detail or to apply contact the school office (Samantha) or visit DET VIC Recruitment Online job no: 1344144



## Class of 1953

Over the past weekend the BPS Prep Class of 1953 held a reunion in Beechworth. They started Prep with a class of 30 students. Tuesday afternoon I had the absolute pleasure of taking the oldest group of preps on a tour of the school.

They commenced their Prep year at school in the very same room that we currently have as our Prep classroom.

They reminisced about what class was where and eagerly chatted about who was who. They regaled with stories of teachers who warmed their backsides in front of the open fires, of trap doors in the Library and of events back in their day.



They were pleased to see that we had worked to retain elements of the old school; fireplaces, a row of bag hooks, old doors, high ceilings and other features.

But the icing on the cake was the bell and the bell tower. That we still ring it every day. When they were at school only the boys were rostered to ring the bell, so we righted that wrong and the ladies all had a turn ringing the bell.



## Dragon Fly Project

Monday, our Dragon Fly Project group were lucky to welcome Lee Couch, an Indigenous woman who set herself the task to help repair the relationship between white and Indigenous people connecting us through, song, story and movement. During the session, she held a beautiful movement session guiding the group to move their body and connect with country and all beings around us.

We sat under the Fairytree and it was very touching to see how the students were taking it all on board. They all moved, asked interesting questions and were "in it". We sang some songs and spoke a few words in Lee's people's language, talked about the special places in nature and the animal(s) we love. I think we all left with a full heart. It was a joy to see the group participating so wholeheartedly.





**Foundation 2024 Enrolments are now open.**  
**BPS Open Day.**  
**Wednesday, 17 May 2023 – 9.30am to 3.00pm**

We would like to welcome prospective 2024 students and families to come and visit our school. We will be running tours of the school throughout the day. If you would like to book a school tour, please contact the School Office.

This will be followed up with a Parent/Carer information session for prospective Families on Tuesday 6 June at 5.30pm.

## **SWPBS Bronze Awards**

This week at our School Assembly we presented twelve Bronze Awards for 30 SWPBS Values tickets.

Congratulations to Alyssa, Raffaello, George, Devi, Jane, Mitchell, Mia, Ted, Amelie, Ewen, Isla and Sverri on consistently demonstrating the school values and being terrific role models for your peers.

It is terrific to see these students stepping up and demonstrating our school values.



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

## **Hot off the press from today's District Cross Country . . . .**



Our 12/13 girls all in the top 10 : Isabel – 9<sup>th</sup>, Larni – 6<sup>th</sup>, Violet – 1<sup>st</sup>, Karima – 4<sup>th</sup> and Mia – 8<sup>th</sup>.

Well done.

## For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
<b>TERM 2</b>		
<b>Week 4</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	EDUCATION WEEK Open Day for new Foundation Students School Council meeting 5.30pm
<b>Week 5</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	5/6 Author Visit @ Beechworth Library
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Reconciliation Week STEM Incursion (Gr 3-6) Space Science Centre
<b>Week 7</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>2023 Prep Information Evening – 5.30pm</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday School Council Meeting – 5.30pm
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Halve Waste Incursions F-6 Last day for Term 2 – 2.30pm finish
<b>TERM 3</b>		
<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	First day for Term 3
<b>Week 8</b>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	District Athletics (Year 3-6 only)
<b>Week 10</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day for Term 3 – 2.30pm finish
<b>TERM 4</b>		
	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Feathertop Chalet Adventure Camp</b>

### 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: 0459 555 671



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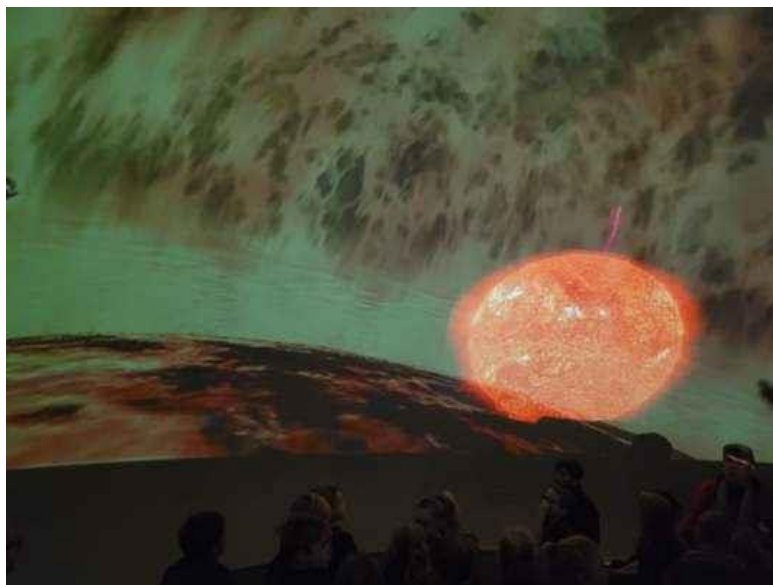


# STEM News

## Science Discovery Dome Visit



This week we enjoyed a visit from the Science Discovery Dome. The students were very excited to come into the BER and enter the Dome. Each class learnt about why we experience night and day and how the orbit of the Earth, Sun and Moon affects weather and seasons. We also learnt about our local night sky, with students discovering how to find planets that are currently visible without a telescope.



## Senior STEM

This week the Senior students learnt about the phases of the Moon. This tied in well with our visit from the Discovery Dome. Students discovered the name for each phase of the Moon and found out about the orbit of the Moon. Students got hands-on and used Oreo biscuits to replicate each phase of the Moon. This was a fun, engaging and tasty way to learn!











# Beechworth Primary School

2023 Open Day Wednesday 17th May



## School Tours

Student Leaders will facilitate tours of the classrooms & facilities

- Wednesday 17th May
- 9.30am-3.00pm
- Register at the school office on (03) 5728 1066 to book a tour



## Information Session

This session will cover aspects of our school including the learning environment, the teaching & learning process, as well as the structures within our school

- Tuesday 6th June 5.30pm
- Enrolment forms will be available at the conclusion of the session.



## Enrolment Process

- Enrol now open for 2024
- Forms are available from the school office
- Enrolment Applications are due by the 28th July 2023
- Notification of enrolment outcome 11th August 2023



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