



Friday 19th May 2023 Term 2, 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.

We have been lucky to have lovely sunny days each day this week to enjoy our new yard. We were super excited to wave goodbye to the junior temporary toilet block Thursday, leaving us with just one temporary block. It is also amazing to finally see the BER multipurpose room taking shape with the bricks going up.









Foundation 2024 Enrolments are now open.

We will be sending home enrolment packs next week to families of 2024 Foundation students who have siblings currently attending BPS. If you are one of these families and do not receive an enrolment pack please let Jeanette in the office know. The Department of Education has changed the timeline for enrolments and enrolments should be submitted before 28 July. This will enable schools to determine numbers for classes in 2024 and begin the process of appointing teachers. Australia is experiencing a shortage of teachers so it is important that we undertake this process early.

The next step in our Transition to school for Foundation 2024 students is a Parent/Carer information session for prospective Families that will run on Tuesday 6 June at 5.30pm. The information session will be conducted by Nadine Weideman and myself, where we will talk about our school and what the Foundation year at BPS entails.

Bus Safety Concerns

On the news we have seen the results of the tragic accident in Melbourne involving a school bus and a truck, illustrating how quick something can happen and how lives can change from one second to another.

In follow up we have received an email from the local bus company in regard to the current Conditions of Travel policy, which lists the expectations of all passengers on our school busses. Unfortunately, they are having issues with students not following the rules. The main issues are not wearing seat belts, not remaining in seats, and loud/boisterous behaviour.

This is a serious matter for the safety of all. The Bus company has let us know that if students continue doing the wrong thing from Monday onwards, incident reports will be filed and can result in students being barred from travel for the remainder of the school year.

We need our bus drivers to be able to focus on operating their vehicle and maintain concentration on the road, not on students doing the wrong thing. It is important for us to bring this information to our students to ensure they can travel safely to and from school. Please discuss this with your child at home to reiterate this important message.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our BPS School Council met on Wednesday this week. During this meeting we:

- Reviewed and approved the 2022 Annual School Report. The Annual Report is a retrospective report
 that provides us with an opportunity to share the prior year's achievements and progress with the school
 community. This includes reflecting on the school's performance and explaining the impact of school
 improvement efforts on student outcomes. We are proud of our students' achievements, particularly in
 the areas of Reading and Mathematics. The Annual School report will be uploaded to the front page of
 the school website early next week.
- Discussed and approved the 2023 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). The AIP is a core part of school business. It documents a sharp and narrow focus on school improvement priorities and provides clarity and purpose for all members of the school community as we work towards the Goals set out in the School Strategic Plan (SSP). Throughout 2023, we will focus on:
 - Numeracy Increasing teacher capacity to differentiate, scaffold and understand each students' point
 of need and continuing to build our teachers capacity to use effective teaching practices throughout
 the Numeracy lessons.
 - Wellbeing The School will continue to engage in learning and implementation of the Berry Street Educational Model, a strengths-based approach to teaching, learning and wellbeing enhancing and supporting our SWPBS work with our students. Effectively mobilising available resources to support students' wellbeing and mental health.
- Reviewed the proposed timelines for the upcoming Capital Works at BPS.

School Council OSHC Sub-Committee

Are you interested in our OSHC Program? We would love you to join our group and share your ideas.

We are looking for interested members from our school community to join our OSHC sub-committee. The purpose of the sub-committee will be to monitor and support the service delivery and report back to School Council with updates and recommendations in relation to our BPS OSHC program. We anticipate that the Sub-committee will meet once or twice a term. The sub-committee will be convened by one of our current school councillors (date and time to be determined to best suit members of the sub-committee). If you are interested in joining our OSHC Sub-committee, please contact myself via email:

Unwell Students

We have a number of different illnesses traveling around the school at the moment. We have several cases of gastro, colds and flu, COVID and the odd case of nits. If your child presents as unwell in the morning please err on the side of caution and keep them home. Staff are doing their very best with reminders about handwashing, sanitising and keeping the fresh air flowing, but we are battling to get on top of the illnesses.

What to do if your child gets sick.

susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au

To help keep your child and our school community safe and well, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms:

- take a COVID-19 test and follow the current Department of Health isolation requirements if a positive result is shown.
- · keep your child at home until their symptoms pass.
- common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired.
- diagnosis of the flu can only be confirmed by a doctor after a nose or throat swab.
- encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

SWPBS Bronze Awards

This week at our School Assembly we presented 2 Bronze Awards for 30 SWPBS Values tickets.

Congratulations to Tilda and Ewan 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

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For the diary		
Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 2		
Week 5	Thursday 25 th May Friday 26 th May	5/6 Author Visit @ Beechworth Library National Sorry Day
Week 6	Monday 29 th May Tuesday 30 th May Friday 2 nd June	Reconciliation Week Astronomy Night at Beechworth Secondary College Oval, 6-8pm STEM Incursion (Gr 3-6) Space Science Centre Division Cross Country in Wodonga
Week 7	Tuesday 6 th June Friday 9 th June	2023 Prep Information Evening – 5.30pm BPS Junior Lions Speaking Contest (Year 3-6)
Week 8	Monday 12 th June Wednesday 14 th June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday School Council Meeting – 5.30pm
Week 9	Monday 19 th June Friday 23 rd June	Halve Waste Incursions F-6 Last day for Term 2 – 2.30pm finish
TERM 3		
Week 1	Monday 10 th July	First day for Term 3
Week 6	Friday 18 th August	Pupil Free day – Staff Development Day
Week 7	Friday 25 th August	Book Week – Book Parade & Grandparents Day
Week 8	Tuesday 29 th August Friday 1 st September	District Athletics (Year 3-6 only) Father's Day Breakfast
Week 10	Friday 15 th September	Last day for Term 3 – 2.30pm finish
TERM 4		
	Thursday 30 th November – Friday 1 st December	Year 3 & 4 Feathertop Chalet Adventure Camp

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



BEECHWORTH SECONDARY COLLEGE
ARE PROUD TO BE HOSTING AN

Astronomy Night

Bring the entire family along for an evening that will entertain and educate!

Special guest presenter Emma Barnett from the Victorian Space Science Education Centre

Monday 29th May 6pm - 8pm Beechworth Secondary
College oval

Rug up warm and join us for this free event!

hot soup available for gold coin donation



Pornography, young people and sexuality - Free parent session It's time we talked!

The groups can be completed as a whole for the family, or participants can complete individually. We will endeavor to

provide the support you need as your family navigates life post separation

Parent group work + Childrens group work + Family Counselling.

individual support, joint sessions & child consultations. The program consists of 3 main elements:

Our Parenting Orders Program (POP) is designed to assist separated families who are experiencing high conflict. It

enhances parental communication & conflict management skills; refocusing on the best interests of the child. The program provides therapeutic/educational group work for parents & children, information & referral, counselling or

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES POST SEPARATION

Pornography has become an issue we can't afford to ignore.

Pornography has become the default sex educator, with serious implications avoid. Consumption - particularly for young men - has become normalised. for young people's capacity to navigate a sexuality that is respectful, safe, For young people growing up online, pornography is almost impossible to mutual and consenting

This presentation will explore:

- what parents need to understand about pornography and its influence on young people's sexual understanding and expectations
 - how parents can support their children's healthy social and sexual development in an age of pornography.

Save the date and register to attend

Monday 29 May from 6.30pm to 8pm

Wodonga Senior Secondary College - 80 Brockley Street, Wodonga

Visit eventbrite.com.au/e/pornography-young-people-and-sexualityparent-session-tickets-62151224886Z or scan the QR code to reserve your spot.



Maree Crabbe is the Director of the Australian violence prevention initiative - It's time we talked Maree is an educator, author, researcher and filmmaker who supporting parents, schools, communities and government to is passionate about gender-based violence prevention and address pornography's influence on young people.

Contact Sarah McQualter at Gateway Health if you have any questions:

- Phone 02 6022 8888
- Email Sarah.McQualter@gatewayhealth.org.au

People living well





IT'S TIME



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Building Better Bridges is delivered each school term from

Stress management & taking care of yourself

Conflict resolution & problem solving

nvolvement. Topics covered are:

5.30pm -7.30pm Monday evenings over five weeks

JIGSAW is delivered each school term from 4pm till 5pm

Contact us for more info

children from similar circumstances. Relevant themes are The JIGSAW Childrens group provides assistance & support to children of separated families. The group provides a space for children to interact with other explored through play & activities which include;

- Exploring & acknowledging a range of feelings
- Exploring a variety of coping skills & problem solving Exploring & acknowledging the changes in their lives
- Accessing own strengths & identifying future dreams
- & hopes



