



Friday 26th May 2023
Term 2, 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 our week 5 Newsletter.

We have had another busy week at BPS, but sadly we have had a large number of staff un-well and we have worked hard to ensure that classes have been able to run as normally as possible, but please be aware that this at times means stretching our staff on site and having replacement staff (when we can get them) who do not know our students as well as our permanent staff. We are all doing our best to provide the best learning environment for our students.

We continue to 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 on nits. If your child presents as unwell in the morning, please err on the side of caution and keep them home.

National Sorry Day

Every year on 26 May, National Sorry Day, also known as the National Day of Healing, is an annual observance in Australia that is held to remember and acknowledge the mistreatment of the country's Indigenous peoples, particularly the forced removal of Indigenous children from their families, known as the Stolen Generations.

This year our classes have worked to create a 'sea of hands' as you walk into our school as a symbol of community support for reconciliation, rights and respect.

It seems appropriate that this week our Capital Works Garden team have started work on construction of our much anticipated Yarning Circle.



Education Support Staff – Classroom - readvertised

Sadly, we had no applicants for our Education Support person. If you are someone (or know 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: 1346938

Simultaneous Story Time

National Simultaneous Storytime always occurs each year on the last Wednesday in May. Teachers and students all around Australia settle down with their books on 24 May at 11 a.m. to read a book simultaneously!

This year's book is Speedy Sloth, written by Rebecca Young and illustrated by Heath McKenzie. Our students gathered together in the BER, where they were treated to a reading of the book, whilst students acted out the story. A thank you to Chez for her work in making Simultaneous Story Time at BPS special.



School Council OSHC Sub-Committee

We would love to have a couple of parent representatives join our sub-committee, to share their 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 our OSHC Sub-committee, please contact myself via email:

susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au

SWPBS Bronze Awards

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

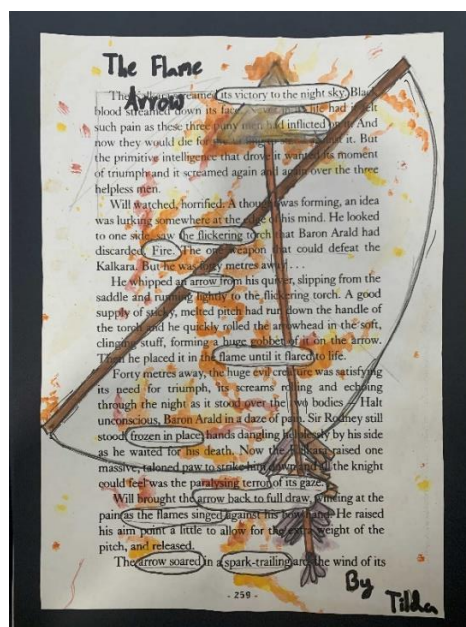
Congratulations to Hazel, Archie, Kayden, Cooper, Grace, Elisio, Cassidy, Pros and Eadie on consistently demonstrating the school values and being terrific role models for your peers.

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





Simultaneous Story Time



STEM News

Junior STEM



This week the students in the junior school learnt about how clouds are formed and what happens when it rains. The students were able to explore this using a model. We created clouds using shaving cream in a water jug, then used a dropper to drop food dye onto the cloud. The students were then able to observe the 'rain' coming out of the cloud. This was a very enjoyable experiment for all the students.



River Detectives

On Thursday, 3/4P headed down to Lake Sambell to commence our River Detectives Program. River Detectives is a program administered by the North East Catchment Management Authority. It aims to connect young people to nature.



The 3/4 class conducted a Water bug survey of the water around Sandy Beach. The students found a range of waterbugs including Fishing spiders, Water pennies, Black Fly larvae and Waterboatmen. We learnt that waterbugs are indicators of water quality and that certain water bugs are more sensitive to water quality than others. In a few weeks we will return to Lake Sambell to complete some water quality monitoring and another waterbug survey near the boat ramp.



For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 2		
Week 6	Monday 29 th May Tuesday 30 th May Friday 2 nd June	<i>Reconciliation Week</i> 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

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**BEECHWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND
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



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

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

For young people growing up online, pornography is almost impossible to avoid. Consumption - particularly for young men - has become normalised. Pornography has become the default sex educator, with serious implications for young people's capacity to navigate a sexuality that is respectful, safe, 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-sexuality-parent-session-tickets-621512248867 or scan the QR code to reserve your spot.



This session is free and was booked out last time it was in Albury Wodonga.

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 is passionate about gender-based violence prevention and supporting parents, schools, communities and government to address pornography's influence on young people.

Contact

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

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

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People living well

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES POST SEPARATION

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

Parent group work + Childrens group work + Family Counselling.

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.

BUILDING BETTER BRIDGES

POP runs a five week adult group called Building Better Bridges. These groups are delivered during each school term over 5 consecutive weeks. The course is a therapeutic educational model that offers the opportunity for parents to share experiences & receive support from other parents in similar situations. The topics covered in the group are aimed at families who are experiencing high conflict in regard to parenting arrangements, with or without Family Law Court involvement. Topics covered are:

- Child development & the impact of ongoing conflict
- Conflict resolution & problem solving
- Effective communication post separation
- Stress management & taking care of yourself

Building Better Bridges is delivered each school term from 5.30pm - 7.30pm Monday evenings over five weeks

JIGSAW is delivered each school term from 4pm till 5pm Wednesdays over 4 weeks

Contact us for more info:

UMFC Albury
(02) 60 575 399
albreception@umfc.com.au
681 Young Street
Albury NSW



jigsaw

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

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

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Upper Murray Family Care

Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if we're cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only.
- ☐ For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided. Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am – 8:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day	Full Fee
No Charge	\$10.00	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

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Winter Holiday Program



Super Food



Charity Warriors



Movie Time



High Flyers

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Super Taste Buds

It's a taste sensation! Keep your taste buds tingling with superfood games and experiments. Take turns solving your squad in a game of keyword tag. Treatie! Midget wicks - just don't get tangled up!

Additional fun:

Onion soup, create a comic book, hot pink spider webs, banana bag, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

All fees are \$1.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.



Super Strength Squad

Let's bounce to ROCK! Move! Test your coordination, skills, and agility in the circuit-based game sessions. From jumping jacks to tunnel ball and egg and spoon races, each child is a hero!

Additional fun:

Toss-bellies artwork, team building activities, soccer, skipping, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

All fees are \$1.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.



Master of Disguise

Super costumes! Showcase your very own superhero costumes, with masks and capes! Join forces to create a legion of heroes.

Additional fun:

Wet-aid drawing, colored clay, skills development, crayon coloring, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

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Movie Magic

Meet Ender, a tough, quick-witted and very young warrior from Ender's Game, whose friendship with his ally, the girl who saves him, leads to a series of challenges for both about the world they live in. Pigeons and water included!

Additional fun:

Art races, 100 paper roller crafts, creative game, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

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Hide in Plain Sight

Every superhero needs a great secret identity! Hide in plain sight with super disguises and heroic optical illusions. Are you ready for the sticky ice challenge these winter holidays?

Additional fun:

Optic illusions, super disguises, code hide and seek, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

All fees are \$1.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.



Laser Force

Adventurers, get ready to defend your zone! Light the way with your friends at the Laser tag arena. Find out who has the skills to emerge victorious!

Additional fun:

Adventurer crafts, stamp rhyme machines, multi-ball games, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

All fees are \$1.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.



Bounce and Bodge

Let's bounce with Active Alliance! Join-packed outdoor sessions will test and develop your skills. Then, take on your friends in a round to see who has the skills to emerge victorious!

Additional fun:

Reflex reactions, wet face, test day crafts, impressive prints, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

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Super-Fly

Are you ready to fly? Get superman ready as we head to Bounce for a unique Third Care Learn to Fly program! Includes a skill-based session and free play. Let's jump for the sky and wing the laws of gravity!

Additional fun:

Wet-aided water art, continuous cricket, soft pastel modeling, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

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SUPER FOODS

Order up chef! In the menu today, we have breakfast with pasta or dips salad. Plus, take home your very own recipe-making kit from Superfoods!

Additional fun:

Battle tag, cabbage crawl, heart placement, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

All fees are \$1.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.



Winter Slumberland

Get ready! Keep your kids in holiday and enjoy warm and cozy activities. Have a play in the Winter Slumberland of fun and frolic in the warm snow!

Additional fun:

Hot-chocolate, creative media, take home, newspaper, blankets, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Full fee \$24.50. Subsidy Aug \$21.50.

All fees are \$1.50 with the Child Care Subsidy.