



Friday 16th June 2023
Term 2, Week 8

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 8 Newsletter.

Over the past weeks staff and students have been busy preparing and writing school reports. We are excited to be sharing these with our families on Thursday.

Last day for Term 2 – Friday 23 June. 2.30pm finish.

First day for Term 3 – Monday 10 July.

Racism – Call it out.

Over the past few weeks there has been an increasing incidence of racist words being used in our playgrounds. It has come to light that some students are using words towards others in a jocular friendly way without understanding the words they are using or the impact that they have on others. At other times these words are being used in a deliberate way to hurt. Neither of these situations are acceptable in any way.

Beechworth Primary School is a Respectful Relationships school. A whole of school approach to respectful relationships education not only provides in-class education, but addresses our school's culture, policies and procedures. Given the nature of the recent language in the yard, I decided that it was important to have a direct and explicit session with each class in the senior school (Year 3-6). We discussed Racism, using a BTN video as an outside voice to explain the situation. At the core of the message "It stops with me, what you say matters".

3 clear points were discussed with the students:

- Racist language is illegal.
- We do not use racist or derogatory language at this school.
- We call out inappropriate language.

Following this discussion all students were made aware of the actions and steps in response to Racist Language (*even if it is said to a peer in fun, it is offensive to others who hear it*):

- **First instance:** Student is removed from play/activity for the remainder of the time. Should it occur at the end of play then they need to sit out for the next play time. Use this time to reiterate the message that it is unacceptable and the next time will result in PBP.
- **Second instance:** Students will be placed in Positive Behaviour Program for the 5 sessions, where they will work with me on Racism. Obviously at this point parents are notified.
- **Third and subsequent instances:** On the third occasion they will be suspended.

Lion's Junior Public Speaking Competition

Last Friday, our Year 3 to 6 students engaged in the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition.

They commenced their work through the preparation of individual speeches during their literacy block. Each student then presented a short speech to their class and some students elected to enter the competition and present their speeches. On Friday our Lions Club panel (Iris Mannik, John Eldridge, Christine Luckman and Jane Nicholas) listened to each of the speeches and selected our BPS representatives.

Congratulations to Isla, Lily, Heidi and Olivia who will now go on to represent BPS at the local competition at the end of July.



School Council Meeting Wed 14 June

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

- Participated in our annual ChildSafe training for School Council. This was followed by a review of where we are with our ChildSafe Policies and procedures, identifying those which are due for updating in 2023.
- Had a sneaky torchlight tour of the current progress of the Capital Works, followed by discussions on our timelines. We have an anticipated completion date of end of August.
- Discussed the functions of the OSHC Sub-committee in support of the School Council role of governance. Noting that as we have a third-party provider that the legal and financial aspects of our OSHC program lies with TheirCare.

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Hazel, Karima and Violet for an amazing effort today representing our school at the Regional Cross Country in Benalla. Violet placed 3rd and Hazel placed 7th, both qualifying to compete at the State Cross Country whilst Karima only just missed out on a place to compete. We are super proud of their efforts.

SWPBS Bronze Awards

No assembly held this week, so we will be having a double draw at Monday's Assembly.

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



Please join us on the Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) subcommittee!

We will be the communication and support conduit between the care service, families, and school, so we can all work together effectively and achieve the best for our kids.

The plan is to meet once or twice a term with the time to be determined by the group.

But we literally cannot commence acting in this role without your support. A subcommittee requires a minimum number of members, which we have not yet been able to reach. We highly value a diverse range of experience and views, so please reach out if you may be interested in providing your input.

Please contact Lia (lia.mitchell@gmail.com) or Sue (susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au) at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 2		
Week 9	Monday 19 th June Thursday 22 nd June Friday 23 rd June	Halve Waste Incursions F-6 Mid-year Reports sent home SRC – PJ and Movie Day! Last day for Term 2 – 2.30pm finish
TERM 3		
Week 1	Monday 10 th July	First day for Term 3
Week 2	Wednesday 19 th July	School Council meeting
Week 4	Thursday 4 th August	National First Nations Children's Day
Week 6	Wednesday 16 th August Friday 18 th August	School Council meeting Pupil free day – Staff development day
Week 7	Tuesday 22 nd to Wednesday 30 th August Friday 25 th August	Sommers Camp – 8 x 5/6 students Book Week – Book Parade & Grandparents Day
Week 8	Tuesday 29 th August Friday 1 st September	District Athletics (Year 4-6 only) Father's Day Breakfast
Week 10	Friday 15 th September	Last day for Term 3 – 2.30pm finish
TERM 4		
Week 3	Wednesday 18 th October	School Council meeting
Week 6	Tuesday 7 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No school
Week 7	Tuesday 14 November Wednesday 15 th November	Prep Transition Day 1, 9.00–11.00am School Council meeting
Week 8	Tuesday 21 st November	Prep Transition Day 2, 9.00-11.00am
Week 9	Tuesday 28 th November Thursday 30 th November – Friday 1 st December	Prep Transition Day 3, 9.00-1.00pm Year 3 & 4: Feathertop Chalet Adventure Camp
Week 10	Monday 4 th – Thursday 7 th December Tuesday 5 th December Wednesday 6 th December Friday 8 th December	Senior Swimming Program (Yr 3-6) Prep Transition Day 4, 9.00-1.00pm School Council – final meeting for 2023 BPS Swimming Carnival
Week 11	Tuesday 12 th December	Statewide Step-up Day
Week 12	Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of school for 2-23. 2.30pm finish

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
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Compost Bins have arrived at Beechworth Primary!



We are very excited to let families know that we now have compost bins at B.P.S. The Student Representative Council (SRC) group were keen to use some of their fundraising money on a sustainability project. Composting seemed like a simple but effective project that we could take on, in order to lessen our environmental impact. Previously, food scraps were all going into the bin and subsequently into landfill. As many of you would be aware, the breakdown of organic material in landfill results in greenhouse gases being generated. Each day there is quite a lot of food waste produced throughout the school. We now have a compost bucket in each classroom. A group of students remove the food waste to the compost bins each day.

Once the gardens are finished and the waste has broken down we will be able to use the compost on the gardens around school.



Day

**Beechworth Primary School
SRC**

Pyjama & Movie Day

When: Friday 23rd June – Last day of Term 2

Wear: Your pyjamas or comfy clothes, be mindful of slippers in the wet weather

Afternoon Screening: TBA



Lion's Junior Public Speaking Competition



Indigo Shire Libraries School Holiday Activities June 2023

The Magician's Secrets

Dane The Great Magician will be with us these school holidays! He has performed magic for many people around the world and has just returned to Australia from Japan. Would you like to amaze your friends and family? Dane will teach you how to do your own magic tricks and share some of his secrets with you.

Ages: 6 – 12

Bookings: Required

Where: Beechworth Library

When: Thursday June 29

Time: 10.00 – 11.00 am

Where: Rutherglen Library

When: Thursday June 29

Time: 2.00 – 3.00pm

Enchantment, dragons and more

Enter the fantastic world of dragons, castles, wizards and witches, princes and princesses. Spend some time with us and let's share the fun of magical crafts, the excitement of an enchanted treasure hunt, bewitching bingo and more! You might even like to wear a costume if you have one!

Ages: 5 – 12

Bookings: Required

Where: Yackandandah Library

When: Monday June 26

Time: 10.30 – 12.00 midday

Where: Tangambalanga St. Mark's Hall

When: Thursday July 6

Time: 10.30 – 12.00 midday

Jigsaws, jigsaws, jigsaws.

Are you a fan of jigsaw puzzles? Have you ever thought of creating your own jigsaw? Have some fun designing and making a puzzle to take home. We'll have some puzzles for you to solve as well!

Ages: 5 – 12

Bookings: Required

Where: Rutherglen Library

When: Wednesday July 5

Time: 10.00 – 11.00 am

Where: Beechworth Library

When: Friday July 7

Time: 10.00 – 11.00 am

Designer Pens and Notebooks

Are you ready to design your own writing materials? Join us to make a personalised pen and notebook using gift wrap, coloured paper, markers, paints and much more.

Ages: 5 – 12

Bookings: Required

Where: Chiltern Library

When: Wednesday June 28

Time: 10.30 – 11.30 am

Basket Weaving

Get creative and weave your very own basket. You will take home a basket as a gift for someone special or to store precious items in.

Ages: 7 – 12

Bookings: Required

Where: Yackandandah Library

When: Thursday July 6

Time: 2.00 – 3.15 pm

Winter Craft Bags.

Collect your Winter craft bag and be ready for the school holidays. There will be activities and crafts for you to enjoy. Suitable for preschool and junior primary ages.



Quercus Beechworth
Neighbourhood House



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

WEEKLY	WEEKLY
MATH	YOGA
FLUKE	Mental Arts
THINGS	Ballroom Dancing
Fortnightly	Fortnightly
FLUKE	IT Help Desk
FBI	Neighbourhood House
MON & TUE	3RD TERM
Continental Dinner	3RD FEB
Cinema Club	2RD SAT
Region Code	LAST SAT



BOOK ONLINE @ quercusbeechworth.org.au

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'll/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 snacks
- ☒ 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		

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (100 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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Super Food



Charity Warriors



Movie Time



High Flyers



TheirCare
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We Can Be Heroes



Winter Holiday Program



Excursion



Super Excursion



Incursion



In-house Fun



Public Holiday



Super Taste Buds

It's a taste sensation! Keep your taste buds tingling with a variety of super tasty fruits. Take turns sampling different fruits and vegetables. Take turns writing your own recipe for a super tasty fruit. Create a fruit salad and enjoy it!

Bulk Bakers Experiment

Additional Inc:
Dinosaur eggs, create a comic book, design a poster, create a story, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.



Super Strength Squad

Let's bounce to PE! Keep your cardio, strength, and agility in the circuit-based game sessions. From jumping jacks to handstand and yoga and more, each station is a blast!

Fitness Incursion

Additional Inc:
Treadmill artwork, team building activities, soccer, skipping, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.



Master of Disguise

Super costumes! Become your very own superhero costume with masks and capes. Join forces to create a language of heroes.

Capes and Masks

Additional Inc:
Ward and drawing, colored clay, skills development, creative thinking, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.



Movie Magic

Head Ender, a tough, quick-witted and fiery young woman from Ender's Game, whose friendship with a few, supply, go with the flow, go with the flow challenges her beliefs about the world they live in. Program and water included!

Elemental Movie (PG)

Additional Inc:
All fees, all paper, order credits, create a game, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.



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 ultimate challenge? These winter holidays!

Sticky Ice

Additional Inc:
Optical illusions, super disguises, create hide and seek, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.



Laser Force

Are you 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!

Laser Tag Excursion

Additional Inc:
Asteroid water craft, sleep rhythm routines, multi-ball games, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.



Bounce and Dodge

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

Sport Incursion

Additional Inc:
Fiddler's Green, web toys, dress day crafts, impressive prizes, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.



Super-Fly

Are you ready to fly? Get superman ready as we head to Bounce Inc for a unique Thrill Ride! Learn to fly program! Includes a self-paced course and free play. Let's jump for the sky and wing the laws of gravity!

Trampoline Park Excursion

Additional Inc:
Mixed media winter art, continuous obstacle, self-paced meeting, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.



SUPER Foods

Order up chef! On the menu today, we have breakfasts with pasta or rice salad. Plus, take home your very own recipe-making kit! Save appetizer!

Cooking & Recipe Books

Additional Inc:
Bunna bag, cabbage salad, heart placement, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.



Winter Wonderland

Get ready! Keep your kids in today and enjoy warm and cozy activities. Have a play in the Winter Wonderland of fun and make it the most magical!

Pyjama Party

Additional Inc:
Adorable art, relaxation music, take away, newspaper biscuits, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

All fees are \$10.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full fee \$20.00. Subsidy fee \$10.00.