

Friday 14th July 2023
Term 3, Week 1

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 first Newsletter for Term 3.

It is with shock and sadness that we begin this term with the passing of Ruth Parker. Ruth has had a long association with BPS through her children, School Council and her work in the wider community as our local Pharmacist. We acknowledge and thank Ruth for her work, care and commitment. We send our condolences to Ruth's family, particularly the children, to our friends at the Beechworth Pharmacy and to those who knew and loved Ruth.

State Cross Country

Yesterday Violet and Hazel Carr both competed in the State Cross Country at Yarra Glen. We are incredibly proud of the work that the girls put into their training and the sportsmanship they show as they compete. Congratulations on an amazing effort!

National NAIDOC

NAIDOC celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year, to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. NAIDOC week annually falls during our school holidays, so our school celebrated and recognised our first peoples this week. The theme for 2023 is 'For Our Elders'. Reflections of our Indigenous community and the importance of Elders was incorporated into classes all week long. The Victorian Curriculum has embedded indigenous learning throughout the year, beyond NAIDOC week.



Gumboots and Slippers

Our yard is incredibly muddy at the moment with the wet weather, and further exacerbated with the builders' trucks driving through the yards. If your child would like to wear gumboots outside and slippers in the classroom, they are most welcome. They will however need runners for their PE day and Sports day for senior classes.

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning. When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald
Principal

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For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 3		
Week 2	Monday 17 th July Wednesday 19 th July ?	Beechworth Group 1 Kinder Excursion to BPS School Council Meeting – Postponed TBA
Week 3	Friday 28 th July	Beechworth Group 2 Kinder Excursion to BPS
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	22 nd to 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 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 2023. 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
- Area Manager, Rick: 0459 555 671

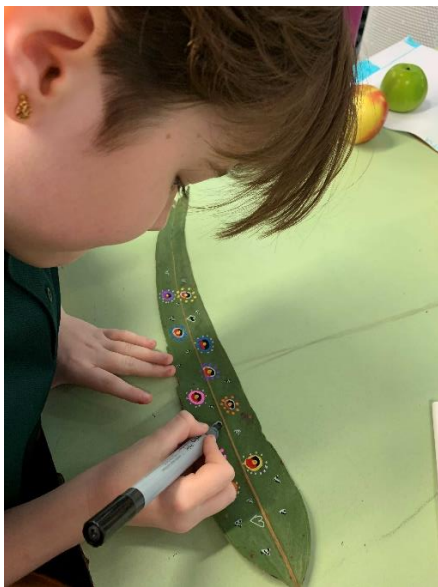
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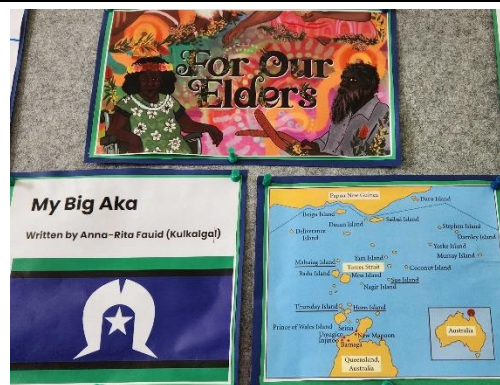
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NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC Week 2023



In the Foundation classroom this week we listened to a story told by Ana-Rita Faud (Kulkaigal) about her Big Aka (Great Grandmother) Alice. Big Aka Alice lived in Polouma (Coconut Island) in the Torres Strait. We linked this learning back to our own Aka (grandma) and Athe (Grandpa) and thought about where they came from and what they taught us. We also listened to a traditional Torres Strait Islander song called Taba Naba and made hand kites in the Torres Strait Colours to use during our performance.

Children also had the opportunity to practice saying the days of the week in Creole which is a language spoken in the Torres Strait Island. Mande, Tyuzde, Wenezde, Tazde, Praide, Satade, Sande.

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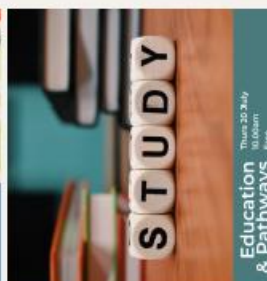
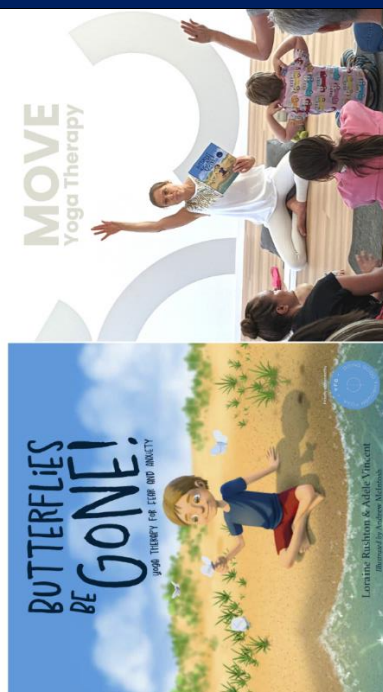
AUTHOR READING & YOGA

Wed 19 July @ 6:30 pm with Dr Adele Vincent – yoga teacher, children's book author, neuroscience PhD, ex-Beechworthian

Beechworth Montessori School Hall
42 Gilchrist Ave, Beechworth, (03) 5728 2940

Tickets (free) & information: linktr.ee/moveyogatherapy

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