

Friday 21st July 2023
Term 3, Week 2

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 2 Newsletter.

It is fantastic to finally see some sunshine to dry out our yards. Our oval has dried enough to allow students back on during break times and the senior students are pretty excited to have their new basketball court, even if we don't have it painted yet. Painting of the court will have to wait until it is completely dry and we have a good run of dry days.

Racism Language - Positive feedback

It has been great to hear a more positive tone in the playgrounds as we walk around during break times. The students are doing a great job of trying much harder to use more appropriate language with each other. We will continue to keep promoting positive language and calling out racist and belittling language. Interesting that there has been lots in the media over the weekend of concerns for children using inappropriate language, and NRL stepping up in the space.

Prep Enrolment Forms

Enrolment forms for students commencing at BPS in 2024 are due in by the end of next week. This is a new requirement from the Department of Education.

Enrolment packs are available from the school office. After we have received an enrolment form, during term 3, Nadine will send out a questionnaire for families to complete about their child. This information is used to match up a 'best fit' buddy for each new student.

Beechworth Kindergarten Excursions

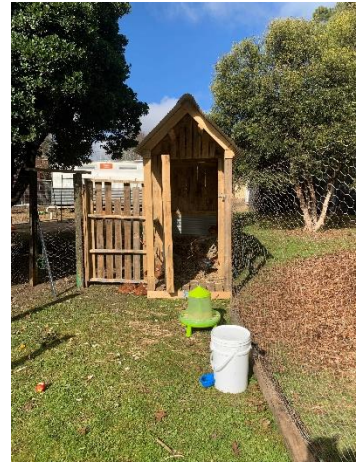
This Monday we had our first kindergarten group visit with BPS. They enjoyed having a look around the Prep classroom and engaging in activities with Mrs Weideman. It was lovely to meet the Kinder students and give them a little 'taste' of what big school is all about. We look forward to hosting the second Kindergarten Group this coming Friday.

BPS NAPLAN Results

This week we have received our NAPLAN results for our Year 3 and 5 students. The school NAPLAN result this year was very positive and shows school ongoing improvement. We are incredibly proud of the results that our students have achieved and the efforts that they have clearly put into their work. Our Year 3 Writing results were particularly positive with over 80% of students achieving a result of either strong or exceeding! Our students continue to perform well in Numeracy and Reading with very positive results.

The student reports of results were sent home today, in a sealed envelope addressed to the student's parents.

Did you know that we now have chickens at BPS?



Well, we do now! Thanks to Shannen and her industrious crew. Over the past couple of weeks they (together with her family) have installed our chicken palace and built a fence to house them. The students have loved getting to know the chickens and their routines. We are still working on coming to a consensus for their names.

Beechworth Primary School are entered into the Royal Melbourne Show Schools Egg Laying Competition. We will monitor the weight, feed and growth of the pullets and then their egg production.

The school is required to submit a poster with our information on our pullets and then send our three best layers out of five down to be judged at the show. We will also be submitting artwork on poultry to go down to the show. Hopefully our Beechworth Primary School can bring home some ribbons, while enjoying being around our new feathered school additions.

Thank you so much Shannen for organising this for our School.

Bronze Awards

This week at our School Assembly we presented 19 Bronze Awards for 30 SWPBS Values tickets. It is terrific to see these students stepping up and demonstrating our school values.



Congratulations to all these students 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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To all our fellow parents and carers,

We are writing to you as the parent representatives of the BPS School Council.

At our most recent meeting we discussed the *Voluntary Financial Contribution* payment and the enriching educational experiences that these payments provide for our children. The Department of Education rules state that the school and staff can only suggest payment of voluntary financial contributions. A letter was sent out to the school community at the beginning of the year requesting the suggested contribution. We wish to inform you that the contribution rate from our parent and carer community is currently hovering at around 33% of the suggested amount.

Whilst these contributions are voluntary, they are also essential in providing the great programs our children currently have access to (for example the various online learning tools; library, classroom and reader books; art and STEM supplies). As a result of the low level of contributions, the School Council is currently reviewing programs and may need to make some hard decisions about which programs will be cut.

As fellow parents and carers of BPS students, the parent representatives of the School Council wish to make a further request to you to revisit this opportunity to financially contribute to the school. We understand that money is tight at the moment for many, if not all families, and we do not want anyone to put themselves into strife. However, if you have the financial ability to pay your families' voluntary contribution or part thereof, it would be of huge benefit to the school and our children.

If you are unsure if you have already made a contribution, you can review your Voluntary Financial Contributions on Compass (under Course Confirmation and Payments) or ask Samantha for more details. For those of you who have paid your voluntary contributions or have a payment plan to do so, thank you so very much. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by the school staff and the BPS School Council.

Thanks for taking the time to read.

Sincerely,

Bec Burgess - Vice President

Dylan Firth – Parent member

Eilidh Grigg – Parent Member

Erin McPherson – Parent Member

Lia Mitchell – Secretary

Tonya Sey – Treasurer

Kellie Sutherland – President

For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 3		
Week 3	Friday 28 th July	Beechworth Group 2 Kinder Excursion to BPS
Week 4	Friday 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 9	Thursday 7 th & Friday 8 th September	Parent/Teacher/Student Conversations
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
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