



Friday 11th August 2023
Term 3, 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 a few events coming up over the next few weeks for our school community. Please have a good read of this newsletter and jot down the important dates. Father's Day Breakfast notes went home with students on Wednesday this week. It's also time to get those costumes ready for Book Week, and don't forget to let the grandparents know to add it to their calendar.

Pupil Free Day next Friday 18 August

Student Investigations – Dragonfly Group

Each week our Year 5 & 6 students participate in Student Investigations. This is run every Monday for an hour, with 5 to 6 different groups that the students can choose to participate in for the term.

One of our groups is the BPS Dragonfly Group coordinated by Katja Schoenfelder and Dannielle Bell, who share their "Wholehearted Seeds" program with the group. Over the past weeks the students have learned from each other and became more aware of where our 'seeds of potential' are and how to look after them, so they can bloom and flourish. They held a celebration on Monday and it was such a nice finish to the program. This has been a wonderful opportunity for the students and our new group starting next week are very excited to engage in the program.

Thank you Katja and Dannielle for the amazing work and experiences that you have organised for the group.



Book Week and Grandparents' Day – 25 August



Book Week 2023, from 19th - 25th August. The CBCA Book Week theme for 2023 is "Read, Grow, Inspire". Students are encouraged to celebrate Book Week 2023 by joining in with our Book Parade on Friday 25 August with your favourite books and matching costumes!

The Book Parade will be followed by our Grandparents morning, where grandparents come into the classroom and join in with Book Week activities, followed by morning tea.

Be Yourself Day – Thursday 17 August

Beechworth Primary School's philosophy centres the development and growth of our students into caring, curious, creative and civic-minded individuals. We are committed to promoting the safety, mental health and wellbeing of all young people at our school, and we do not tolerate bullying or discrimination in any form.

'Be Yourself Day' is an opportunity to come together, celebrate and support the individuality and diversity of our community, and promote a safe and inclusive environment for all. 'Be Yourself' is an empowering message to our students, encouraging them to show kindness, respect and acceptance to yourself and to others.

This year, 'Be Yourself Day' will be celebrated on the 17th of August (*Bullying No-Way Day is 18th of August, however it is a pupil free day at BPS*). School Leadership support our Student Representative Council (SRC) in their design of what will be a fun and positive day. On the day students may choose to wear bright and colourful clothing. Students will be undertaking their regular learning program for the day, except for the final hour, where students will share popcorn and will have the choice of an activity that best aligns with the 'Be Yourself' message for them. For example, basketball, board games and craft activities.

There will be no sex education taught at Beechworth Primary School on this day. A reminder to our parents and carers that our process when teaching sex education always involves written notice given to the parents/carers that outlines the curriculum and includes an option to have your child opt-out.

'Be Yourself Day' aligns with the Department of Education & Teaching values and policies, as well as the Beechworth Primary School policies. All BPS policies can be viewed on the school website

<https://beechworthps.vic.edu.au/policies/>

If you have further questions regarding 'Be Yourself Day' please contact the school principal via susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au

Be Yourself Day

To celebrate diversity and put an end to bullying. SRC have combined 'Bullying NO WAY!' day with 'Wear It Purple' Day.

When: Thursday 17th August

Wear: Bright and colourful clothing

Bring: Gold coin donation to purchase popcorn

all funds raised go to SRC



Student, Parent and Teacher Conversations

At BPS we highly value student voice in their learning. An important part of this is having our students attend and participate in our Student/Parent/Teacher Conversations. These conversations are an important part of our communication and engagement process.

Parents and carers meet with the teacher and their child to discuss the development of their learning and have a closer look at examples of their child's progress. The conversations are designed for students to have a voice in explaining their learning and sharing their successes. It is a time that parents and carers can ask questions and celebrate achievements. It will also be an opportunity to discuss your child's engagement in their learning and any behavioural concerns at school.

These conversations will be occurring on Thursday 7 Sept, after school and into the evening (3.45 – 7.45) and on Friday 8 Sept (8.30 – 12.00pm). Bookings via COMPASS.

Please be reminded that Friday 8 Sept is a Pupil Free Day.

TheirCare will be operating for the day should your child/ren require care.

SWPBS Awards



This week at our School Assembly we presented 8 Bronze Awards for 30 SWPBS Values tickets. We also had 3 Silver Awards this week, congratulations to Mia, Eddie and Mila on receiving 60 Values tickets. What an amazing effort, keep up the great work.

World Scout Scarf Day

On the 1st of August the scouting community celebrated World Scout Scarf Day. The idea of "Scout Scarf Day" on August 1 is that all active and former scouts are requested to wear their scout scarfs in public to make the "Spirit of Scouting" visible: Once a Scout - Always a Scout!

The date of the event commemorates the very first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island in 1907.

Of course, the scarf is only a symbol but a strong symbol for the scout promise and for our mission to leave the world as a bit better a place than we had found it.



Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald
Principal

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River Detectives Excursion



On Monday, 3/4P were lucky to be able to attend an excursion to Lake Sambell run by NECMA (North East Catchment Management Authority), as part of our River Detectives Program. The session was run by Anna and Hannah from NECMA. The students participated in a rotation of activities, including making a nature mandala, drawing healthy and unhealthy waterways, waterbug sampling and water testing.

The students learnt how to complete the water testing and how to use the equipment that measures electrical conductivity, turbidity, pH, reactive phosphorous, temperature and dissolved oxygen. The water testing revealed that at the moment the quality of the water in Lake Sambell is excellent.

Our next step is to get the students proficient and performing these tests and then we can work on comparing the water quality of Lake Sambell to other water bodies.



The other highlight for the students was the Waterbug testing. Hannah showed us the correct technique for catching the waterbugs with the net and gave us some tips on the best places to find the waterbugs. The students used the Identification charts to work out the names of the waterbugs and to see the level of sensitivity that the bugs have to water pollution. We found a range of waterbugs including Waterboatmen, freshwater snails, backswimmers, glass shrimps and Damselfly larvae.

With better around the corner, we are looking forward to getting down to Lake Sambell regularly to continue our monitoring.

For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 3		
Week 6	Wednesday 16 th August Thursday 17 th August Friday 18th August	School Council Meeting Be Yourself Day 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 September (3.30–7.45pm) Friday 8 th September (8.30am-12.00) Friday 8th September	Student/Parent/Teacher Conversations Pupil Free day – to allow for Student/Parent/Teacher 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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YOU ARE INVITED

FATHER'S DAY

BREAKFAST



Please come along to help us celebrate the special role models in our student's lives.

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

Beechworth Primary School
Catering space 8am - 8.45am

Orders due by Monday 21st August 2023