

Friday 18th August 2023
Term 3, Week 6

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 6 Newsletter.

This week seems to have come and gone very quickly! We are super excited to lean into next week... Book Week, a favourite of our staff and students. Don't forget to get your book week costume ready for Friday's Parade!

Over the remainder of Term 3 we will be focusing on our Value of Caring, promoting the use of kind words and actions. At Beechworth Primary School we strive towards caring for ourselves, others and our environment. We are a caring school community that displays kindness and understanding to others through our words and actions. We will be modelling kind actions and acknowledging students who step up into the value of 'Caring'.

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.

Junior Public Speaking Competition – Regional Event

Late Sunday the 2nd round of the Lion's Club Junior Public Speaking Competition took place in Beechworth. Our student, Lily Jobson made our school proud with her brave and confident performance. Well done Lily on an outstanding effort!!

Be Yourself Day – Thursday 17 August

Yesterday Beechworth Primary School was a sea of colour with students dressing up in their favourite things. We had lots of sporting teams and games represented, favourite movie characters, butterflies and ladybirds, alongside other brightly coloured clothing. There was a lovely sense of fun and community!



In the afternoon our SRC delivered popcorn to classes where students were participating in a wide variety of activities. Computers, mindful colourings and board games featured heavily across the school.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents and caregivers think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. All of our families are invited to participate in the survey. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 21 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. The link to the survey will be sent home via Compass this week.

School Council

Our School Council met on Wednesday night. Our current Laptop lease ends at the end of the year. So, during our meeting we approved a new computer lease for classroom laptops commencing in 2024. We reviewed the progress of the Capital Works and commenced planning for an official opening of the buildings at the completion of the Capital Works.

OSHC School Council Sub-Committee:

Our OSHC Sub-Committee has had their first meeting. The Sub-Committee have defined its purpose (in line with DET expectations) and prepared a timeline of actions.

The purpose of the OSHC sub-committee being to put together a series of expectations and requirements that aligns with the standards and values set by BPS community for the care of our children before and after school. We will work to support the services in providing and maintaining the level of care.

Student, Parent and Teacher Conferences

Bookings have gone live on our Compass platform for you to be able to make a booking for S/P&T Conferences.

These conferences 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 2 Bronze Awards for 30 SWPBS Values tickets. We also had 4 Silver Awards this week. Congratulations to Emma, Veronica, Catherine and Kasper on receiving 60 Values tickets. What an amazing effort, keep up the great work.

Grant from the Bendigo Bank

On Monday Karlene from the Bendigo Bank presented our school with a cheque for \$2,147.03.

We are very excited to receive these funds being a grant for our school to purchase new goal mats for the footy goals and to purchase compost bins.

A big thank you to the Bendigo Bank.



Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald
Principal

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For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 3		
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 Conferences Pupil Free day – to allow for Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
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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YOU ARE INVITED

FATHER'S DAY

BREAKFAST

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

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

Beechworth Primary School
Catering space 8am – 8.45am

SEPTEMBER

Orders due by Monday 21st August 2023



BPSie Bee says ... Be ...

Respectful, Safe, Persistent, Caring ... Always!

Junior playground expectations

Dear BPS Families

Here at Beechworth Primary School we are very fortunate to have two beautiful new playgrounds. We love the idea of having our families around after school using the playground and enjoying each other's company. The Junior playground is an especially popular meeting point as it is near the front entrance.

There has, however been some safety concerns around the use of the equipment in the Junior playground. Although we encourage reasonable risk taking, our playground is not a public park and as such the school could be liable for injuries occurring on the playground. With large numbers of children using the playground, there is often a higher risk of injury as our children are having fun and getting caught up in the moment. Safety is not their first thought. We therefore ask that parents assist children in observing the playground safety expectations we have set at BPS (which we reinforce during school hours) after school hours.

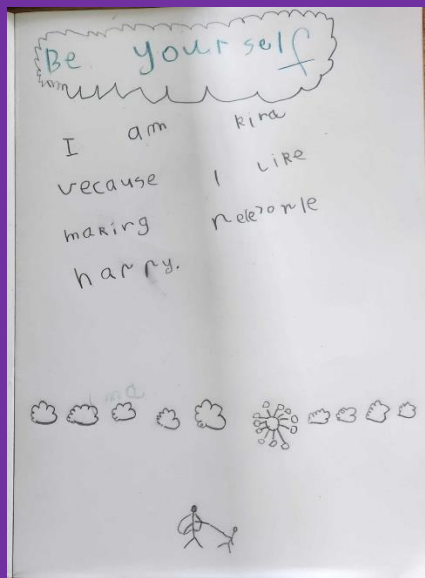
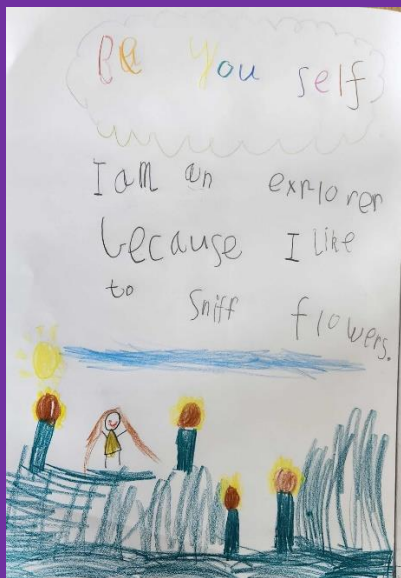
Please take note of the junior playground expectations below and consistently reinforce these when you are using the playground outside of school hours.

- Slide is only for going down - 1 person at a time facing forward, feet first - move away once you get to the bottom of the slide.
- The side of the slide is not a hanging bar - please use the hanging bars if you want to hang.
- Monkey bars - start from the first bar, after that you can skip bars if you are skilled and confident enough to do so.
- **High monkey bars** - Only for children who are able to **reach it safely**. If you have to climb on the bridge rails or wooden post to reach the high monkey bars - please use the low monkey bars. (this is a slip hazard and there are many hard objects to hit your head against on the way down).
- Fireman's pole is a way down. The top bars are not hanging bars. If you want to hang on something - use the hanging bars provided.
- Throwing beanie boo's, other plush toys or any other objects at each other while on the playground is a **NO**. These often end up hitting someone in the face.
- Sandpit equipment and sand stays **in the sandpit**.
- **Take turns and share, share, share ... sharing is caring ;-)**
- Soft fall stays on the playground.
- Hands and feet out of the gardens:
 - be mindful of the plants and trees – if it is still growing on the plant, leave it there.
 - new grass and shrubs need time to settle in – **please** keep off the grass and out of the garden beds.

We appreciate your continued assistance and support in encouraging our school values of safety and caring, around the playground and school grounds.

Have a great weekend,

Nadine Weideman
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Team Leader



Be Yourself Day

