



Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

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

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Term 4, Week 3

*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 3 Newsletter.

How great to have our Shelter Shed Back in action! It has been rebuilt beautifully and our paintings have been rehung on the walls. The students have really enjoyed the quieter space this offers in our playground.

### Smart City STEAM Project and Expo

So much fun in the BER on Tuesday as our Year 3/4/5 Forrest class presented their Smart City to the rest of the school. The city was complete with many different buildings including a Police Station with a lie detector! It also had sound activated lights and alarm and a greenhouse with a LED thermometer.

The class have spent most of the year building their skills and exploring the world of electronics with a focus on automation and block coding through the micro:bit Smart City Project.



It was exciting to see each group present their project and model their automated items.

Later in the day the students learnt how to operate Sphero BOLTs using an iPad, designing Robots and then engaging in battles!

The year 1 & 2 classes ventured down to the BER to watch the battles, with anticipation of a winner or a popped balloon.

## Ruby Safety Winner!

Our BPS Values focus for the start of Term 4 is Safety. Students who are spotted demonstrating safety are awarded with a 'Ruby Red Safety' ticket to go in our special draw.

At Beechworth Primary School we seek to make our school community a safe place for students, staff, families and all visitors. We share in the responsibility of keeping ourselves, others and our environment safe.

Congratulations Nash on being our first winner in our weekly 'Ruby Red Safety' draw. Nash is loving his new colouring pencils and is looking forward to getting an ice-cream from the Beechworth Ice-cream shop.



## Remember Hats for Term 4.

It is great to see everyone wearing their green broad-brimmed hats each day, particularly now that we are having sunny, and at times quite warm days.

## Variety 4WD Adventure Breakfast

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, the Variety 4WD Adventure will be passing through Beechworth. Variety is a wonderful charity that raises funds to help children in need. We are expecting about 50 cars that will all be parked on the oval and our school community is invited to come down and have a look and meet the teams. It should be a fun morning!

We have been super lucky to have been asked to cater for the groups breakfast on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 until around 7.45am. This will be a quick fundraiser for the school. We have everything sorted, but we will require a few extra pairs of hands to help-out with the setting up, cooking and serving on the day. If you are able to help-out, please let the office know.

## BPS Production.

It is so exciting to be having a School Production happening again this year, and we feel super lucky to have Rose and Lara inspiring and working with our students and teachers. It is anticipated that the Production will be 45- 60 mins long, we are just in the process of finalising the start time. Any questions or queries about the production should be directed to the classroom teachers, or the school office.

Beechworth PS has a very busy end to the year with swimming, celebrations and camp. We have chosen our production dates to best fit with our Term 4 Calendar. We know that sadly no one date will suit everyone as there are so many events on at this time of year.

## If your child is unwell the best place for them is at home.

Unfortunately, we seem to be having a few bugs and illnesses popping up at the moment. A sick child will struggle to learn and will have difficulty participating in class. Keeping a sick child home also prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child opportunity to rest and recover. A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom-free for 24 hours.

It is such a vicious cycle when illness goes through the classroom environment, and we need to ensure we minimise this risk as much as we can. So please be understanding and assist us in keeping a germ-free environment by keeping your child at home until they are feeling better.

## Student, Classroom Placement for 2024

Parents who wish to make specific requests regarding classroom placement for their child in 2024, are required to send their [request in writing by Friday 27 October](#). These can be delivered to the office or emailed to Sue on: [susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au).

There are three types of parent requests the school will consider when using parent input into the process.

1. Parents can request a separation. Valid reasons why their child would not learn to the best of their abilities if in the same classroom as a particular student.
2. Parents can request a pairing. This requires both sets of parents to put in writing a request for their children to be in the same classroom.
3. Parents can request a type of teaching style. This requires a description of the attributes their child learns best with, parents are unable to request a particular teacher (by name).

### Please note:

- That teachers have not been allocated to 2024 classes and this will not happen until very late in the year.
- **We do not refer back to requests from prior years** as the relationships between children change over time. We will do our best to accommodate requests, but **we cannot guarantee that they can be met**- should this be the case you will be contacted.

To ensure all families have clarity around the class placement process, the following is an outline of the initiatives Beechworth PS undertakes to ensure our classrooms are balanced and true places of learning.

1. Classroom configurations of student groupings is a balanced and educationally sound configuration based on: gender balance, academic balance, additional needs balance and an even distribution of numbers across year level classrooms.
2. Students have a voice regarding their placement by nominating five (5) learning partners which they rank from 1 to 5. This will occur early November.
3. The principal and whole teaching team then reviews the lists vigorously to ensure classrooms are successfully configured.

## SWPBS Awards

This week we have 6 students who have received Silver Awards, Bonnie Benes, Joseph Cranfield, Eli Seamons-Tomlinson, Karima Abdalla, Tessa Grace and Laylah Kardol. Well done on demonstrating our school values and being terrific role models for our students.



Kind Regards,  
Sue McDonald  
Principal

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## Smart City STEAM Project and Expo



## For the diary ...

| Week           | Date  | Event / Activity   |
|----------------|---|--|
| <b>TERM 4</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Week 4</b>  | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October   | Year 5 Buddies Excursion to Kindergarten   |
| <b>Week 5</b>  |   | No planned events  |
| <b>Week 6</b>  | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November  | Melbourne Cup Holiday – No School<br>Smile Squad   |
| <b>Week 7</b>  | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November   | Variety Bash Breakfast – fundraiser 6.30-8.00am<br>Prep Transition Day 1, 9.00–11.00am<br>School Council meeting<br>St John's First Aid in Schools F-6                                       |
| <b>Week 8</b>  | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November<br>Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov   | Prep Transition Day 2, 9.00-11.00am<br>BPS Production  |
| <b>Week 9</b>  | Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec   | Prep Transition Day 3, 9.00-1.00pm<br><b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Feathertop Chalet Adventure Camp</b>   |
| <b>Week 10</b> | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December | Senior Swimming Program (Yr 3-6)<br>Junior Swimming Program (F-Yr 2) in Wangaratta<br>Prep Transition Day 4, 9.00-1.00pm<br>School Council – final meeting for 2023<br>BPS Swimming Carnival |
| <b>Week 11</b> | Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | Statewide Step-up Day<br>Year 6 Graduation<br>Class Party Day  |
| <b>Week 12</b> | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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

P.O. Box 203  
Beechworth, Vic 3747

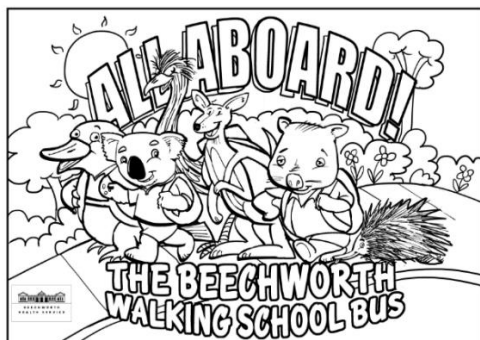
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## Walking School Bus Returns

### Tuesday 24 October 2023



#### Jump on board for term 4!

Bus will be walking to St Joseph's and Beechworth Primary School

Meet at Old Post Office at 8.20am and enjoy a walk with the volunteers and friends.

**GREAT START TO THE DAY**



## Smile Squad is visiting BPS starting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

### Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.

Sign up to Smile Squad at:

<https://bit.ly/smile squad444>

OR use the QR code:



### Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

Beechworth Wanderers Cricket Blast starts 8th November - 4:45pm - 5:45pm at Baarmutha Park.

Cost is \$90 per participant

Contact Brenton Surrey for info 0429 357 887



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

**Q Play Cricket**



PROUDLY  
PRESENTED BY



Saturdays, 9:30 - 10:30am  
WSAC Indoor Pool  
NO COST!

## 23/24 NEW SWIMMERS PRE-SEASON AND COME 'N' TRY!



### MORE INFORMATION :

Location: Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre  
Meet Head Coach, Liam Wright

Development Swimming with Fran

Saturday October 21st, 28th, November 4th and 11th,  
prior to the Beechworth Pool Opening for the Season

Email: [beechworthswimmingclub@bigpond.com](mailto:beechworthswimmingclub@bigpond.com)

Find us on Facebook:  
Beechworth Swimming Club (Group)