



Friday 27th October 2023
Term 4, Week 4

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 4 Newsletter.

Another busy week at BPS! We were super excited this week to begin our connections with our 2024 Foundation students with our Year 5 buddies visiting the local Kindergartens. Our Production script is complete, and practices are in full swing. Our senior students are honing their Cricket skills in preparation for our Kanga Cricket Competition on 1 December. All of this on top of our learning activities.

We are super proud of our students' achievements, not just those at school, but also the achievements outside of school. Over the past couple of weeks two of our students have been participating in high level events and their achievements have been outstanding.

Charlotte Fleming: Charlotte has competed in the 'Battle of the Borders Tri Series' which comprised 3 separate rounds of competition on her horse, Chase, at Wagga Wagga, Chiltern and Albury. Charlotte finished in first place winning the 'Tri Series' Buckle for Young Guns.

We are super proud of her effort, achievements and commitment to her sport. Congratulations and well done Charlotte.



Karima Abdalla: Karima is pretty modest about this achievement, but we are super proud of her effort, achievements and commitment to her sport. Karima has been training and learning gymnastics over the past few years with Indigo Gymnastics.

Last weekend, Karima, together with the team from Indigo Gymnastics competed in the State Titles in Geelong. Karima delivered an outstanding performance, with the team taking Second Place overall and Gold in 'Floor'.

Congratulations and exceptionally well done Karima!

Ruby Safety Winner!

Our amazing Ruby Safety winner for this week is Grace White. Thank you, Grace, for helping to keep our school a safe place!

It's terrific to see everyone working on making BPS a 'Safe School'. We look forward to seeing who our winner will be next week!



Student Attendance and Absence Reporting

The school has a responsibility to support, monitor and maintain student attendance, and to record, monitor and follow up student absences. These are important actions to firstly ensure that our students are accounted for each day and kept safe, and to identify and support students who may have difficulties in attending school. Achieving this is a team effort; we ensure students, staff and parents/carers have a shared understanding of the importance of attending school and of the requirements should a child be absent or late.

Students are expected to attend Beechworth Primary School during normal school hours (9am-3.25pm) every day of each term. Whenever students are absent or late, parents are required by DET to provide a reasonable explanation for their child's absence from school. This should be done on the day of the absence, prior to 9.30 (absence SMS are sent out just after 9.30), and can be done via the Compass App, by ringing the school office and leaving a message or by speaking directly to office staff.

Daily attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they do not fall behind both socially and developmentally. School participation maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps students to develop important skills, knowledge and values that set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

We understand from time to time that some students will need additional supports and assistance, and in collaboration with the student and their family, we will endeavour to provide this support when it is required. Parents should first communicate with the child's classroom teacher about any issues affecting their child's attendance. The teacher, and the Wellbeing Co-ordinator will then work in partnership with the family and student to address any concerns.

Our full Attendance Policy is available on our BPS website.

Variety 4WD Adventure Breakfast

On the 14th 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 14th 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.

Class Placement for 2024

Given our current projected enrolment numbers for 2024, we will have the following classes:

Junior School – 4 classes

- Foundation
- Foundation/Year 1
- Year 1/2
- Year 2

Senior School

- 2 x Year 3/4 classes
- 2 x Year 5/6 classes

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

1. The opportunity for Parents who wish to make specific requests closed Friday 27 October.
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. Following this, Teachers (and Education Support staff) will develop class lists. The principal and whole teaching team then reviews the lists vigorously to ensure classrooms are successfully configured.
4. Students and families will be notified of their classes the day prior to step-up day.
5. Step-up day this year will be Tuesday 12 December.

Please note:

- That teachers have not been allocated to 2024 classes and this will not happen until very late in the year.

SWPBS Awards

This week we have 9 students who have received Silver Awards, James Fraser, Violet Carr, Lyla Noble, Hazel Carr, Charlotte Fleming, Mia Fitridge, Oliver Breukers, Otis Collins and Archie Grigg. Well done on demonstrating our school values and being terrific role models for our students.

Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald
Principal

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This week in STEM

For the diary ...

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

ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK - Thank You.

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is life threatening. The most common allergens for school-aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings, fruit and medications.

The Department is committed to protecting the wellbeing of children and young people with severe allergies. This commitment is enshrined in *the Education Training and Reform Act 2006* and more specifically in *Ministerial Order 706 - Anaphylaxis Management in Victorian Schools*, which outlines requirements for schools in the management of anaphylaxis.

Approximately 80 per cent of all Victorian government schools have a child enrolled who is at risk of anaphylaxis. The keys to preventing an anaphylactic reaction are planning, risk identification and minimisation, awareness and education.

Here at Beechworth Primary School there are a number of students with a diagnosis of Anaphylaxis. (A number of different allergens between each student).

Nuts is one of the allergens that causes anaphylactic shock for one of our students and we would like to thank you in anticipation, for being mindful when packing your students' lunch boxes. As banning food is not a recommended strategy when managing anaphylaxis in our schools, we would ask that wherever possible an alternative to nut products would be appreciated.

If your child does bring a food to school containing nut products, please ask the child to let their teacher know.

Could we ask parents to also reinforce to your child/ren that we definitely do not share food here at school.

For more information, questions or support in this matter please don't hesitate to pop in and see me. (Chez)



Charlotte's Weekend Achievement, 5/6 Kable

Last Saturday and Sunday I competed at the Albury Equine Centre, in the final round of 'Battle of the Borders Tri Series' which comprises of three rounds of competition over three separate days. The first round was Wagga Wagga and I came first in that competition. Chiltern was the next round, which I again took out first place, finally finishing with a second place in Albury, giving me the outright winner of the 'Tri Series' Buckle (trophy) for Young Guns (my age group).

I had to ride my horse, Chase, across a bridge, pick up a flag, ride through a cowboy curtain, open and close a rope gate which requires making my horse walk backwards and forwards and riding through many other obstacles. I competed with nine other riders from both Victoria and New South Wales. I was proud of myself because I displayed all our school values while competing.

Persistence, Respect, Safety and Caring.





DISNEY DAY!



We have decided to hold a Disney day

On the 10th of November 2023.

We are aiming to raise money to support people
on Atauro island (which is off the coast of Timor
Leste.)

You can dress up as your favourite Disney
character for just a GOLD coin donation.

You can also guess how many jelly beans are in
the jar for only
50c per guess.

Your teacher will also have a movie running
during class.

There will be popcorn for a gold coin donation.

There will only be one cup per person.





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!

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CRICKET AUSTRALIA

Smile Squad is visiting BPS starting Wednesday 8th 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/smileblastsquad>

OR use the QR code:



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