



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Term 4, Week 10

*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 10 Newsletter.

### Year 3 & 4 Feathertop Camp

Last Thursday and Friday our students in grades 3 and 4 participated in their camp at Feathertop Chalet Adventure Camp. The students participated in a range of adventure and team building activities in small groups. It was great to see the students challenging themselves in the activities.



Archery was a bit of a winner and it seems that we have a couple of potential 'Robin Hoods' in the group. After a busy day they took a walk to the local Ice-Creamery for a well-earned treat. We were so proud of the resilience shown by the students throughout the camp.

### Emerald PERSISTENCE award.

This week our Emerald Persistence winner was Sverri Grove.

Sverri, we were super proud of the persistence you showed on the Year 3 & 4 Camp last week.

Well done!



### Jump Rope for Heart



A big thank you to everyone who participated in Jump Rope For Heart throughout this term. It has been great to see the kids skipping away at break times and during PE sessions. As a school we raised \$729 for a great cause!

Certificates and prizes will be handed out as soon as they arrive, hopefully before the end of the year.

## Foundation 2024 Transition

Next week will be our final Transition Day for our 2024 Foundation class. Their specialist subject for the week will be PE with Mr Forrest. We are super impressed with how our new learners are settling into the new environment of 'big school'.

## Swimming Week for all students

### Junior Swimming:

This week our Junior students all boarded buses at 11.30 and travelled into Wangaratta to the pool for their swimming lessons. They had a great time learning new swimming skills. It is a very tiring week for them, but they were terrific and we were super proud of their effort. A huge thank you to those parents who came along to support the swimming program, we could not do it without you!



### Senior Swimming:

The students showed great resilience with our swimming lessons this week and enjoyed the change of pace, getting out of the school and enjoying an active week.

However, as a School we are very disappointed in the quality of the program offered at Beechworth Pool this year. We were disappointed with the lack of trained instructors, despite the booking being in place for almost 12 months. We were also disappointed with the demeanour of the instructors present and the manner in which they interacted with our students. Please know that we will be taking this up with the organising body.

Next year, we will look to travel to either Wangaratta or Wodonga for our Senior Swimming. This will be an increase in cost due to the bus costs, but we feel that it is important to offer a quality program to our students to support them learning the important skills they need as they learn to swim.

## BPS Swimming Carnival: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Today we held our whole school Swimming Carnival.

Senior students (3-6) attended the pool for the full day, departing school soon after 9.00am and returning at 3.15pm. They competed in a wide range of traditional swimming races and some fun events.

Our Junior students (F-2) joined the Carnival after lunch and participated in fun water activities.

## SWPBS Awards

This week, we were proud to present three students with their Silver Awards.

Congratulations to Leo Seamons-Tomlinson, Grace Carey and Cooper Surrey.

Thank you all for demonstrating our school values and being terrific role models for our students.



## Books, books, books...

We need your help to round-up our school readers. Some books we have not seen for some time... So where could these books be? Lost in a dark place, under the bed or behind the couch? Lost at Nan's, Dad's, Mum's or in your room – the same room you've been asked to clean- 5 times! We need to find these lost books and bring them back to the library where they belong. So let's Round Them Up! and return them to school.

## 2024 Stationery lists

Will be sent home with students on Statewide Step-up Day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you don't receive one please request one from the school office.

## 2024 Family Voluntary Fee Contributions

The letters and advice for student fees will be sent home on the first week of Term 1 in 2024 with students. The fees are due for payment at by the end of Term 1.

## END OF YEAR EVENTS – Next week.

### Monday 11 December:

#### Assembly 9.00am - Year 5 Leadership speeches

At our School Assembly our Year 5 students will be presenting their speeches for our Student Leadership positions of School Captains and Vice Captains. Parents are invited to attend this assembly to see their speeches presented.

### Tuesday 12 December:

#### State-wide Step-up Day

All students will be spending 2 hours in their 2024 classroom, with their new teacher and classmates. This will commence at 9.15am. Students will start the day in their current classroom where the roll will be marked, before being redirected to their 2024 classroom. At the conclusion of the day, students will be bringing home a note about their 2024 classroom and teacher, together with the 2024 booklist.

### Thursday 14 December:

#### Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 Graduation has been set for 5-6pm., under the Fairy Tree. Your Year 6 staff will communicate the finer details to you via Compass leading up to the event.

**End of Semester Reports:** will be sent home Thursday.

### Friday 15 December

#### 1. End of Year Awards Assembly: 9.00am in the BER

We will be holding our End of Year Awards Assembly. Parents are cordially invited to attend. Please note that the seating in the BER will be opposite to what you are familiar with.

#### 2. Class Parties: 11.30-2.00

Friday is our class party day, where we celebrate the journey we have had over the year with our classroom friends. Keep your eye out for a note explaining what will be happening in your child's class.

Note: Year 5 and 6 students will have a pool party day – permission notes and information has been sent out via Compass. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you need assistance.

Kind Regards,  
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Principal  
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## For the diary ...

Week	Date	Event / Activity
<b>TERM 4</b>		
<b>Week 11</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – Assembly, Year 5 Leadership speeches Statewide Step-up Day Year 6 Graduation, School Reports sent home 9.00am – End of Year Awards Assembly Class Party Day
<b>Week 12</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school for 2023. 2.30pm finish
<b>2024 First day of the school year</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	All students from Foundation to Year 6. NOTE: Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January is a student free day for Foundation students.

### 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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Feathertop  
Chalet  
Adventure  
Camp







# BPS Swimming





## Your thoughts, your impact: join the conversation on line!

Beechworth Health Service is inviting you to please join the conversation on line! It is not too late to have your say and provide your input into shaping the future of BHS communications and engagement activities.



Your voice is key to shaping the way we communicate and engage with you, ensuring we are keeping you informed about our services and how to access them, and how to best consult with you when we're making decisions that impact you.

Take a moment to complete our online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHSvoice>

Your insights are key to our understanding of your expectations, what you value in our services, and the most effective ways to connect with you.

You can also enter into a draw to win a \$45 fruit and vegetable box (locally sourced).



Flying Fruit Fly Circus presents

## BORDERVILLE

2 – 22 DECEMBER 2023

### CIRCUS ARTS SHOWCASE

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER – CIRCUS HQ, ALBURY

The energy and enthusiasm of our Saturday program kids will fill the training floor to bursting at Circus HQ.

FREE

### NIGHT FLIES CABARET

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER – CIRCUS HQ, ALBURY

A dazzling display from the talented Night Flies, showcasing a wide range of entertaining circus acts.

FREE

### CIRCUS IN THE SQUARE: CHANGES

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 5.15PM, 6PM, 7PM  
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 10AM, 11AM, 12PM  
JUNCTION SQUARE, WODONGA

The extraordinary Fruit Fly ensemble will take your breath away with a brand-new work, Changes, performed throughout Wodonga Council's Fridays in the Square and Christmas Fun in Junction.

FREE

### THE LONG PIGS

WEDNESDAY 13 – THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER  
BUTTER FACTORY THEATRE

Spine tingling original theatre, hilariously dark and frighteningly funny.

\$25

### AIRBORNE

THURSDAY 14 – SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER  
GATEWAY VILLAGE AMPHITHEATRE

A breathtaking world premiere combining the art of the flying trapeze with the enchanting backdrop of the Gateway amphitheatre.

\$25

### YOU & I

FRIDAY 15 – SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER  
BUTTER FACTORY THEATRE

Jesse Scott and Lachlan McAulay return to the Border where their love story – of circus and of each other – began.

\$25

### THE GRAD SHOW

TUESDAY 19 – FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER  
BORDERVILLE THEATRE

The graduating class of 2023 performing their last show together as Fruit Flies in our brand new Borderville Theatre.

\$25

Find out more and book your tickets at

[www.borderville.com.au](http://www.borderville.com.au)

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Wodonga City

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Enrolments are  
now open for  
2024  
[beechworthkinder.com.au](http://beechworthkinder.com.au)

Beechworth Kindergarten  
invite you to join us for our

## 2023/2024 Open Morning

December 12th from 10.00am - 11.00am

Come along to enjoy a morning in our kinder. You'll have the opportunity to meet other parents, children and teachers, tour our space and enjoy morning tea.

Please email [beechworthkin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:beechworthkin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au) if you have any questions



[Community Bank Beechworth & District](https://www.bendigobank.com.au/.../community-bank.../) Scholarship applications for 2024 Now Open!

Are you ready to embark on your academic journey in 2024 at TAFE or University?

The cost of further study can add up quickly. So, we're offering funding to help ease some of the financial pressures.

Find out more and apply online

[https://www.bendigobank.com.au/.../community-bank...](https://www.bendigobank.com.au/.../community-bank.../)

## DROP & SHOP



TAKE THE STRESS OUT OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.  
OR GIFT WRAPPING, COOKING, CLEANING, OR ANYTHING ELSE!

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2023

9AM-12PM

COST: \$45

AGES 6-12 YEARS OLD

BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.indigogymnastics.com.au/>

## Indigo Shire Libraries School Holiday Activities

### Bee-Bot Robots

Bee-Bots are programmable floor robots designed for children to use. They turn on the spot and move forwards and backwards.

**Ages:** 5 – 8

**Bookings:** Required, as places are limited.

Monday 22 January  
St Mark's Church Hall,  
Tangambalanga  
2.30pm-3.30pm

### Easy Origami

Come and learn some origami techniques with Asako from Japan. Asako will share some of her amazing paper folding skills with you. We will work on easy origami to start with and then progress. There will be extra helpers to assist.

**Ages:** 8 and over

**Bookings:** Required, as places are limited.

Beechworth Library.  
Wednesday 17 January.  
10.00am – 11.00am.  
Chiltern Library.  
Thursday 18 January.  
10.00am – 11.00am.

Yackandandah Library.  
Wednesday 17 January.  
2.00pm – 3.00pm.  
Rutherglen Library.  
Thursday 18 January.  
2.00pm – 3.00pm.

**Bookings for Bee-bots and Origami will open on Tuesday 4 January 2024**

### Lego Legends

What amazing Lego creations can you build? A castle, a farm machine, a rocket... Come with an idea and make something spectacular.

**Ages:** 5-12

Rutherglen Library.  
Thursday, 11 January  
10:00am– 11:00am

Yackandandah Library  
Tuesday, 23 January  
10:00am – 11:00am

### National Gallery of Victoria Kids on Tour

The National Gallery of Victoria has collaborated with artists and designers to create a series of workshops for children and families. You do not need to register to attend. The craft activities are self-guided so some children will need help.

### Remaking Home (Collage)

You can create a collage while learning about the critically important grey-headed flying fox and its habitat.

**Ages:** 4 and over.

(Young children may need the help of an adult.)

Chiltern Library.  
Friday, 12 January.  
10.00am – 11:30am

### Inspiration Train (Drawing)

In this drawing activity you can design an object inspired by your favourite food.

**Ages:** 4 and over.

(Young children may need the help of an adult.)

Chiltern Library.  
Friday 12 January.  
1.00pm – 2:30pm

### Underwater Drawing Club

In this drawing activity, you can create your own drawing of a favourite sea creature in the style of Jean Jullien the Paris based artist.

**Ages:** 4 and over.

(Young children may need the help of an adult.)

Beechworth Library.  
Wednesday 24 January.  
10.00am – 11:30am

### To Become Light (Drawing and construction)

Discover the special symbols artist Jenna Lee has painted on her lanterns and then complete your own lantern and dilly bag drawing with symbols of your identity.

**Ages:** 4 and over.

(Young children may need adult help to assemble.)

Beechworth Library.  
Wednesday, 24 January.  
1.00pm – 2:30pm

### Bracelet Beading (Jewellery making)

Be part of a meditative and engaging workshop where teens can come together to create a colourful beaded bracelet which they can keep or gift to a loved one.

**Ages:** 12 and over.

Beechworth Library.  
Wednesday, 24 January.  
3.00 pm – 4:30pm.



## Free Children's Activities at Wodonga Plaza during the Christmas/January School Holidays



### Christmas Craft

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 9:30am – 12:30pm

**Make your own mini snow globes and paint & decorate wooden Christmas tree ornaments**

**You might even meet Santa!**

### The Great LEGO Building Challenge

Heats - Daily from Monday 8th Jan to Friday 12th Jan

Heat 1: 10:30am (3 - 7 years)

Heat 2: 11:30am (8 - 14 years)

Heat 3: 12:30pm (3 - 7 years)

Heat 4: 1:30pm (8 - 14 years)

Finals - Saturday 13th Jan

Final 1: 11:30am (3 - 7 years)

Final 2: 12:30pm (8 - 14 years)

Entry is free, no prebooking or registration required.



### Childrens Storytime at Wodonga Plaza (Hosted by Hyphen Library & Gallery)

Tuesday 16th January 10am and 11:30am (Dog's themed)

Tuesday 23rd January 10am and 11:30am (Beach themed)

Experience the magic of Storytime these holidays as we share stories, songs, and rhymes, followed by a hands-on craft activity.

Staff will also be on hand to chat about the resources, services, and events available at Hyphen Library and Gallery and assist in signing up for a membership.

Recommend for children aged 5-10 years, though all welcome.

Bookings essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/CNSJH>

Children must be supervised by a parent/caregiver at all times.

Each session runs for 25-30 minutes.