



Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

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

Friday 17th November 2023
Term 4, Week 7

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 7 Newsletter.

Can we fit any more into a week? This week there has been so much going on at BPS! Starting off the week with the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph, BPS Production practices, Variety 4WD Breakfast, First Aid in Schools, transitions for both 2024 Foundation students and our Year 6 students to Beechworth Secondary College.

Remembrance Day

Saturday, we commemorated Remembrance Day at the Beechworth Cenotaph. Our School Leaders, Heidi Ellis and Larni Armstrong represented us beautifully at the service as they placed the wreath on behalf of the school and Nikita France presented a wreath on behalf of the Scouts. We were also super proud to see two of our former students, Samara Bright and Felix Woodford, 2024 Captains from Beechworth Secondary College share the main address. This was followed up with activities in classrooms and at our Assembly on Monday.



Remembrance Day is such an important day to remember the fallen and to recommit to peace and to be the best that we can possibly be.



Variety 4WD Breakfast

Tuesday morning was a super early start for us as we set up and prepared breakfast for just over 100 Variety 4WD Adventurers. This wonderful group of people are taking on the 4WD tracks from Canberra to the Yarra Valley and raising funds for children in need.

Our TheirCare Before School Students and Alex and Eleanor McCann were terrific hosts, waiting on tables and chatting with the teams. There was great excitement when the two (or three?) Alien drivers arrived. We took it in turns to go down and check out the vehicles.



Thank you to the Variety team for our really big parcel of toys and games for our new library. A massive thank you also to our wonderful BPS staff who helped out and our amazing parents Bernadette McCann, Carlene Lamanna and Steve Jennings who saved the day with their assistance in setting up and cooking. We are so grateful for your help!



St John's First Aid in Schools

The knowledge and skills gained in the First Aid in Schools Program develops First Aid awareness in school children and contributes to building a more resilient community. This learning is age-appropriate and integrates with the Victoria Curriculum F-10.



Today, each class participated in a 45 minute lesson with content appropriate to their age and year level. Students learnt how to help out in an emergency. Renee and Alycia from St John's First Aid have been working with each class throughout the day. The students have been learning the following:

- Foundation students worked through a story called 'The day Johnny Bear became a Superhero'. They talked about what an emergency is, learnt how to keep themselves safe, and how to be a superhero by knowing how to call for help.
- The Year 1 and 2 students learnt about the early steps in a slightly more formal way, those being danger to self and others, how to check for a response and how to seek help.
- The Year 3 and 4 classes worked through checking for danger, checking for a response, how to call for help, then checking for breathing and how to put a person into the recovery position.
- The Year 5 and 6 classes worked through the full DRSABC. They learnt about when to give chest compressions, and how to deliver chest compressions. They used first aid mannequins to have a go at delivering compressions.

Foundation 2024 Transition

We were very excited to start our transition to school program for our 2024 Foundation students this week. The transition program will gradually introduce our preschool children to 'big' school in order to gain confidence in their ability to independently experience school life. Our new students were met by their buddies and introduced to the classroom. Our Foundation Transition program continues again next Tuesday with another 2-hour session (9.00-11.00). We can't wait to see you all again!

Ruby Safety Winner!



This week we drew 2 amazing Ruby Safety winners Mia Fitridge and Lily Watson (we missed last week due to the short week). We then drew our winner of the Big Prize, congratulations to Cain Heaton!

We have been so impressed with the care and concern for safety shown over the past 5 weeks that we decided with our SRC that Wednesday would be "Zoooper Safety Day" with all students receiving a Zoooper Dooper. It's terrific to see everyone working on making BPS a 'Safe School'.



For the remainder of the term, we will be focusing on **Emerald Green Persistence**.

SWPBS Awards

This week we were proud to present Pyper Jennings with a Bronze award, Pyper has just been at BPS since mid-year, well done Pyper. Twelve students celebrated their 60 ticket achievements by receiving Silver Awards, Harry Read, Jobe Thomson, Lachie Pritchard, Prosper Seamons-Tomlinson, Ewen Alderton, Alyssa Egan, Naomi Burgess, Bonnie McDonald, Darcy White, Elisio Abdalla, Leif Grove and Isla Novosad.

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



BPS Production

Production week is finally here! Our students are so excited to share our production with you all. They have worked hard on constructing the script, learning their lines, songs... and dance moves! This week we had our first practice at the Memorial Hall.

Reminder to get in and purchase your tickets (see the Compass post) – the tickets on the waitlist will be sold commencing Monday 20 November. BPS students do not require tickets to attend either night.

- FNW and 1SB will perform with the 3-6 cast on Wednesday 22 November
- 1/2D and 1/2J will perform with the 3-6 cast on Thursday 23 November
- 6pm - Production cast should arrive
- 6.15pm - doors open to audience
- 6.30pm – curtains up and the show will commence

Friday 24 November - Pupil Free day

Reminder that the day after the production will be a pupil free day for assessment and reporting. We felt that this was a good time to have the reporting day as many of our students will be pretty tired after a big week on production. TheirCare is open for bookings for the day should you need care for you child/ren.

END OF YEAR EVENTS

Swimming Week for all students: Week 10 will be swimming lesson week for all students, with the Junior students traveling into Wangaratta and the senior students walking up to the Beechworth Pool. Swimming lessons will be every day, Monday to Thursday.

BPS Swimming Carnival: Friday 8th December. Junior students (F-2) will participate in fun water activities attending the Beechworth pool through the middle of the day. Senior students (3-6) will attend the pool for the full day, competing in a wide range of traditional swimming races and some fun events. Parents are invited to attend and cheer our swimmers on. More details will follow in next week's Newsletter.

Year 6 Graduation: The date of the Year 6 Graduation has been set for Thursday, 14th December, 5-6pm. Your Year 6 staff will communicate the finer details to you via Compass Newsletter leading up to the event.

Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald
Principal

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For the diary ...		
Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 4		
Week 8	Tuesday 21 st November	Prep Transition Day 2, 9.00-11.00am
	Wednesday 22 nd & Thursday 23 rd Nov	BPS Production
	Friday 24 th November	Student free day - Report Writing
Week 9	Tuesday 28 th November	Prep Transition Day 3, 9.00-1.00pm
	Thursday 30 th Nov – Friday 1 st Dec	Year 3 & 4 Feathertop Chalet Adventure Camp
Week 10	Monday 4 th – Thursday 7 th December	Senior Swimming Program (Yr 3-6)
	Monday 4 th – Thursday 7 th December	Junior Swimming Program (F-Yr 2) in Wangaratta
	Tuesday 5 th December	Prep Transition Day 4, 9.00-1.00pm
	Wednesday 6 th December	School Council – final meeting for 2023
	Friday 8 th December	BPS Swimming Carnival
Week 11	Tuesday 12 th December	Statewide Step-up Day
	Thursday 14 th December	Year 6 Graduation
	Friday 15 th December	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

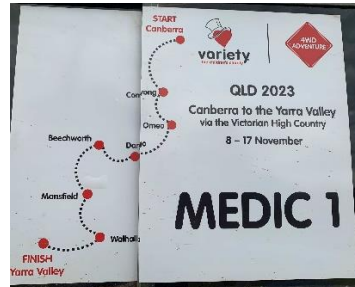
TheirCare (Before & After School Care at BPS)

- Service and Bookings: phone 0447 717 055
- Area Manager, Rick: 0459 555 671

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Variety 4WD Breakfast





First Aid at BPS

