



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 Term 4, Week 9

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 9 Newsletter.

We have a very busy couple of weeks coming up. Please particularly check out the end of year events happening in week 11.

## 'My Family in The Community'

On Monday we had a very special presentation at our Assembly. Our Before School Care students have been working on a project, 'My Family in The Community', for The Friends of the Burke Museum Beechworth Committee. The children, with the support of the wonderful Chez and Kylie Love, used photos and created artworks to tell the story of their families in the community and what they like to do. This work was then turned into a beautiful quilt.

During our Assembly the Quilt was presented to John Bain, from the Friends of the Burke Museum. The quilt will be displayed in the Bendigo Bank for a while before being displayed in the Burke Museum.



#### **Emerald PERSISTENCE Award**

Our current Values focus is Persistence. We are acknowledging persistence from our learners with special Emerald Green Persistence tickets. At our Monday Assemblies we draw out a ticket from the EMERALD PERSISTENCE bucket. This week our very worthy winner was Naomi Burgess. Naomi, we love the way that you persist with your learning, especially when the learning is challenging!

At Beechworth Primary School we seek challenges in our education and we work hard towards achieving our goals. We continually grow as individuals and as learners by giving/trying our best in the classroom, in the playground and at home.



#### We demonstrate persistence by:

- Listening to feedback and taking on suggestions for improvement.
- Persevering in academic, social and extra-curricular activities and by knowing when to seek help.
- Having a growth mindset to understand that mistakes and challenges are a part of learning.
- Never giving up and seeing something through to the end.

### **Swimming Week for all Students**

Next week will be swimming lesson week for all students. Swimming lessons will be every day, Monday to Thursday.

- Junior students traveling by bus to Wangaratta each day, leaving BPS at 11.30 am and returning at 3.15pm
- Year 5 & 6 students will be walking up to the Beechworth Pool, departing school at 9.30am and returning just after 12pm.
- Year 3 & 4 students will be walking up to the Beechworth Pool, departing school at 11.30am and returning just at around 2.30pm.

Remember to pack bathers, towels, goggles, hats and extra snacks. Year 3 – 6 students should ensure that they apply sunscreen, have a hat and a rashie shirt is a great idea as the Beechworth pool is in full sun.

## BPS Swimming Carnival: Friday 8th December.

Next Friday we will have our whole school Swimming Carnival. Parents are invited to attend and cheer our swimmers on. Parent helpers would also be great. Please let Beth Mackie know if you are available to help out. Bethany.mackie@education.vic.gov.au

Senior students (3-6) will attend the pool for the full day, departing school as soon as possible after 9.00am and returning at 3.15pm. They will be competing in a wide range of traditional swimming races and some fun events. The event schedule will be sent out via Compass.

Our Junior students (F-2) will participate in fun water activities attending the Beechworth pool through the middle of the day, departing BPS after first break, at 11.30 and returning to BPS at 2.00pm.

#### **Foundation 2024 Transition**

This week our kindergarten students enjoyed their first longer stay, remaining at BPS until 1pm. This provided them with the opportunity to experience the Art Room with Ms Love and to have lunch at school followed by a 'lunch break play'. Next week they will find out all about STEM.

#### **SWPBS Awards**

Congratulations to Jaxon Gale on receiving his Bronze Award this week. Also we were proud to present eight students with their Silver Awards. Congratulations to Connor Walch, Aida Wills, Ashton Leary, Lilli Watson, Lucy Read, Celeste Mitchell, Evie McArthur and Farrah Baulacky.

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



#### **End of Year Events – Week 11**

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

At our School Assembly on **Monday 11 December**, 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.

#### Statewide Step-up Day: Tuesday 12 December:

All students will be spending 2 hours in their 2024 classroom, with their new teacher and class mates. This will commence at 9.15am.

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

#### **End of Year Awards Assembly:**

Friday 15 December at 9.00am we will be holding our End of Year Awards Assembly. Parents are cordially invited to attend.

#### Classrooms for 2024.

We are now able to announce our classroom teachers and class structure for 2024. We are excited to have the following classes and teachers:

- Foundation Julie Anders
- Foundation & Year 1 Nadine Weideman
- Year 1 & 2 Jaylah Jones
- Year 2 Maddie Dunstan
- Year 3 & 4 Tahnee Pritchard
- Year 3 & 4 Shelley Bowey
- Year 5 & 6 Piper Kable
- Year 5 & 6 Cherie Griffin & Bethany James.

#### Specialist subjects and teachers:

- P.E. Scott Forrest
- STEM Jane Nicholas
- ART Kylie Love
- LOTE, French Emilia Gladstone

Kind Regards, Sue McDonald Principal

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For the diary		
Week	Date	Event / Activity
TERM 4		
Week 10	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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	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
Week 12	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

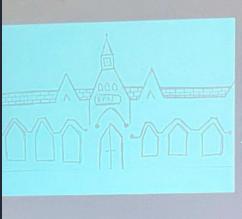
- Jeanette: Mon Thurs 8.30-11.30, Fri 8.30-3.00
- Samantha: Mon Fri 8.30–4.30

#### TheirCare (Before & After School Care at BPS)

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







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# 'My Family in the Community'

























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

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