Beechworth Primary School

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Friday 17th July 2026
Term 3, Week 1

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 First Newsletter for Term 3!

We enjoyed welcoming our students back refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning. Term 3 promises to be a busy one, with many engaging learning opportunities, school events, and experiences already planned. We are excited to continue supporting our students as they learn, grow, and achieve their goals throughout the remainder of the year.

During Term 3 there are plenty of exciting events coming up, including the Winter Sports Carnival, Book Week, Grandparents Day, Father's Day Breakfast, and STEM incursions, Social Enterprise and our 2026 School Production — just to name a few!

This Thursday, the State School Cross Country was held with 3 students from BPS competing. Congratulations to Evie McArthur for coming 28th out or 92 students, Kasper McArthur for coming 22nd out of 91 students and Flynn Swain for coming 49th out of 89 students. Their journey to State began at BPS on the 1st of May. They then progressed to District – Division then onto Region. To progress to the higher levels you are required to place either in the top 12 (District) or in a medal position for Division and Region. We were so proud of their efforts and achievements!

This week we kicked off the term with the Winter Sports Carnival on Friday. Our senior students have been eagerly anticipating this event, and we're proud of their efforts and sportsmanship. A full report will be included in next week's newsletter.

A big thank you to all the staff, parents, carers, and friends who travelled to Wodonga to support our teams — your encouragement made the day extra special.

Parent, Teacher and Student Conferences – Term 3

Our Parent, Teacher and Student Conferences will take place in Week 3 of Term 3, on the afternoon of **Thursday 30 July and the morning of Friday 31 July**. Bookings for our conferences will open on Monday morning.

Please note that Friday 31 July will be a Pupil Free Day – TheirCare is available for booking should you need childcare for the day.

School Reception/Office Hours

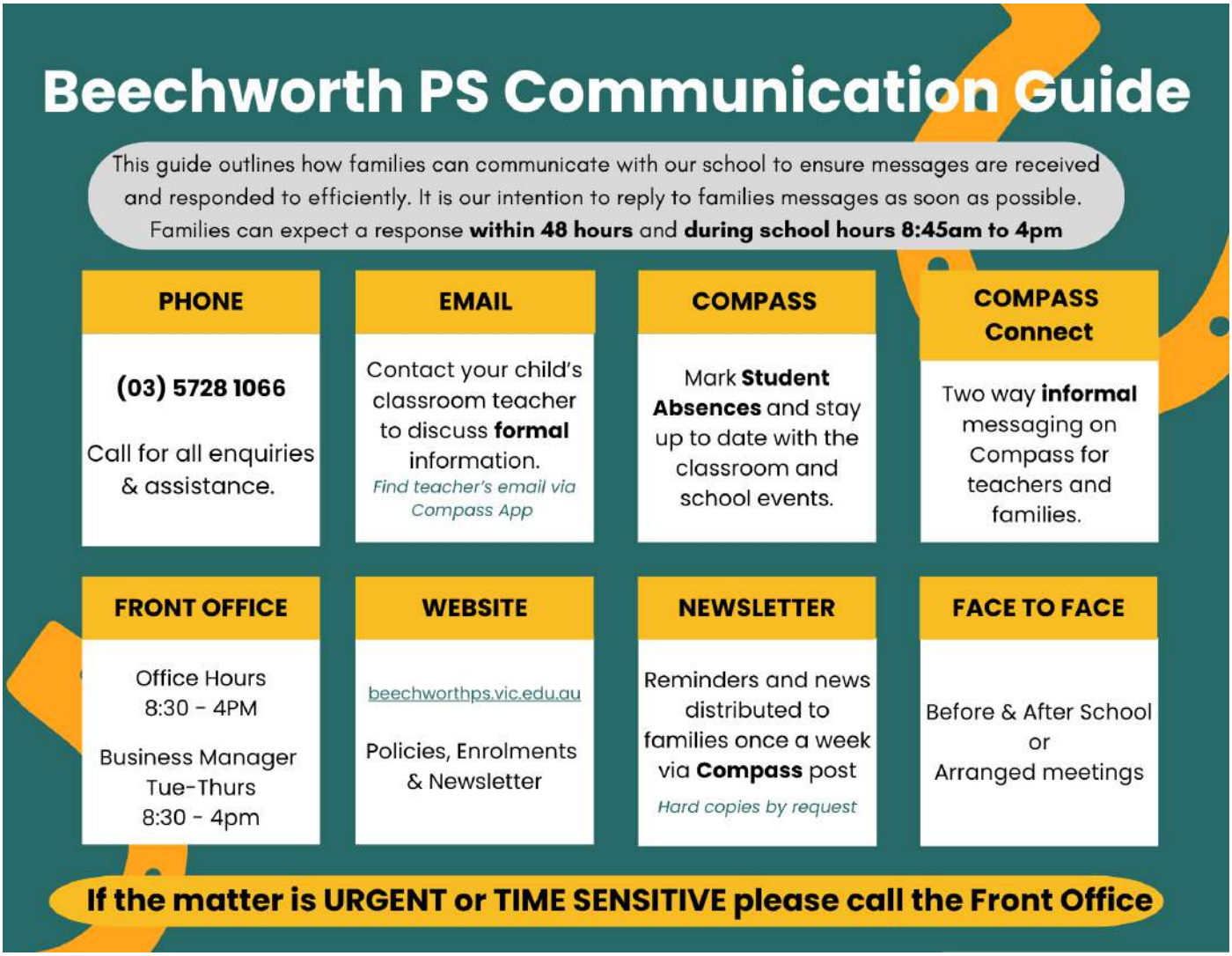
A warm welcome awaits you at our school office each morning from 8:30am.

Our office team is here to help and is always happy to assist families with any questions, concerns or messages. Whether you need to speak with your child's teacher, a member of the Leadership Team, First Aid, or another staff member, please feel free to:

- drop into the front office; or
- give us a call on 5728 1066.

If your communication is urgent, our office staff will ensure your message is passed on to the relevant person as quickly as possible. We encourage families to contact the office first, as this helps us minimise interruptions to classrooms and supports teachers to focus on welcoming students and preparing for the day.

We value our partnership with families and are always here to help.



Arriving at School and Before-School Supervision

We understand that the expectations for school arrival and before school supervision has presented challenges for some families. These expectations are required to be in place to ensure student safety and meet the requirements under workplace regulations. To help ensure a safe and settled start to the school day, we ask families to note the following understandings and before-school arrangements.

Why can't students enter classrooms earlier than 8.45am?

We understand that this arrangement can sometimes be challenging for families. However, respectfully please understand that:

- Teachers do not commence paid work until 8:45am.
- Under workplace requirements, teachers must be provided with a minimum of 10 minutes of student-free preparation time from the time they commence paid work before students enter classrooms.
- This time allows teachers to prepare learning materials, organise classrooms, make any required timetable adjustments, undertake confidential conversations with their Education Support staff and ensure students are welcomed into a well-prepared learning environment.
- For these reasons, classrooms cannot be opened before 8:55am.

Before School Supervision - outdoors

- Staff supervision begins at 8:45am. This supervision is untaken in the school yard by teachers who are not required to be teaching at 9.00am.
- Students should not arrive before 8:45am unless they are attending a supervised program (TheirCare or Breakfast club).
- From 8:45am, staff supervise students at the front of the school.
- Students must remain in a supervised area and should not be playing elsewhere on the school grounds.

Start of the School Day

- 8:55am – Classroom doors open and students are welcomed into classrooms.
- 9:00am – Learning begins with Welcome Circles.
- 9:05am – Class rolls are marked.

Students arriving before 8:45am can:

Access TheirCare Before School Care:

- Operates from 7:00am–8:45am.
- This is a user-pays service.
- Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families.

Alternate arrangements for students who unexpectedly arrive early:

- Wait quietly on the benches near the Principal's office until formal supervision begins.
- Or from 8.30am (every day except Wednesday) attend the Breakfast club at the Canteen at the rear of the school where Education Support staff provide supervision.
- NOTE: Prior to 8.55 am Classrooms are not to be entered and doors are closed.

Wet Weather Arrangements

On wet weather mornings (from 8:45am):

- Foundation–Year 2 students will be supervised in the 1/2 Open Space in the Main building.
- Years 3–6 students will be supervised in the BER.
- Both areas are supervised by a member of the Leadership Team until students move to their classrooms at 8.55am.

New! Breakfast Club Trial

We are pleased to introduce a new Breakfast Club trial at BPS, coordinated by our Education Support staff.

- Held in the canteen area at the rear of the school.
- Commences from 8:30am.
- Provides students with a welcoming space and a nutritious breakfast before the school day begins.
- Currently operates on Mondays and Fridays.
- Due to the positive response, the program will soon expand to operate every day except Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing this new initiative continue to support our students and families.

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End of the Day and Student Supervision Reminder

A reminder to families that the school day ends at **3:25pm**.

From **3:25pm to 3:35pm**, staff will be on duty in the yard to supervise student departure:

- Staff will be positioned at the **front of the school** to farewell students.
- One staff member will be supervising at the **bike shed area** (rear of the school).
- A designated staff member will be on **bus duty**, supervising students who travel home by bus until they are collected.

Please note: Once a student has been collected by a **parent or carer**, **that adult assumes responsibility for supervising the child**, even if they remain on school grounds.

Staff supervision **officially ends at 3:35pm**. Any student who has not been collected by this time will be taken to the school office, and the following steps will be taken:

- Attempts will be made to contact parents/carers.
- If unsuccessful, staff will try to reach listed emergency contacts.
- If the student has **not been collected by 4:00pm**, they will be placed in the **TheirCare (OSHC) program**.
- If **no contact** can be made and the student remains **uncollected by 5:00pm**, the **Principal** will contact **Victoria Police** and/or the **Department of Health and Human Services (Child Protection)** to ensure the student's safety and wellbeing.

We appreciate your support in ensuring all students are collected on time and cared for safely after school hours.

BPS School Production

As we head into Term 3, preparations for our school production are starting to ramp up. Lara Stevens and Olga were working with students this week to help understand each scene and how they will unfold. The production will be held over two evenings in Week 9, and excitement is building!

As part of our preparations, we are now organising costumes. To help with this, we are asking families to provide a few basic clothing items for their child where possible.

Early next week, a note will be sent home outlining:

- the role your child has been cast in, **and what night they are on,**
- the costume requirements for their role,
- the items we are asking families to provide,
- the items that will be supplied by the school.

If you require any assistance in providing the requested costume items, please don't hesitate to contact Sue McDonald by email at **susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au**.

We are happy to work with families to ensure every student is ready for this exciting event.

Calling All Costume Magicians!

Our School Production is starting to come to life, and we need a few talented helpers to sprinkle some magic on our costumes!

If you're handy with a needle and thread—or know your way around a sewing machine—we would love your help. We have a range of simple sewing jobs that will help transform our costumes from ordinary to stage-worthy.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and family friends are all welcome to join our behind-the-scenes production crew. No Hollywood experience required—just a willingness to help and a little sewing know-how!

Every stitch will help bring our characters to life and make our Term 3 production even more spectacular.

If you can lend a hand, please email susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au. We'd love to have you on our costume team!

Our School Zone

Over the past few years our student numbers have been growing and as a result we are rapidly approaching our student capacity. As a result, this means that our school has an enrolment restriction for the remainder of the 2026 school year, under section 2.2.16 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic).

Approved entry criteria for our school are:

- students who live within the **school zone**
- students with a sibling attending the school at the same time
- students seeking enrolment on compassionate grounds, in exceptional circumstances.

All students seeking enrolment at our school must meet one of the above criteria to be eligible for enrolment. The department will review this enrolment restriction yearly and provide updated advice as necessary.

Our school zone is available on findmyschool.vic.gov.au which hosts the most up-to-date information on school zones in Victoria.

2027 Foundation Enrolments

Enrolments for **Foundation 2027** are now open at Beechworth Primary School. We're excited to welcome our newest learners and begin the journey together!

We encourage families to ensure that they have their children enrolled **by the end of July**.

Following **28 July**, families who have submitted an enrolment form will receive a short questionnaire to complete, helping us learn more about each child's interests and personality. At the same time, our Year 5 students will begin completing their **Buddy Program applications**. This information will help our Foundation Transition Team carefully match each new Foundation student with a Year 6 buddy who is a great fit.

2027 Enrolment Packs are available from the **School Office**, **Beechworth Kindergarten and Childcare**, and on the **school website**.

Awards

This week's Values Winners

DD, Eddie Poblete, James Brisbourne, Lenny Beatson, Archie Pritchard, Spencer Skinner, Lachie Pritchard, Hazel Meyland.

Ruby Safety Award

This wee we had a double draw for our Ruby Safety Award. Congratulations to Flynn and Veronica, this week's recipients of our Ruby Safety Awards!

They have consistently demonstrated safe behaviours and always shows genuine care for the wellbeing of others in our school community.

Well Done! Keep up the fantastic work, Flynn and Veronica! We're proud to have you as a role models at our school.

Specialist Respect Awards

This week's Specialist Awards have been proudly awarded to Hannah Flint, Cayden Gatty, Elisio Abdalla and Theo Meredith for consistently demonstrating respect during their specialist classes. These students have shown kindness, consideration, and positive attitudes towards their peers and teachers, setting a wonderful example for others. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

SWPBS Bronze Awards

This week we were delighted to be able to present so many SWPBS Bronze awards! It is great to see our students living our school values. Well done to *Hazel Meyland, Charlie Baker, Ivy Kardol, George Spiteri, Mateo Watson, Eleanor Surrey, Theo Meredith, Ziggy Bywaters, Celeste Knight, Alex Rue, Billy Pritchard, Elisio Abdalla and HC* we are super proud of each of you!

SWPBS Silver Awards

This week we were delighted to be able to present a SWPBS Silver Award! Well done to Kasper McArthur and Aisling Heaton, you are super STARS!

Kind Regards,

Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)

Ngaire King – Acting Principal (Friday)

NOTE: Ngaire is on Leave for all of Week 2.

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Beechworth Primary School Office Hours are:

Monday – Friday 8.30 – 4.00

Samantha: Mon – Fri,

Kirsty: Tues– Thurs.

TheirCare (Before & After School care at BPS)

Beechworth PS Service and Bookings: Ph: 0447 717 055

Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 3		
Week 2	**Fri 24 July**	Mad About Science Show at BPS
Week 3	Thurs 30 July Fri 31 July	Parent, teacher & student Conferences 3.30-7.30pm Parent, teacher & student Conferences 8.30-12.30pm
Week 4		No Planned events
Week 5	All week	Bullying No-way Week (11-15 Aug)
Week 6		No planned events
Week 7	All week	Book Week
Week 8	Fri 4 Sept	Father's Day Breakfast
Week 9	Wed 9 Sept Thurs 10 Sept	BPS Production night 1. BPS Production night 2.
Week 10	Mon- Thurs	**Junior Swimming week**
Term 4		
Week 1	Mon 5 Oct	First Day for Term 4

Gardening Club

Our young Student Investigation gardeners have been hard at work weeding, pruning, planting, and digging their way around the school grounds. The vegetable patch has been enriched with fresh compost, and a variety of winter vegetables have now been planted. We're looking forward to harvesting our produce and putting it to good use in some delicious cooking activities later next term.

At the front of the school, the roses have received plenty of care. After deadheading, the plants are now producing beautiful new flowers.

The team has also taken on the task of digging trenches and burying the dripper lines to help keep our gardens healthy.

It has been a fantastic term of teamwork, learning, and growth in the garden.

Mad About Science Show coming to Beechworth Primary School!

Next Friday the 24th of July, we will have a visit from the Mad About Science Show. The MAD SCIENCE SHOW is a science sampler to immerse students in science. It is full of demonstrations and includes audience participation.

Parents and Carers, please jump onto Compass and provide consent and payment for this event.