Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

Respectful, **S**afe, **P**ersistent, **C**aring ... **A**lways!

Friday 24th July 2026
Term 3, Week 2

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

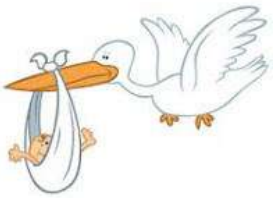
Welcome to our Week 2 Newsletter.

It has certainly been an unusual and challenging week for our whole school community, particularly with Thursday's industrial action. We sincerely thank our families for your patience, understanding, and support throughout this time.

Thursday's industrial action is about more than fair wages. It is also about advocating for fair funding for our public schools so that every student has access to the resources, support, and learning opportunities they deserve. Investing in public education means investing in our children, our teachers, and the future of our community.

As always, we are grateful for the wonderful support of our school community and look forward to sharing some of the highlights from the week with you.

Staff News: Welcomes and Farewells



Piper Kable: As many of you will know, our wonderful senior school teacher, Piper Kable has had her final day with BPS today, before heading off to undertake family leave as she welcomes her first baby. Piper has been a wonderful member of our teaching team, working initially in the Junior area before moving up to Year 5 & 6. She has made a lasting impact on our senior program and is much loved by the students whom she teaches (and taught over the past years). We're so happy for Piper and Joel and send them our warmest wishes during this exciting time.

Fiona Bird: We are thrilled to welcome Fiona to our Year 5/6 teaching team. Fiona joins us this term, taking over from Piper in our 5/6 class. She brings enthusiasm, warmth, and a passion for helping students learn and grow, and we are excited for our students and families to get to know her. We know you will join us in giving Fiona a very warm welcome to our school community. We look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students and wish her every success in her new role.

Parent, Teacher and Student Conferences – Term 3

Our Parent, Teacher and Student Conference bookings are now open, and close on Wednesday 29th July. The conferences take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 30 July and the morning of Friday 31 July**. It is expected that students attend these conferences to share in discussions about their learning.

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

Swimming and Water Safety

Water Safety is an incredibly important component of the Physical Education Curriculum. The Beechworth P.S. Water Safety Program aims to prepare students for the safe play around water with a focus on appropriate skills and behaviours. The program does promote strong swimming skills however the focus is on reviewing and revising skills for safety.

Students in Years F to 2 will be travelling by bus to Wangarratta in the last week of Term 3. The program includes 3 sessions of 60min instruction over 4 days (Mon-Thurs). Notes will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Students in Years 3 to 6 will have their swimming program late in Term 4.

The program is mandated and significantly subsidised by the Education Department, therefore it is expected that all students participate in the program.

BPS School Production

As part of our preparations, we are now organising costumes. This week, costume notes were sent home to individual students in all classes except 12G (sorry we are still finalising this one). Please check your child's bag if you have not received the note, failing that, contact the office and we will organise a replacement note. We have also commenced work on a number of items that the school will provide to finish off the costumes.

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.

2027 Foundation Enrolments closing end July (Next week!)

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**.

NOTE: Our school is now ZONED. This means we have increased our numbers to a point where an enrolment restriction under section 2.2.16 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic) is in place. Therefore any new student outside of our **school zone** are placed on a waiting list.

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.

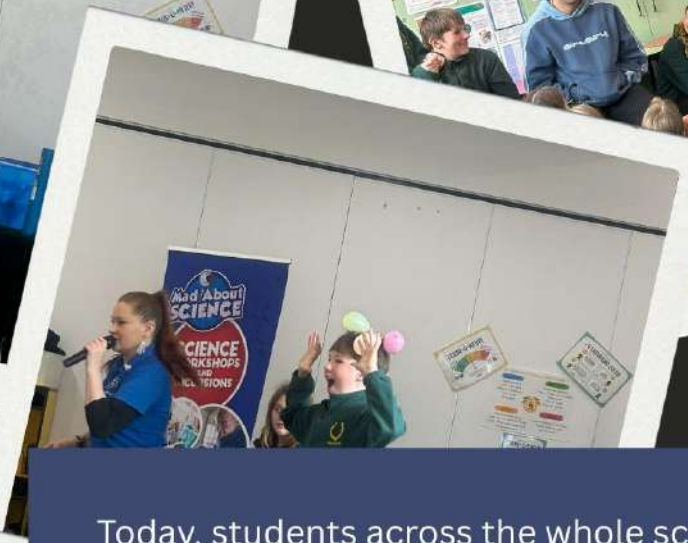
All students seeking enrolment at our school must meet one of the above criteria to be eligible for enrolment. The department will review this enrolment restriction yearly and provide updated advice as necessary.

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

Winter Sports Carnival

What a beatiful day for the carnival! We headed off to Wodonga with our school values proudly on display. We are proud of all our teams, but especially tee ball and footy for bringing home the trophy!

MAD ABOUT SCIENCE



Today, students across the whole school enjoyed an exciting science incursion led by passionate science education specialists. Using toilet paper, fire, air, smoke, ping pong balls, static electricity and a miniature inflatable Earth, they demonstrated a range of fascinating scientific concepts. The interactive show was filled with laughter, wonder and plenty of surprises. It was a fantastic reminder that science can be both educational and fun.

Remi and Nina

Awards

This week's Values Winners

Mitch B, Darcy W, Robert S, Paddy D.

Sapphire Respect Award

A big congratulations to Catherine, this week's recipient of our Sapphire Respect Award!

Catherine is a thoughtful and kind member of our school community who consistently shows respect to her peers and teachers.

Keep up the terrific work**!** We're proud to have you as a role model at our school

Specialist Respect Awards

This week's Specialist Awards have been proudly awarded to Hazel M, MW and Jude M 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 *Theo F, Leo K, FC, Dallas B and Natalie H* we are super proud of each of you!

SWPBS Silver Awards

Congratulations to Cleo C and Evie M.

This week, we were super excited to present two **SWPBS Silver Awards**. These learner legends have earned an impressive **60 Values Tickets**, reflecting their consistent commitment to our school values.

Congratulations, – we're so proud of you!

Kind Regards,

Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)

Ngaire King – Acting Principal (Friday)

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

Email:
Susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au
Ngaire.king@education.vic.gov.au

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 3	Wed 29 July Thurs 30 July Fri 31 July Fri 31 July	100 days of School – Foundation celebration Parent, teacher & student Conferences 3.30-7.30pm Parent, teacher & student Conferences 8.30-12.30pm Pupil Free day
Week 4	Mon 3 Aug	Kinder Excursion to BPS
Week 5	All week	Bullying No-way Week (11-15 Aug)
Week 6		No planned events
Week 7	All week Mon 24 Aug Fri 28 Aug	Book Week Beechworth and District Athletics Carnival (Albury) Book Week Parade & Grandparents Day
Week 8	Fri 4 Sept	Father's Day Breakfast
Week 9	Wed 9 Sept Thurs 10 Sept Fri 11 Sept	BPS Production night 1. (FAF, 12C, 12G & Senior Cast) BPS Production night 2. (FJA, 12D & Senior Cast) Grade ⅝ Write Around the Murray Excursion (Albury)
Week 10	Mon- Thurs	**Junior Swimming week**
Term 4		
Week 1	Mon 5 Oct	First Day for Term 4