Beechworth Primary School

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

Friday 31st July 2026
Term 3, Week 3

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 3 Newsletter.

It has been another busy and rewarding week at Beechworth Primary School, with our students embracing every opportunity to learn, grow and celebrate together. This week highlights included our Foundation students' wonderful 100 Days of School celebrations, as well as our recent Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences, which provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate each child's progress and discuss their learning goals for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to all the families who attended and for your continued partnership in supporting your child's learning. As we move further into the term, we also appreciate your support in helping to keep our school community healthy and engaged. Thank you for taking the time to stay connected with school life—we hope you enjoy this snapshot of the learning, achievements and special moments that make our school community so special.

Congratulations Piper!

Well that was quick! Piper was teaching in the classroom last Friday, and less than a week later she has become a mum to a gorgeous baby boy. We are delighted to share the wonderful news that **Ned Walton O'Reily** arrived safely yesterday, weighing **2.6 kg** and measuring **48 cm** long. Piper and baby are both doing very well, and we are thrilled for the whole family as they begin this exciting new chapter together.

On behalf of the Beechworth Primary School community, we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the O'Reily family. We look forward to meeting baby Ned when the time is right and wish them many happy and healthy moments ahead.

100 Days Brighter!

This week, our Foundation students celebrated an exciting milestone—100 days of learning, growing and making memories at school!

To mark the occasion, our youngest learners transformed into 100-year-olds for the day. With walking sticks, glasses, grey hair and plenty of hunched backs, they embraced their characters with enthusiasm as they hobbled through the school, visiting classrooms and bringing smiles and laughter to students and staff alike.

The fun continued with a walk to the Burke Museum, where students took part in the engaging *How Granny Lived* program, discovering what life was like many years ago. After all that exploring, a well-earned stop at the local bakery for an iced doughnut topped with 100s and 1000s was the perfect treat before walking back to school together.

It was a day filled with laughter, learning and lots of happy memories.

Congratulations to our wonderful Foundation students on reaching their first 100 days of school. We are so proud of everything they have achieved already and can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings. A special thank you to our dedicated Foundation teachers, Burke Museum and Beechworth Bakery for making the day so memorable and for creating such a fun and meaningful celebration for our youngest students.

Lions Junior Speaking Contest

On Sunday 19 July, two of our talented students proudly represented Beechworth Primary School in the Beechworth Lions Club Junior Speaking Contest.

This year's participants were:

- **Luke Sievert** – Year 3–4 section
- **Lucy Read** – Year 5–6 section

Both students spoke with confidence and represented our school with pride. We are especially thrilled to congratulate **Luke**, who was awarded first place in the Year 3–4 section. This fantastic achievement means Luke will now represent the Beechworth area at the Regional Speaking Contest in Benalla.

We wish Luke every success as he competes at the regional finals on **Sunday 16 August**. Congratulations to both Luke and Lucy on their wonderful efforts. We are incredibly proud of your courage, preparation and willingness to step up and share your voices with the community. Well done!

Health Update

We have recently been notified of confirmed cases of **whooping cough (pertussis)** in the Beechworth area. While there have been no confirmed cases at school, we ask families to remain vigilant and monitor children for symptoms. If your child is unwell, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are well enough to return.

It's that time of year again when colds, influenza and other winter viruses begin to circulate throughout our school community. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in illness among both students and staff over the beginning of the term. We have also noticed that some students and staff initially present with mild cold-like symptoms that develop into influenza or COVID over the following few days.

To help reduce the spread of illness, we kindly ask families to keep children at home if they are feeling unwell, even if their symptoms seem mild. Your support in doing this helps protect other students, staff and families, and we greatly appreciate your partnership in keeping our school community as healthy as possible.

Due to ongoing shortages of casual relief teachers across the region, it has also become increasingly difficult to secure replacement staff when teachers are absent. As a result, there may be occasional changes to timetables, particularly for specialist classes, and in some instances, we may need to temporarily split classes across the school to ensure appropriate supervision.

Homework Reminders

At Beechworth Primary School, we know that learning doesn't stop when the school day ends. The support and encouragement students receive at home plays an important role in building their confidence, independence and love of learning.

While we don't set compulsory daily homework, we strongly encourage families to make time for a few simple activities that can have a big impact on student learning:

- **Read every day** – Daily reading is one of the best ways to support literacy development. We encourage all students to read each day, with our junior students reading aloud to an adult whenever possible. The school provides take-home readers and library books to support this.
- **Read for enjoyment** – Sharing stories, exploring topics of interest and reading for pleasure helps build vocabulary, comprehension and a lifelong love of reading.
- **Practise mathematics** –
    - **Junior students** can actively engage in activities that require Mathematics skills such as cooking, playing board games, counting, adding and subtracting activities.
    - **Students in Year 3-6** can reinforce the skills they've been learning in class through **Essential Assessments > My Numeracy**. These short online activities provide valuable opportunities to build fluency and confidence. *(Login details were shared by classroom teachers at the beginning of the year. If you require a new login, please contact your child's teacher.)*

These small but consistent learning habits make a real difference. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's learning journey and helping them develop the skills and confidence to thrive.

Child Safety at BPS

At Beechworth Primary School, the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of every child is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to creating a school where every student feels safe, respected, valued and supported to learn and thrive.

Child safety is everyone's responsibility, and we work in partnership with families, students and our wider community to continually review and strengthen our child safety policies, practices and procedures. Our approach is guided by Victoria's **Child Safe Standards**, which help ensure we maintain a strong and proactive culture of child safety across our school.

These standards focus on:

- Partnering with students and families to promote child safety and wellbeing.
- Ensuring the safety, participation and inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- Creating culturally safe and inclusive environments for all children.
- Managing risks to children in both physical and online environments.
- Maintaining strong leadership, governance and processes that support child safety.

We are dedicated to providing a learning environment where every student feels safe, supported, and respected.

Our Child Safe policies are available on the BPS website, under the Policies and Information tab. We are happy to take feedback on these policies at all times via email to the school principal – susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au

If you have concerns for a child or need advice on how to support them, visit the homepage of our website and click the '**Parents and Carers advice for Protecting Children**' button. This link will take you directly to the PROTECT website, which offers helpful information and resources for families.

100 days of School

Awards

This week's Values Winners

Elizabeth H, Cayden G, Charlie H, Winter M.

Sapphire Respect Award

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

Xavier is a foundation student so it's great to see him learning and practicing all the qualities of respect at our school.

Keep up the terrific work**!** Well done Xavier.

Specialist Respect Awards

This week's Specialist Awards have been proudly awarded to Evelina N, Cayden G and Eddie N 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 *Evelyn T, Evy Romero, Lucas A, Zac W, Jasper C, Clancy K, Lachie P, Teddy B, VL, RK, Thomas C and Murphy D* we are super proud of each of you!

SWPBS Silver Awards

Congratulations to Evelina N, Bertie F, Eliza B and SE.

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)

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Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 3		
Week 4	Mon 3 Aug	Kinder Excursion to BPS – Foundation 2027 students
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 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

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BEECHWORTH SECONDARY COLLEGE
PRESENTS
ROCK OF AGES
YOUTH EDITION
SCAN FOR TICKET SALES
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST
6:30pm
SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST
MATINEE & EVENING
2:00pm
6:00pm
BEECHWORTH MEMORIAL HALL
Rock of Ages: Youth Edition is presented by arrangement with ORiGiNtm Theatrical on behalf of Concord Theatricals
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BEECHWORTH SECONDARY COLLEGE

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM
BREAKFAST CLUB
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME
DAYS: Days during Term 3
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
TIME: 8.30am to 9.00am
ROOM: Canteen
EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.

NELSON BOYS
are taking part in The Dream Run to help Aussie kids in need create a brighter future!
We're raising funds so the 1 in 6 Australian kids living in poverty get the chance to follow their dreams.
Please support our challenge!
Here's the link to our fundraising page:
THE DREAM RUN
The Smith Family
Learn today, change tomorrow.

PROPERTY ADVICE VISITS
15–16 AUGUST 2026
VARIOUS TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE
BOOK YOUR FREE PROPERTY VISIT
Prepare Today. Protect Tomorrow.
Book a Free Property Advice Visit with Your Local Fire Brigade.
About your local fire risk.
Plan and Prepare for Fire
What actions you can take
Realistic and adaptable fire plan.
REGISTER!
BEECHWORTH FIRE BRIGADE
BEECHWORTH T3