Beechworth Primary School

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

Thursday 2nd April 2026
Term 1, Week 10

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 10 Newsletter

We've made it to Week 10 — the final stretch of the term! It's been a busy and rewarding few weeks, and this is a great time to reflect on everything we've achieved together.

It's been wonderful to see the growth in both learning and confidence across the classes. From early challenges to recent successes, every student has made meaningful progress. This week, we'll take time to acknowledge those achievements and celebrate the effort everyone has put in.

The upcoming break is a well-earned opportunity to rest and recharge. We encourage students to relax, stay curious, and return refreshed for the new term ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the term — it truly makes a difference.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday!

BPS Athletics Carnival

We were treated to a great day for our Athletics Carnival this year—house colours, great energy, and plenty of excitement from start to finish!

Our Senior students (Years 3–6) enjoyed a full day of competition on the school oval, beginning with running races, followed by field events, and finishing with the always exciting relay races. Meanwhile, our Junior students joined in the fun on the oval in the morning, taking part in novelty races such as egg and spoon and balloon events. They then rotated through a series of engaging activities at the front of the school, keeping the fun and movement going all day long. The spirit among our House teams was truly something special, with enthusiastic cheering and support creating a strong sense of teamwork and camaraderie throughout the carnival.

It was wonderful to see so many families and friends come along to support and cheer on our students. Your encouragement made a real difference and added to the vibrant atmosphere of the day. We were incredibly proud of all students for the effort, determination, and outstanding sportsmanship they demonstrated across every event.

From start to finish, the day was filled with energy, smiles, and memorable moments. Thank you to Scott Forrest and Samantha for your organisation, and to everyone who attended and helped make our 2026 Athletics Carnival such a fantastic success!

Easter Events

What a fantastic way to wrap up Term 1!

Today we celebrated in style with our annual BPS Easter Hat Parade, and what a colourful, creative, and joy-filled event it was! The basketball court came alive as students proudly showed off their amazing hats—ranging from cute to quirky to completely over-the-top! A big thank you to families and friends who helped bring these wonderful creations to life. It was wonderful to see so many visitors, including younger siblings, joining in the fun.

The excitement didn't stop there! After the parade, we drew our Easter raffle, and wow—what a success it was! With so many lovely Easter parcels up for grabs, there were plenty of lucky winners. A huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously, and a very special shoutout to Maddie Dunstan for all her hard work organising the raffle. We're also proud to share that the funds raised will be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital.

To top it all off, our SRC treated students to an Easter egg hunt! Using funds they raised, they made sure every class could join in the fun. The buzz of excitement was everywhere as students searched high and low for their chocolate treasures—there were lots of smiles (and a bit of chocolatey excitement too!).

It was a day full of laughter, creativity, and celebration—an egg-cellent way to finish the term! Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a memorable occasion. Wishing all our families a happy and safe holiday break!

Awards

Kind Regards,
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Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 2		
Week 1	Mon 20 Apr	School Starts for all students
Week 2	Fri 1 May	BPS Cross Country
Week 3	Fri 8 May	Mothers Day Breakfast
Week 4	Mon/Wed/Thurs	Smile Squad at BPS
Week 5	Mon/Wed/Thurs Tues 19 May	Smile Squad at BPS 2027 Foundation OPEN DAY 9.30-3.00
Week 6	27 May - 3 June	National Reconciliation Week
Week 7	Fri 5 June	Student Free day - REPORT WRITING & ASSESSMENT
Week 8	Mon 8 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Week 9		No current planned events
Week 10	Fri 26 June	**Term 2 Concludes - 2:30 Finish**

Happy Easter!

Athletics Day

5/6 CAMP

OUR TRIP TO SOVEREIGN HILL

Last week our grade 5/6 students went all the way to Ballarat for their camp at Sovereign Hill. It was over 4 hours on the bus! We first got to explore and play tourists- we saw lollies being made, we made our own candles, did some shopping and had a mine tour. We also tried our hand at gold panning. Day 2 was the most exciting- we got to dress up in costume and experience what life would have been like as a child in 1854. We got to use slate and ink, play old fashioned games and think about the expectations of a child of the era. That night (after Ms James' trivia night) we got to go to the Aura sound and light show where the Eureka stockade came to life. It was fun feeling what it was like back in the 1850s- but we were happy to get back to the comforts of 2026!

SCHOOL PHOTOS – 2026

Our annual school photos have been taken and are now ready to order.

Arthur Reed Photos uses an online ordering system where you can view your photos prior to ordering.

Students will receive a flyer which includes a code unique to them - You will require this 2026 code to view and order your photos.

If you misplace your registration code, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or customerservice@arphotos.com.au

All photo packages will be sent directly to your nominated address, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

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Thankyou.

Beechworth Fire Brigade

Good Friday Appeal – A Message from your Beechworth Fire Brigade

The members of the Beechworth Fire Brigade are proud to once again support the Good Friday Appeal, raising vital funds for The Royal Children's Hospital.

This year marks an incredible milestone, with the Good Friday Appeal celebrating 95 years of supporting sick children and their families. For nearly a century, this appeal has helped provide life-saving care, equipment, and research, making a real difference in the lives of countless Victorian families.

Each year, our dedicated volunteers are out bright and early on Good Friday, collecting donations from the Beechworth community. We encourage all students, families, and staff to keep an eye out for our brigade members on Friday, 3 April. If you see us around town, please consider making a donation—every dollar truly counts.

The ongoing support from our local community, including schools, plays a huge role in the success of this appeal, and we are incredibly grateful.

Thank you for helping us celebrate 95 years of generosity and for continuing to support such an important cause.

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