Beechworth Primary School

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

**Friday 6th February**
**2026 Term 1, 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

We have an exciting and busy week ahead at Beechworth Primary School.

On Monday, we will hold our Leadership Assembly, where we will celebrate our student leaders and the important roles they play within our school community.

On Tuesday, we warmly invite all parents and carers to attend our Meet and Greet Night. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher and classroom Education Support staff member. At BPS, we value strong partnerships between school and home, as shared relationships help create the best possible environment to support your child's learning journey.

It's shaping up to be a fantastic week, and we look forward to seeing you involved in our school community.

## Leadership School Assembly- Badge Presentations

This year we will be holding our Leadership Assembly on Monday 9th February, commencing just after 9.00am. This will be our official Student School Leaders badge presentation assembly. Parents are invited to attend the assembly to see their child presented with their badge. Our whole school assemblies are usually held each Monday morning at 9.05 am in the BER building (the new building).

## Meet and Greet - Tuesday 10th February from 4:30–6:00pm.

Welcome to Beechworth Primary School in 2026! We're looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and welcoming the new at our 2026 Meet & Greet on Tuesday 10th February from 4:30–6:00pm.

This event will look a little different from our annual Family Fun Night. Instead, it's designed as a relaxed, friendly, and welcoming opportunity for families to connect with their child's teacher(s) in a less formal setting than parent–teacher interviews — think conversations, smiles, and plenty of chances to feel connected at our school.

Families are invited to:

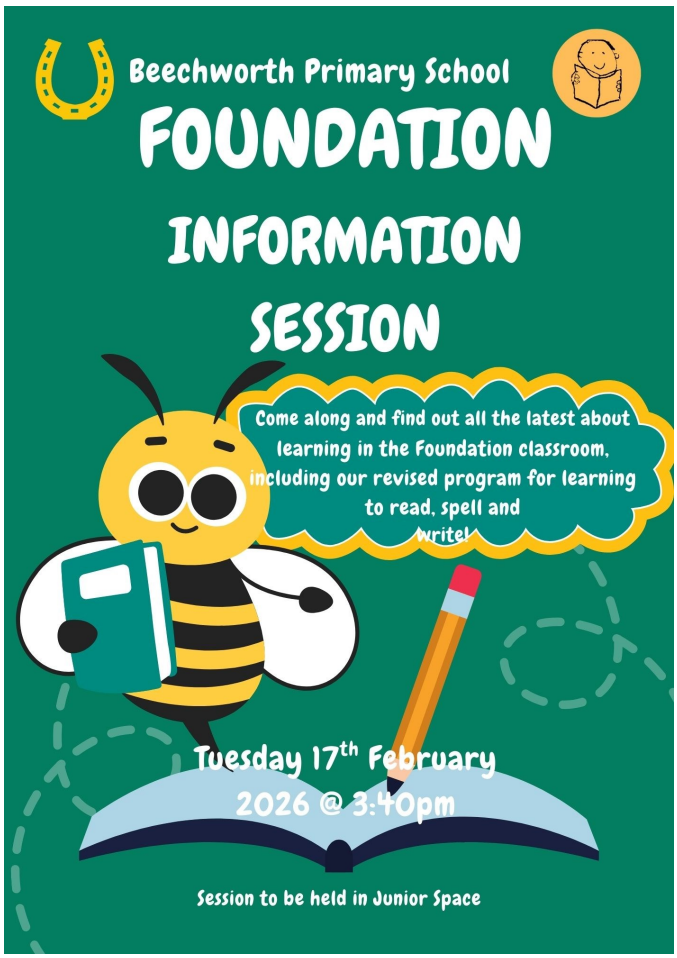
- Step into classrooms and explore learning spaces
- Enjoy a conversation with your child or children's teachers
- Connect with other BPS community members, and

Take a wander through our beautiful school.
We've scheduled the event from 4:30–6:00pm to support working families, but there's absolutely no pressure to stay the whole time. Drop in when it suits you, connect with teachers, and head to the front of the school to grab a sausage or a Zooper Dooper while meeting other families from our wonderful school community.

We are thrilled to welcome you to BPS in 2026 and look forward to seeing you, sharing conversations, and starting the year together at our Meet & Greet.

## Foundation Education Information Night – Tuesday 17 February

We are excited to invite all families of our Foundation students to our **Foundation Education Information Night** on **Tuesday 17th February**, commencing at **3.40pm**. This event is a great opportunity to learn more about the exciting teaching and learning experiences your child will have in their first year at Beechworth Primary School.




**Julie and Airley** will be sharing insights into what your child will be learning, along with practical tips on how you can support their educational journey at home. We'll also introduce our **phonics program**, which plays a key role in supporting reading, spelling, and writing skills.

Each family will receive a **Foundation Resource Pack** to help guide and support you through the year ahead.

We encourage all Foundation families to attend and look forward to seeing you there!

## Proudly Wearing Our BPS Uniform

It has been wonderful to see our students looking proud and polished in their Beechworth Primary School uniforms. Wearing our uniform not only promotes a sense of belonging and school pride, but also fosters equality among students.

The School Council has carefully designed our uniforms with comfort, flexibility, ease of care, and affordability in mind, ensuring that our students feel both confident and comfortable. Additionally, our uniforms align with SunSmart recommendations to help keep our students safe under the sun.

With that in mind we just wanted to remind our school community:

- **HATS:** In line with both SunSmart and the School policy we remind you that Term 1 means - NO Hat, NO play. Hats worn to school are expected to be the BPS school full-brimmed hats. These are available from the school office for $15.00 (cost price), or at the Uniform Zone shop in Wangaratta. I hear they are a little more expensive, but they do have the ability to embroider the name on the back of the hat.

- **SHORTS:** A reminder that **shorts should be of a reasonable length** in line with our uniform policy, promoting a neat and respectful appearance for all. These should be black or grey school shorts.

- **Items of clothing NOT suitable for school wear include: Football shorts or short running or sport shorts, Baseball caps, hooded tops of any style and unsafe footwear.**

If your child is out of uniform, please communicate the reason by note or email to your child's teacher. Students out of uniform will be provided with a reminder note to take home. Further information about the **Student Dress Code Policy** is available on the school website.

Thank you for supporting our school community by ensuring your child wears their uniform with pride!

Our School uniform suppliers are B-CUT and Steers.

B-CUT

Border Corporate Uniform & Trade Wear

1/5 Watson Street,

Wodonga

02 6056 3413

Steers Co

52 Norton Street

Wangaratta

03 5721 7773

## Photo Permissions

As part of our efforts to celebrate and share the wonderful moments and achievements of our students, Beechworth Primary School often takes photos throughout the year for use in newsletters, the school website and other promotional materials.

Before using images of your child, we seek your permission. These forms were sent out yesterday. If you have not yet returned the photo permission form, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible. This helps us ensure that we are respecting your preferences when it comes to sharing images of your child. If you have any concerns or need a new form, please contact the school office.

**Personal Photography**

Beechworth Primary School requests that parents/carers, students and invited guests who photograph, film or record school activities only do so for their own personal use and do not publish the images in any form, including on social media, without the prior consent of persons whose children also appear in the images.

Neither the school nor the department own or control any images of students taken by parents/carers, students or their invited guests at school activities.

## Thursday 19 February -District Swimming Carnival - Beechworth Pool

We have 22 students representing the school in the District Swimming Carnival. Parents of students who have made it to this level should have received a permission note. Students will be walking down to the pool with Ms Kable. Mrs King , Samantha and Ryley will also be at the pool supporting the event.

## CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) Application Form

The **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** is provided by the Victorian Government to help eligible families cover the costs of school camps, sports and excursions.

To be eligible to receive CSEF you must be receiving Centrelink benefits. This is in the form of a Health Care Card, Pension Card or Gold Card.

If you believe you are eligible please contact the school office to obtain a form and return it to the office with a copy of your Centrelink Card.

If you have a new student to add to your current claim please complete a new CSEF form also.

Please return this completed form to the school by the requested date.

If you require assistance or have questions about CSEF, please contact the school office.

Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald -Principal
Ngaire King – Acting Principal (Monday)

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| Week | Date, Time | Event/ Activity |
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| **Term 1** | | |
| **Week 3** | Mon 9 Feb<br>Tues 10 Feb<br>Wed 11 Feb | Leadership Presentation Assembly<br>Whole School Meet and Greet night (4.30-6.00pm)<br>No school for Foundation students – individual testing only |
| **Week 4** | Tues 17 Feb<br>Wed 18 Feb<br>Thurs 19 Feb | Foundation Learning Information Session (3.40-5.00pm)<br>School Council (5.30-7.30pm)<br>District Swimming Carnival |
| **Week 5** | | Currently no planned events |
| **Week 6** | | Currently no planned events |
| **Week 7** | Mon 9 Mar<br>Wed 11 Mar<br>Wed 11 – Fri 13 Mar | Labour Day Public Holiday<br>Foundation students commence Wednesday attendance<br>NAPLAN for year 3 and 5 students |
| **Week 8** | Wed 18 Mar<br>Fri 20 Mar | School Council – AGM<br>Harmony Day |
| **Week 9** | Wed – Fri | Year 5 and 6 Ballarat Camp |
| **Week 10** | Wed 1 Apr<br>Thurs 2 Apr | BPS Athletics Carnival<br>Easter Hat Parade & Last day for Term 1 (2.30pm finish) |

**Beechworth Primary School Office Hours are:**

**Monday – Friday 8.30 – 4.00**

Samantha: Mon – Fri,

Kirsty: Tues & Wed,

**TheirCare (Before & After School care at BPS)**

Beechworth PS Service and Bookings: Ph: 0447 717 055

On Monday, we proudly hosted our first assembly in our Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). It was wonderful to see the space in action and to gather together in a room designed for connection, collaboration, and celebration.