Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

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

Friday 27th February
2026 Term 1, Week 5

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 5 Newsletter.

This week brings us to the mid-way point in the term. Our Term is certainly running away from us.

Principal Long Service Leave

Over the next two weeks (2 – 13 March), I will be taking Long Service Leave. During this time, **Ngaire King** will be Acting Principal.

I am confident the school will continue to run smoothly under Ngaire's leadership and I thank her for stepping into the role during my absence. I look forward to returning refreshed and ready to finish the term out.

2026 School Council Nominations – NOW OPEN!

School Council contributes towards the direction our school takes and is an important component in ensuring the big picture is achieved. Each year, we ask parents to nominate for positions on Council, to help us achieve our parent membership.

This year, we have 4 open positions available (each position has a duration of 2 years). If you wish to be part of the governing board of our school, please drop by the office and pick-up a School Council Nomination form. School Council is a great way of being involved in many Beechworth Primary School initiatives. Forms will be required to be returned to the School Office. Nominations close Monday 2nd of March.

School Photos – Friday 13 March

A quick little reminder that Friday 13th March will be our 2026 School photo day.

School Photo Day

March Friday the 13th

Library Books – Reminder

We currently have a large number of overdue library books.

Please be reminded that books may be borrowed from the school library for two weeks. If students have not finished reading their book by this time, they are very welcome to renew it for a further loan period. This is easily done by letting Chez know that they wish to extend their book.

We appreciate your support in ensuring books are returned or renewed promptly so they can be enjoyed by all students.

2026 NAPLAN

As you may be aware, the NAPLAN testing window is approaching. NAPLAN has a test window from Wednesday 11th March – Friday 20th March. However, with our school schedule we aim to have all tests finalised within 4 school days. Standardised tests are a snapshot of a student's academic progress on a given day.

Beechworth Primary School endeavours to provide a supporting and non-threatening approach to the tests. Parents with concerns regarding NAPLAN, or who wish to withdraw their child will need to speak directly with their child's teacher, or to Scott Forrest, the school's NAPLAN coordinator. Please note that to support the resources of headphones, we ask that your child is prepared for the test window, by bringing a pair of headphones to plug into the computer. Bluetooth headphones are NOT compatible with the Lockdown browser, so headphones will need to have a cable and plug. The ones purchased on your child's current, or previous years, stationary packs will be suitable.

Today, Year 3 and Year 5 students will have brought home an information letter and brochure with more detailed information regarding this year's NAPLAN online. Please ensure, as parents and carers, you are well informed and contact us for any further questions or clarification you might have.

Acknowledging Positive Behaviour Choices

Acknowledging and reinforcing positive behaviour choices through a consistent whole-school approach is a key part of the SWPBS (School-wide Positive Behaviour Support) philosophy. At Beechworth Primary School, Values Tickets are awarded to students who demonstrate our school values – Respect, Safety, Persistence and Caring.

When students reach a pre-determined number of tickets, they are further acknowledged with a choice of classroom rewards (agreed upon between the classroom teacher and students), as well as a Values Certificate for reaching 30, 60, and 100 tickets.

Positive verbal reinforcement, along with Values Tickets, can be awarded by any teacher to any student in both classroom and non-classroom settings.

Each week, our SRC counts and records the Values Tickets, and during assembly, we draw a lucky winner for each value. The winning students then receive a Values Wristband. This is a fun way to celebrate and reward students for consistently demonstrating our school values!

Specialist Awards

Congratulations to our specialist students for their outstanding efforts and respect in Stem, art & PE this week.

Congratulations Edie on being drawn from the whole school focus bucket! This Term we are focusing on caring - using kid words and actions. Edie show this value every day. You're such a wonderful, caring friend to others inside and outside the classroom.

Bringing Toys and Personal Items to School

We understand that students may sometimes bring toys or personal items to school. However, please note:

- Toy guns, weapons or other aggressive toys are not permitted at school and they may need to be confiscated and stored safely in the office until the end of the day.
- To avoid issues, we encourage students not to bring valuable or sentimental items, such as expensive electronics, jewellery, or personal keepsakes.
- If valuable/precious items are brought to school, for show and tell they should be given to a teacher for safe storage until time to share.
- The school and the Department of Education do not provide insurance for personal items.
- We cannot take responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 1		
Week 6	Wed 4 Mar	No school for Foundation students – individual testing only
Week 7	Mon 9 Mar Wed 11 Mar Wed 11 – Fri 13 Mar Fri 13 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday Foundation students commence Wednesday attendance NAPLAN for year 3 and 5 students School Photo day
Week 8	Wed 18 Mar Fri 20 Mar	School Council – AGM Harmony Day BPS Op Shop Ball & Trivia Night 7:30pm onwards
Week 9	Wed – Fri	Year 5 and 6 Ballarat Camp
Week 10	Wed 1 Apr Thurs 2 Apr	BPS Athletics Carnival 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– Thurs.

TheirCare (Before & After School care at BPS)

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Kind Regards,
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OP SHOP BALL
&
TRIVIA NIGHT
FRIDAY MARCH 20TH @ 7:30PM
BEECHWORTH MEMORIAL HALL

After the incredible success of the first BPS Op Shop Ball in 2024, the Beechworth Parents and Friends Association (PAFA) are thrilled to announce we're hosting a second Op Shop Ball & Trivia Night!
Our legendary **quizmasters Dane and Cuff are back**, and we'll be hitting the dance floor with an **epic DJ set from DJane Doe**.

This Year's Theme: Op shop: Back to the Jungle
Think animal prints, safari vibes, or even your best Jumanji hunter-inspired look!

What's in Store?

- Trivia (and a chance to beat the BPS staff!)
- Prizes for Best Dressed
- Silent Auction
- DJ set from DJane Doe

Event Details

- BYO drinks, table snacks, glassware and crockery
- (This event isn't catered, please have dinner at home or BYO picnic supplies)
- Trivia teams of 8–10 people welcome
- Arrive with your team organised, or join a table on the night — we're very relaxed and will make sure everyone has a spot!

Tix $25 - SEE COMPASS UPDATES TO PURCHASE

Want to Get Involved?
If you're able to:

- Help out on the night
- Donate a prize for our Silent Auction
- Join PAFA

Please scan our WhatsApp QR code and get in touch — we'd love to hear from you!

BPS PAFA 2025
WhatsApp group

BMF Productions Present

Spring Ditch!

A Day Of Music & Family Fun
At The Stanley Sports Ground!

Sat 7th March 2026

Queen of Hearts DRMNGNOW
Amaya Laucirica The Lulublues
The Skabhangers
DJ Jane Doe DJ Prof
MC John Walker

Great Food & Drinks + Regular Beechworth Shuttle Bus
*Plus! Heaps of Family Fun...***The Golden Boot Toss**
Kid's Olympiad - Jamswells Open Mic Stage
The Spinning Wheel - Facepainting - Tennis
Cat's Pyjamas - Old School Games - Golf Putting
Painting & Arts - Chainsaw Art Demonstration
Competitions - Memorabilia - Exhibitions
Kid's Zone - Roving Performers *& Stacks More!*

Tickets On Sale Now
springditch.com

INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respect to their Elders past and present. We celebrate and respect their culture and the memory of their ancestors.
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