Beechworth Primary School

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

Friday 6th March 2026
Term 1, Week 6

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 6 Newsletter.
Week 6 has been another busy and productive week at Beechworth Primary School.

Many of our teachers have been attending professional learning this week with a focus on *Leading Maths*, with further professional development on *Classroom Dynamics* scheduled for next week. We are incredibly fortunate to have access to such high-quality professional learning opportunities within our region. The learning and collaboration that occurs during these sessions directly supports improved outcomes for our students.

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) has also been busy preparing for our upcoming **Harmony Day** celebration on Friday 20 March. Students are already sharing some wonderful ideas and enthusiasm for the day. We look forward to sharing more information with our community soon.

The playground has been full of creativity this week following the delivery of new bark for our playgrounds. Students have been busy building, creating and enjoying the beautiful signs of autumn beginning to appear around our school grounds.

This week we were also pleased to have a split-system air conditioner/heater installed in our new Year 4/5 learning space. Miss Pritchard and her class have taken great pride in their new classroom and have shown wonderful ownership of the space.

Next week will be another full one with **NAPLAN** taking place from Wednesday to Friday and **SCHOOL PHOTOS** scheduled for Friday 13 March.

This coming **Wednesday 11th of March** will be our 2026 Foundation students first Wednesday at school. Our wonderful Foundation teachers have completed their literacy and numeracy assessments and are excited to welcome our Foundation students to full time days at school. Well done Foundation students on your first 6 weeks of school!

With the long weekend ahead, I wish all members of our school community a safe and happy break filled with connection, rest and fun.

Kind Regards,
Ngaire King
Acting Principal

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 headphones resources, 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.

Athletics Day

Our annual Athletics Day will be **Wednesday 1st of April!** We are keen to continue practicing our athletic skills with Mr. Forrest in PE and to enjoying the day together in our houses.

PAFA Op Shop Ball & Trivia Night

An incredibly talented group of humans make up our Parents and Friends Association (PAFA). They are currently coordinating a entertaining night of trivia and laughter for our community at the Beechworth Memorial Hall on the 20th of March. Everyone is welcome please see details below. Heathy competition is encouraged

Library Books – Reminder

We currently have many 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.

Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 1		
Week 7	Mon 9 Mar Wed 11 Mar Wed 11 – Fri 13 Mar Fri 13 Mar	**Labour Day Public Holiday – No School** 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** PAFA 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)

Acknowledging Positive Behaviour Choices

From the SRC

Great news everyone! Our school has filled the whole-school Focus Tube for Respect!
We have loved seeing so many students showing respect in the classroom, in the playground and around our school.
Because of everyone's great efforts, we have reached our goal!
To celebrate, our whole-school reward will be Taking our Learning Outside!

Get ready to enjoy you're learning in our awesome environment!
Thank you to everyone for showing Respect and helping us fill the tube. Lets see what value tube we can fill next!

AWARDS

Congratulations Pyper on being drawn from the whole school focus bucket! This Term we are focusing on caring - using kind words and actions. Pyper continues to support our school through her SRC role and is always a caring peer within our classroom.

Maths is Fun in 1/2D

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

In STEM this week we made Quick & Easy Dinner rolls

Give them a go this long weekend!

Soft, fluffy rolls made in under an hour

Ingredients

- ¾ cup warm water
- ½ tablespoon active dry yeast
- ½ tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon oil (neutral oil such as canola)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ - 2 cups all purpose flour

Method

1. In a bowl add the warm water. Sprinkle yeast and sugar on top and let sit for about 5 minutes until bubbly.
2. Add oil, salt and 1½ cups flour. Mix and gradually add more flour until the dough pulls away from the bowl.
3. Knead the dough for 4-5 minutes until soft, smooth and slightly tacky.
4. Divide the dough into 4 pieces and roll each piece into a ball.
5. Place rolls on a greased tray and cover with a clean towel. Let rise 30-45 minutes until doubled in size.
6. Bake at 190°C for 14-17 minutes until lightly golden.
7. Brush with butter and serve warm.

Notes

Makes 4 large rolls or 6 dinner rolls.

Tip: The recipe can easily be doubled or tripled for a bigger batch.

LOCAL ADULTS CONFIRM THEY WILL "ABSOLUTELY DOMINATE" PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT DESPITE MIXED HISTORICAL RESULTS

BEECHWORTH, VIC — Confidence is reportedly high across the region this week, as fully grown adults prepare to compete at the upcoming BPS Op Shop Ball & Trivia Night on Friday March 20 at the Beechworth Memorial Hall.

Early reports suggest at least six separate teams believe they are "quietly the smartest table in the room," despite last year's incident involving a heated disagreement over the Southern Hemisphere's largest desert.

The event, themed Back to the Jungle, is expected to attract record numbers of leopard print, safari hats and "this-was-$4-and-I-regret-nothing" outfits.

Local sources confirm:

- Dane & Cuff will once again deliver trivia questions that feel "personally targeted"
- The silent auction will not be silent
- Someone will take Best Dressed far more seriously than anticipated
- The dance floor will fill immediately once DJane Doe plays a song everyone pretends they don't love

Organisers have reiterated that the event is, in fact, a vital fundraiser for BPS — meaning every $25 ticket directly supports the school, even if attendees leave questioning their general knowledge and/or outfit choices.

Community members are encouraged to:

Secure tickets immediately.

Assemble a team of 8–10 equally overconfident adults, or come solo and we'll find you a spot

Stop assuming "it won't sell out."

Experts warn that failure to attend may result in severe next-day FOMO and having to hear someone else say, "Oh you didn't go…you wouldn't get it." Tickets available now. Jungle chaos imminent.

BUY TICKETS HERE

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTAIN BIKE INTERSCHOOLS AT THREDBO

Ted Pr[redacted]d, Hugh and Eleanor Mc[redacted]n represented Beechworth Primary School at the Australian mountain bike interschools at Thredbo this week.

This was a school event and they represented Beechworth Primary School with incredible sportsmanship and really held there own against other schools.
What a fantastic effort and opportunity for the three competitors.
WELL DONE!

They each participated in 3 events and did incredibly well. They were called Specialised All Mountain, Foxx Flow and Maxxis Pump.

Eleanor held her own in the division 4 girls, rising to the occasion in every single race.

Ted and Hugh managed to take out second place for Beechworth Primary on day one for division 5 boys

BPS at the Golden Horseshoes Parade!

Easter Saturday 2pm we would love any interested students to come join us walking in the parade. Wear school uniform and something gold! Our face painters will be madly face painting participants before the parade begins.

Please meet teachers at the marshalling area by 1:45 so that we are ready to go!

GOLDEN HORSESHOES
EASTER WEEKEND
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