Beechworth Primary School

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

Friday 13th March 2026
Term 1, Week 7

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 7 Newsletter.

This week our whole school focus has been persistence *challenging ourselve*s, sticking with learning when it feels tricky, and celebrating the progress that comes from effort. It has been wonderful to see students across the school embracing this mindset in many different ways.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students showed fantastic persistence while completing their NAPLAN assessments this week. We are incredibly proud of the calm and focused way they approached the tests, giving their best effort and supporting one another throughout the process. Even with all the technical difficulties!

Our Year 5/6 students also had the exciting opportunity to participate in an Author's Workshop this week. Students explored creative writing ideas, stretched their imaginations, and challenged their thinking as authors. It was inspiring to see them take risks with their writing and develop new ideas and perspectives.

In the junior school, students have been working on their *Friendology* booklets. These activities encourage students to think deeply about friendships, including understanding "Friendship Fires" and recognising mean-on-purpose behaviour. It has been fantastic to see our younger students reflecting on how they can build positive, respectful relationships with their peers.

A warm welcome back to Mrs Mac! We missed you while you were away and hope you had a relaxing and refreshing break.

Looking ahead, Harmony Day will be celebrated next Friday. Our SRC students have been working hard to organise a wonderful day focused on friendship, belonging, and celebrating the diversity within our school community. We look forward to sharing this special day together.

Finally, school photos are taking place today. We can't wait to see the finished results, no doubt there will be plenty of cheesy grins and happy BPS students captured!

Thank you to our students, staff, and families for another positive week at school.

Kind Regards,

Ngaire King

Acting Principal

BPS School Council - Call for 1 New Member

We are currently seeking **1 more new member to join our School Council**. School Council plays an important role in supporting the direction and success of our school, and it is a great way to be involved in the BPS community.

If you are interested in contributing your ideas and supporting our school, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office for more information.

2026 NAPLAN

A big 'WELL DONE' to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this week. It was fantastic to see so many calm, focused learners giving their best effort across a range of assessments.

Students were assessed in Reading, Writing, Numeracy, and Language Conventions, and throughout the week it was clear how committed they were—rereading questions carefully, searching for evidence in texts, and working through their calculations with persistence.

Most of our Year 3 students will complete their testing on Friday. Due to some technical issues with the assessment platform earlier in the week, our Year 5 students will complete their Reading assessment on Monday.

We are very proud of the way all students approached NAPLAN and demonstrated our school values in action.

Harmony Day

Next Friday we will be celebrating Harmony Day at Beechworth Primary School.

Harmony Day is a national celebration that recognises Australia's cultural diversity and promotes the message that "everyone belongs." It is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate respect, inclusion, and friendship.

Our SRC students have been working hard to plan a range of fun activities for the day that will focus on kindness, connection and celebrating the many backgrounds and stories that make up our BPS community.

Students are encouraged to **wear orange,** the official colour of Harmony Day, which represents social communication and meaningful conversations. We look forward to a joyful day of learning, friendship and celebrating what makes our school such a welcoming place for everyone.

Athletics Day

Our annual Athletics Day will be **Wednesday 1**st of April, under Mr. Forrest's guidance, students have been practicing key athletics events, building their technique, confidence and teamwork along the way.

Trivia Night

https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/the-beechworth-primary-school-op-shop-ball-trivia-night

Please use the link to purchase your tickets for the upcoming PAFA Trivia Night. It will be at the Beechworth Memorial Hall on the 20th of March. Everyone is welcome please see details below for a fun night or laughter.

Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 1		
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)
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

Kind Regards,
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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.

GET YOU TICKETS HERE: https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/the-beechworth-primary-school-op-shop-ball-trivia-night

BPS 2ND HAND UNIFORMS

Donations accpeted

Have you got old uniforms that are still in great condition, no longer fit and are gathering dust . Why not donate them to the school office for the 2nd hand uniforms.

We currently have a large amount of size 4, 6 and 10 however we would really appreciate some larger sizes. (Gold Coin donation)

If you know any past students that have items to donate we would appreciate you passing on this message.

WE ACCEPT

- Polos
- Hats
- Shorts
- Pants
- Jumpers/ Vests
- Bags

Every Thursday and Friday we head to the canteen and cut up fruit for everyone. We love cutting the fruit for everyone! Working with Ally is super fun because she's funny and help us out when needed.

by Ted and Archie

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!

5/6 Writer's Workshop with Corinne Fenton

This week, Grade 5/6 was lucky to participate in a full-day workshop with picture book author Corinne Fenton as part of the PETAA Young Writers Program, a collaboration between Primary English Teaching Association Australia and the Victorian Department of Education as part of the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series.

Corinne Fenton is an award-winning Australian children's author based in Melbourne. She is well known for her heart-warming picture books, many of which feature animals and are inspired by real events in Australian history. Her books, including Queenie, Bob the Railway Dog, and Lionel and Me, have received recognition from the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Corinne walked us through her writer's process and talked us through the particular challenges of writing a picture book. She gave us fun writing prompts to explore and led us in a 'writing in the real'- where we got to go and write outside! She was also gracious enough to share the first ever read through of her new book- a book that hasn't even been published yet!

VicSES OPEN DAY AND VOLUNTEER INFO SESSION

On Sunday 29 March 12.30pm-3.00pm, Beechworth SES is inviting families to an Open Day at their unit at 1 Radcliffe Road, Beechworth (off Diffey Road).

First Aid, radio communications, casualty handling, knots, search and rescue, as well as face paint, colouring in, temporary tattoos…. there will be **activity stations for kids and adults** alike.

Take a selfie with our Search and Rescue Truck and take the chance to chat to our members about our equipment, what we do (and how), and about becoming a volunteer to help the community we love to live in.

Our Volunteer Info Session will start at 2.30pm, and before that, you can enjoy some delicious Mexican food from **Frankly Food Van**.

We would love to see you there!

Enquiries: beechworth@ses.vic.gov.au