Beechworth Primary School

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Friday 27th March 2026
Term 1, Week 9

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 9 Newsletter

What a big week it has been! From navigating our first AEU strike in 13 years to heading straight into the Ballarat camp for our Year 5 and 6 students, it has certainly been a busy and eventful time for our school community.

We sincerely appreciate the understanding, patience, and support shown by our families on Tuesday. We know that strike days can be disruptive, and we are grateful for the way our community came together during this time. Taking industrial action is never an easy decision for our staff—it is always a last resort when we feel that our concerns about supporting students and schools are not being adequately heard.

Our staff—both Teachers and Education Support—are deeply passionate and committed to providing the best possible outcomes for our students. Their dedication to our school and genuine care for each child is something we are incredibly proud of.

Welcome to the Jungle - BPS Op Shop Trivia Night

What a wild night! A huge thank you to our incredible PAFA group for putting together another unforgettable Trivia Night. This year's jungle theme was an absolute standout—there was leopard print everywhere you looked, and the room was buzzing with energy from the moment the doors opened.

The battle for the title of "cleverest group" was fierce, with plenty of laughs, friendly rivalry, and a few very confident answers (some more accurate than others!). More importantly, the night was filled with fun, connection, and a fantastic sense of community. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, along with members of our wider community, all coming together to enjoy the evening.

A big shout out to Dane and Cuff for delivering a brilliant trivia program that kept everyone on their toes, and to DJane Doe for keeping the dance floor alive—there were definitely some impressive moves on display!

Special thanks to Bethany for her epic jungle-themed movie round. The student-created film clips were an absolute highlight—creative, clever, and very entertaining. Hollywood, watch out… we've got some serious talent coming through!

Thank you to the Indigo Shire for the generous grant of $1,000 to support our event. A massive thank you to our wonderful local businesses who supported our event through donations: Balance, Beechworth Bakery, Beechworth Honey, Beechworth Ice Creamery, Best Western – Travel Inn Hotel Carlton, Bridge Road Brewers, Giaconda, Goldfields Greengrocer, Last St, Mitre 10, Rose Paton Photography, Stanley Pub, Tiny, Vignerons Schmölzer and Brown, Walter – Hair Salon Beechworth. The event raised over $3500 to support our BPS STEM program and our up coming BPS Production! Thank you all for coming out and supporting us.

All in all, it was a roaring success and a night to remember!

Ballarat Camp - Year 5 & 6

Our senior students headed off bright and early on Wednesday morning, full of excitement and anticipation for their Ballarat camp. After arriving and settling in, they wasted no time getting into the spirit of the goldfields, heading straight to the creek after lunch to try their hand at gold panning—an experience that was both fun and memorable for all.

Throughout the camp, students were immersed in life as it was during the gold rush, staying onsite at Sovereign Hill and gaining a real sense of what life was like for children in that era. They explored underground mine tours, tested their skills with old-fashioned bowling, and took part in a range of engaging, hands-on activities that brought history to life.

One of the highlights was the evening Sound and Light show, which vividly told the story of the goldfields and left a lasting impression on students. There may have also been a visit to the famous lolly shop, which was certainly a popular stop!

A particularly unique experience was attending school as it would have been in the past. Students dressed in traditional old-fashioned clothing and stepped into the shoes of children from the gold rush era—an opportunity only available to school groups and one that sparked both curiosity and plenty of smiles.

It has been a rich and rewarding experience, filled with learning, laughter, and new memories. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return tonight!

Easter Events

Easter Hat Parade: We will be hosting our Easter Hat parade on Thursday the 2nd April. Students and families are encouraged to make an Easter Hat at home for the parade. It's a time old tradition of Beechworth Primary school to have the parade which kicks off at 9:10 am. This year we will hold it on the Senior Basketball Courts at the front of the school. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Raffle: Thank you to the families who have already donated to the Easter Hampers. Keep your donations coming in this week. All students have been distributed raffle tickets. Thank you to those who have already returned your raffle tickets.

Kind Regards,
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Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 1		
Week 10	Wed 1 Apr Thurs 2 Apr	BPS Athletics Carnival – commencing at 9.10am 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

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours

BPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

With the oval covered in fresh green grass (well... mostly) and sunshine forecast, we are all set for this year's BPS Athletics Carnival.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL (FOUNDATION - YEAR 2)

We will begin at 9:10am.

The junior athletics program focuses on participation and fun. We will start in the middle of the oval (near the cricket pitch), where students will take part in:

- Running races
- Egg and spoon races
- The always entertaining balloon race

After a quick drink break, students will move to the basketball courts to complete activities including:

- Frisbee throwing
- Hurdles
- Beanbag toss
- Foxtail throwing

The Junior Carnival will finish at approximately 11:00am.

MIDDLE & SENIOR CARNIVAL (YEARS 3-6)

The Middle and Senior program is also designed to encourage participation and enjoyment, while giving students the opportunity to qualify for the District Athletics Carnival in Term 3 (date TBC).
This year, we will begin with the field events, giving students the chance to participate in:

- Long jump
- Triple jump
- Discus
- Shot put
- 200m

These events will run for most of the day. After second break, at 1:55pm,we will finish with the 100m races and the relays. (Also, their will be the annual Teachers VS Leaders VS Parents VS Secondary College relay event to end the day.)

PLEASE NOTE:

- The 800m races for Year 3–6 will be held on Monday afternoon, starting at 2:30pm.
- District team selection will occur later, after reviewing student distances and times. Students will be notified about their events late Term 2.

<u>SCHOOL PHOTOS – 2026</u>

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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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 FESTIVAL BEECHWORTH

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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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