Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

Respectful, Safe, Persistent, Caring ... Always!

Friday 24 April 2026
Term 2, Week 1

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 back to BPS for Term 2.
We have been blessed this week to start the Term with gorgeous Autumn weather.

Footy is back at BPS—and it's already bringing plenty of energy, excitement, and big smiles to the yard!

It's been fantastic to see so many students getting involved, having a go, and enjoying time with their friends. Whether it's a lunchtime kick, a quick handball game, or practising skills, footy is a great way for our students to stay active and connected.

As we jump back into the season, we're reminding everyone about the importance of kind words and actions. Footy is at its best when everyone feels included, supported, and encouraged - win, lose, or draw. Cheering each other on, sharing the ball, and showing good sportsmanship are what make the game fun for everyone.

We're proud of how our students are embracing the spirit of the game and look forward to seeing lots more positive play throughout the term.

Game on, BPS! 🏉

Mother's Day Breakfast Celebration

It's that special time of year again - time to celebrate our wonderful mothers! We would love you to join us for our Annual Mother's Day Breakfast as we come together to show appreciation for all the love, care, and support they give every day.

Please note that this year we have made a small adjustment to our menu. Our fruit salad will be offered in a slightly reduced size and is priced at $5.00.

We're also excited to offer delicious ham and cheese croissants—fresh, warm, and perfect for a cozy breakfast treat.

We look forward to celebrating with you and making this Mother's Day a memorable one!

Victorian High Ability Program (VHAP)

We are very excited to share that two of our students were selected for the VHAP for Term 2! A big congratulations to Tessa, Hazel, Sage and Mateo for their outstanding achievements and selection into this prestigious program.

The VHAP enables high-ability students in Years 5-8, at Victorian State Schools, to be challenged and extended in their learning. The Extension programs that the form of an online classroom from across Victoria. They are 10 weeks in length and are run online by a high ability trained teacher, with the support of a BPS teacher. The VHAP offers the students the opportunity to explore and express their ideas freely, be inspired and challenged by each other, and to feel excited about their learning.

Places in the program are offered through a VHAP department selection process based on high NAPLAN achievement and teacher judgements in the student's school reports, to those who have performed to a high level in a learning area.

Notify the school of your child's absence

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence. Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Please remember to call the school on log your child's absence using our school's IT platform, **Compass**, or call **5728 1066** early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absence please read our Attendance Policy available on the BPS website.

ANZAC Day – Saturday

We would love our students to join us in the Beechworth ANZAC Day March this Saturday. We will meet at the Honey Shop on the Corner of Ford Street at 10.45am, ready to march at 11.00am. Students who are marching should be in school uniform. The march will be followed by the ANZAC Day Service at the Cenotaph at 11.30, where our School Captains will present a floral wreath on behalf of the school.

BPS Cross Country Next Friday

We would love our school community to come down to the school oval next Friday to cheer on our Cross Country runners. The Cross Country will be run from just after 9 am until 11am, commencing with the junior classes and working our way up to the Year 6 students.

Year 6 to 7 Transition

This week all Year 6 students took home a Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack 2026-27. Please ensure you have read all the important information in this pack and complete the enrolment papers and return them to the school office before **Friday the 8th of May 2026**. It is vitally important that all students return these completed forms, regardless of what Secondary School they are planning to attend.

Kind Regards,
Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)
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Awards

SWPBS Bronze Awards

Congratulations to our Bronze Award recipients this week.

They are terrific students, who have earned 30 **Values Tickets**, reflecting their persistence with learning and a consistent commitment to our school values.

Well done, – we're so proud of you!

Golden Caring Award

A big congratulations to **Pyper**, this week's recipient of our Golden Caring Award!

Pyper is a thoughtful and kind member of our school community who consistently shows care and respect to her peers and teachers. She sets a wonderful example through her actions and attitude every day.

Keep up the terrific work, Pyper**!** We're proud to have you as a role model at our school.

SWPBS Awards for this week!

Congratulations to Clancy, Jack, Tiki and Greta

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

VICTORIA State Government

Gold Award 2024

Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 2		
Week 2	Mon 27 & Tues 28 Wed 29 Tues 28 & Thurs 29 Fri 1 May	Year 3-6: Science Incursions – permissions not required. F – Year 2: RACE Science incursion Bee School Excursions – Year 5& 6 BPS Cross Country, 9-11am
Week 3	Fri 8 May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Week 4	Mon/Wed/Thurs	Smile Squad at BPS
Week 5	Mon/Wed/Thurs Tues 19 May	Smile Squad at BPS 2027 Foundation OPEN DAY 9.30-3.00
Week 6	27 May - 3 June	National Reconciliation Week
Week 7	Fri 5 June	Student Free day
Week 8	Mon 8 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Week 9		No current planned events
Week 10	Fri 26 June	**Term 2 Concludes - 2:30 Finish**

Beechworth Primary School Office Hours are:
Monday – Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm

- Samantha: Mon – Fri
- Kirsty: Tues-Thurs

TheirCare (Before & After School Care at BPS)

- Service and Bookings: phone 0447 717 055
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