Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

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

Friday 8th May 2026
Term 2, Week 3

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 3 Newsletter!

This week at school, we've been celebrating the important role that mothers and the special women in our students' lives play each day. Whether they are mums, grandmothers, aunties, carers, or mentors, these women provide the care, encouragement, and support that help our students grow into confident and compassionate young people.

This morning, we were delighted to host our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. It was a wonderful occasion filled with warmth, laughter, and a strong sense of community. Families came together to enjoy a delicious breakfast of croissants and fresh fruit, while students enjoyed spending quality time with the significant women in their lives.

Moments like these highlight the strong partnership between home and school and the positive impact this connection has on our students' wellbeing and growth. We sincerely thank all the mothers and caregivers who contribute so much to our school community — through their support at home, their involvement in school events, and the everyday care and encouragement they provide.

To all the amazing women in our community, thank you for everything you do. Your love, guidance, and support make a lasting difference, and we are grateful to celebrate you today and every day.

WIN Network Meeting -Sharing

On Wednesday, Sue, Scott and Ngaire attended the WIN Network Leaders Meeting. Scott and Ngaire presented to the group of 35 principals and school leaders on our school's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS).

At BPS, we have worked hard to develop a comprehensive range of supports that strengthen both student wellbeing and learning outcomes. These supports are designed to ensure that every student has access to the assistance, guidance, and opportunities they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We are incredibly proud to share the work happening at BPS with other school leaders and to contribute to ongoing conversations about best practice in supporting students across all areas of school life.

Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS)

Each year, all government schools participate in the Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS). This survey provides students in Years 4 to 6 with the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings about their school experience. The information gathered helps schools better understand student perspectives and identify ways to further improve student learning and wellbeing.

The survey collects feedback on a range of areas, including students' feelings about school, learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

Students will complete the survey online during class time using a secure, purpose-built survey platform. This is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. Participation is voluntary, and students may choose to skip any questions they do not wish to answer or stop the survey at any time.

This year, the survey will be conducted at from 25th May to 12th June. This survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** want your child to do the survey, please opt out by emailing the Survey Coordinator, Ngaire King before 22 May 2025. Ngaire.king@education.vic.gov.au

Before School Supervision Reminder

We have recently noticed an increase in students arriving at school before 8:45am. Under Department of Education guidelines, students should not be on-site without appropriate supervision. To ensure we meet these requirements, BPS has partnered with our OSHC provider, TheirCare, to offer supervision for students who need to arrive at school early.

Supervision for students does not begin until 8:45am. While some staff members may be on-site before this time preparing for the day, this is part of their own personal time before work officially begins. As they are not rostered on duty prior to 8:45am, they are unable to provide supervision for students before the start of the school day.

Students who need to arrive before 8:45am should be booked into TheirCare. Students who arrive only a few minutes early are asked to remain seated in the designated area outside the office until supervision begins.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and well-supervised environment for all students.

2027 Foundation Enrolments are now open

BPS Open Day. Tuesday, 19 May 2026 - 9.30am to 3.00pm

We would like to welcome prospective 2027 students and families to come and visit our school. We will be running tours of the school throughout the day. If you would like to book a school tour, please contact the School Office on 57281066.

2027 Enrolment packs are available from the School Office, Beechworth Kindergarten and Childcare, and on the school website.

Awards

This week's Values Winners

Mila, Oliver, Flynn, Leif

Specialist Respect Awards

This week's Specialist Awards have been proudly awarded to Lara and Tiki for consistently demonstrating respect during their specialist classes. Both students have shown kindness, consideration, and positive attitudes towards their peers and teachers, setting a wonderful example for others. Congratulations, Lara and Tiki, on this well-deserved recognition!

Sapphire Respect Award

A big congratulations to Briar, this week's recipient of our Sapphire Respect Award!

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

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

SWPBS Bronze Awards

This week we were delighted to be able to present so many SWPBS Bronze awards! It is great to see our students living our school values. Well done to *Harriet, Olivia, SE, Lenny, Charlie, Penelope, Kasper, Ari, Greta*, we are super proud of each of you!

Kind Regards,

Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)

Ngaire King – Acting Principal (Friday)

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Susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au
Ngaire.king@education.vic.gov.au

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

Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 2		
Week 4	Fri 15 May	**Education Support Staff** - Thank you day.
Week 5	Mon/Wed/Thurs Tues 19 May Wed 20 May	Smile Squad at BPS 2027 Foundation OPEN DAY 9.30-3.00 School Council – 5.30-7.30pm
Week 6	Mon/Wed/Thurs 27 May - 3 June	Smile Squad at BPS 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**

HAPPY

Mother's Day

Beechworth PS Communication Guide

This guide outlines how families can communicate with our school to ensure messages are received and responded to efficiently. It is our intention to reply to families messages as soon as possible. Families can expect a response **within 48 hours** and **during school hours 8:45am to 4pm**

PHONE

(03) 5728 1066

Call for all enquiries & assistance.

EMAIL

Contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss **formal** information.

Find teacher's email via Compass App

COMPASS

Mark **Student Absences** and stay up to date with the classroom and school events.

COMPASS Connect

Two way **informal** messaging on Compass for teachers and families.

FRONT OFFICE

Office Hours
8:30 - 4PM

Business Manager
Tue-Thurs
8:30 - 4pm

WEBSITE

beechworthps.vic.edu.au

Policies, Enrolments & Newsletter

NEWSLETTER

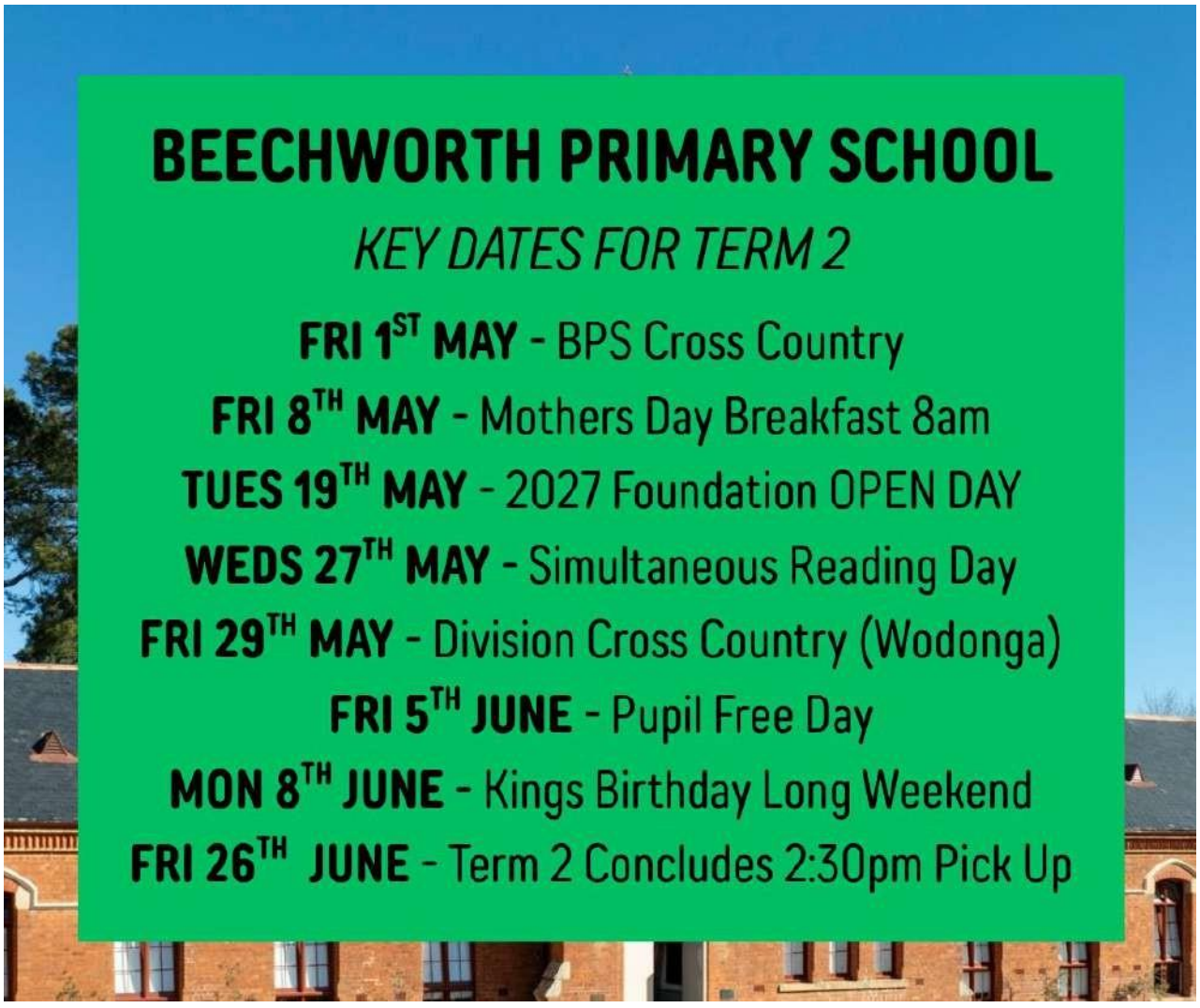
Reminders and news distributed to families once a week via **Compass** post

Hard copies by request

FACE TO FACE

Before & After School
or
Arranged meetings

If the matter is URGENT or TIME SENSITIVE please call the Front Office



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Download

COMPASS APP
to access
COMPASS CONNECT

2 way messgaing system for families and teachers

How to Download Compass

Locate the **COMPASS APP** in your app store & download.

Open the App and tap on **"More."**

Select **"Connect."** to access the 2 way messaging system **Compass Connect**

Ensure that notifications for the Compass App are enabled in your phone settings to receive instant alerts.

Availability & Response Times

It is our intention to reply to families messages as soon as possible.

Families can expect a response

Within 48 hours, during school hours 8:50am to 4pm.
Not during learning/teaching time throughout the day.

What could you use Compass Connect for:

Sharing Show & Tell photos
Two-way messaging for non-urgent communication, e.g. "Had a great day today !"

If the matter is **URGENT OR TIME SENSITIVE** please call the front office on (03) 5728 1066

Australian Government

Services Australia

Australian Government mobile service centres

Serving regional Australia

Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Tuesday, 19 May 2026

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Near the information centre, Ford Street

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For more information, go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice**

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE.

FARMERS

BBQ & talk

Let's look out for each other.

FRIDAY 15 MAY

10AM - 1PM

WARREN DAVIES 10am-11.30am

'The Unbreakable Farmer'

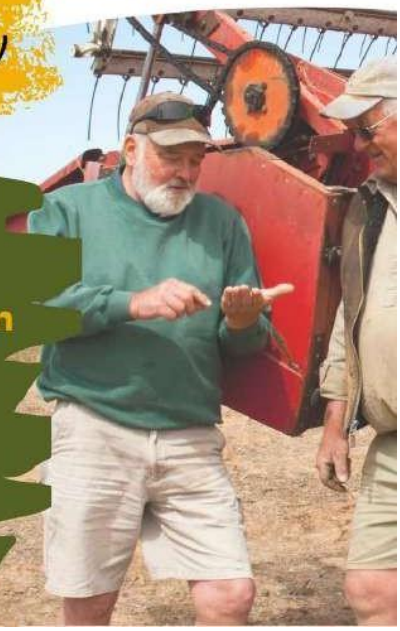
Followed by a facilitated discussion

All community members welcome

BEECHWORTH

Quercus Neighbourhood House

26-30 Ford St



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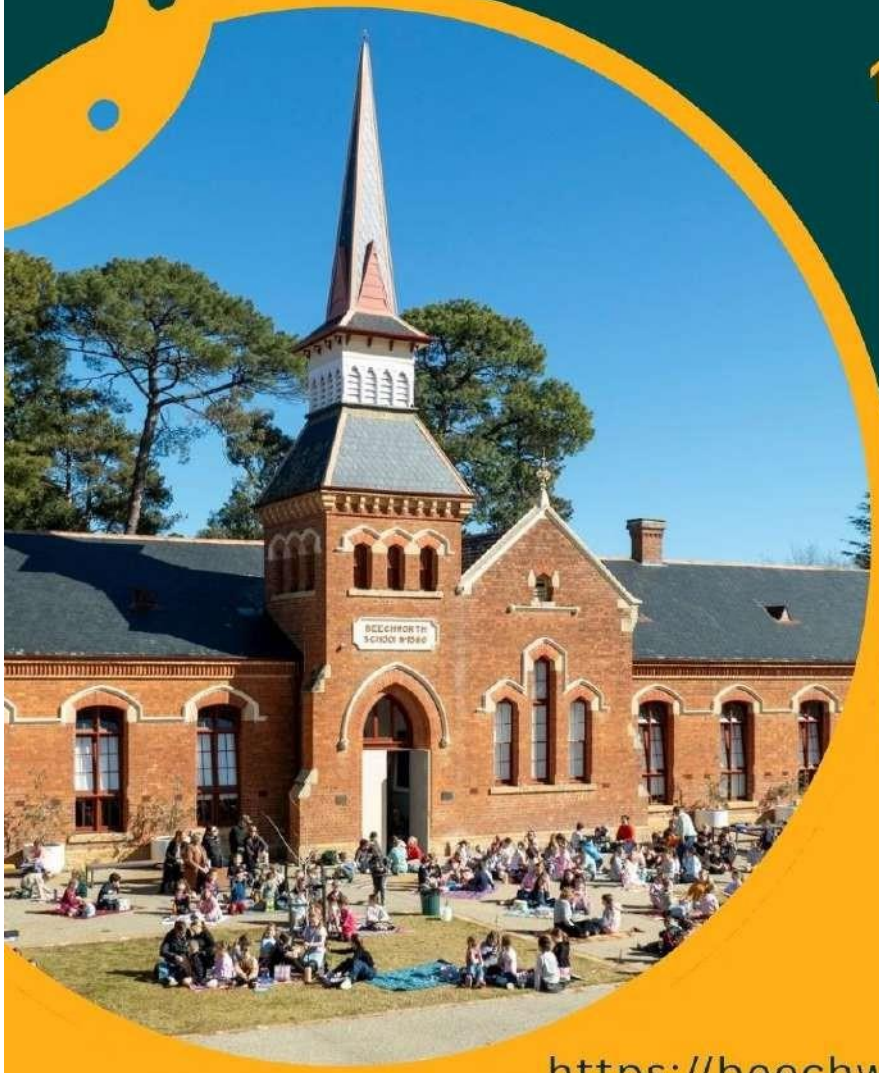
Transition Program 2027

Term 2: Enrolments currently open
Term 3: Submit enrolments by end of July
Kindergartens excursion to visit Beechworth PS
Term 4: BPS Year 5 Buddies excursion to Kindergartens



OPEN DAY
19th May 9:30-3:30

TRANSITION DAYS & DATES

Tues Nov 17th
(9am-11am)
Tues Nov 24th
(9-11am)
Tues Dec 1st
(9am-1pm)
Tues Dec 8th
(9-1pm)

CONTACT US

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