Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

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

Friday 15th May 2026
Term 2, Week 4

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 4 Newsletter!

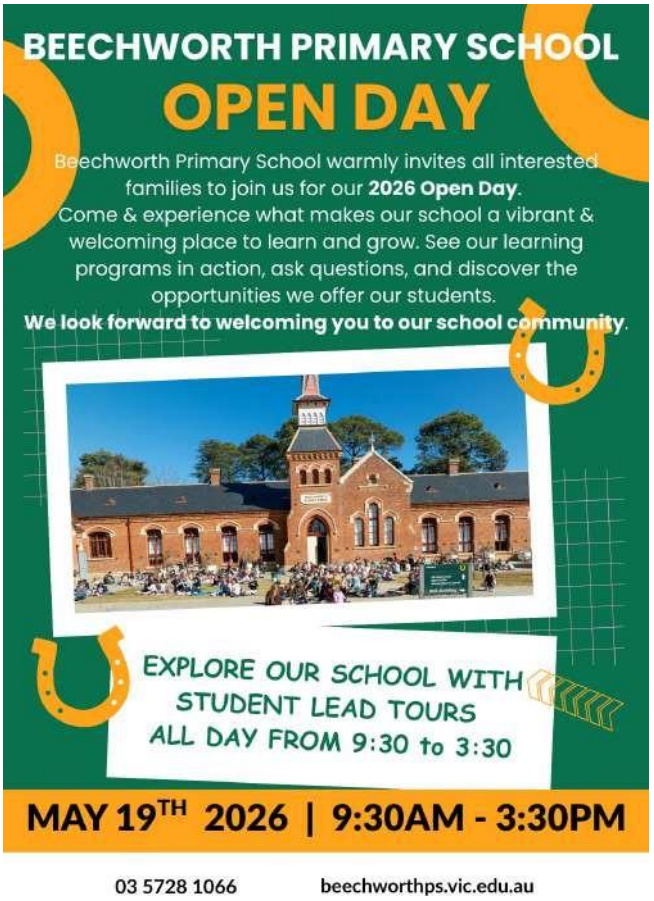
This week, we proudly recognise and thank our wonderful Education Support staff, both those working in classrooms and those supporting our school through the office. Their dedication, care, and hard work play an essential role in the daily life of our school. Whether they are supporting student learning, assisting teachers, helping families, or keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes, their contribution makes a real difference to our whole community. We are incredibly grateful for all that they do.

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.



Beechworth Primary School Annual Report

We are incredibly proud to share our 2025 BPS Annual Report with our school community.

The finalised Annual Report will be formally presented at a public meeting of the School Council on Wednesday 20 May at 5:00pm in the school staff room.

Members of our school community are warmly invited to attend.

Cold and Flu Season Reminder

It's that time of year again when colds, the flu, and other bugs begin to circulate throughout the school community. Unfortunately, we've seen a rise in student and staff illness over the past two weeks. We have noticed that students (and staff) can present with mild symptoms which escalate to either Influenza, RSV or COVID within a couple of days. We have also had a few cases of students unwell with gastro. It is recommended to keep unwell children home (even if symptoms seem mild), to help prevent the spread of illness to other students and staff. We appreciate you working with us to keep our school community safe and healthy.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during these times.

Child safety and wellbeing at Beechworth Primary School

Information for families & school community

Beechworth Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. Our Child Safe framework includes policies, codes of conduct and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm.

These documents are available on our website: https://beechworthps.vic.edu.au/policies/

Our comprehensive child safety framework outlines our school's strategies to support student safety and wellbeing. The framework includes the following policies, codes and procedures:

- Child Safety Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedure
- Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Digital Technologies User Agreement
- Yard Duty and Supervision Policy

Our students and their families are important partners in keeping our students safe. We value feedback and ideas on how we can continuously strengthen our child safety framework. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the leadership team by emailing susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au .

Awards

This week's Values Winners

Hazel, Nina, Elisio, Charlie

Specialist Respect Awards

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

Sapphire Respect Award

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

Esme is a valued member of our school community who brings kindness and positivity to those around her. She consistently demonstrates respect, consideration, and a caring attitude toward both classmates and staff, making her a wonderful role model within the school each day.

Keep up the terrific work, Esme**!** 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 *Laurie, Jobe, Shanaye, Catherine, Margaux, Lara, Nina, Fletcher, Oscar, Livija, Charlotte, Patrick, James, Jaxson, Laddie and Aisling*, we are super proud of each of you!

SWPBS Silver Awards

This week we were delighted to be able to present a SWPBS Silver award! Well done to *Hannah*, we are super proud of you!

Kind Regards,

Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)

Ngaire King – Acting Principal (Friday)

Email:
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 5	Mon/Wed/Thurs Mon 18 May Tues 19 May Wed 20 May Fri 22 May	Smile Squad at BPS Cosmodome F-Yr 2 Excursion 2027 Foundation OPEN DAY 9.30-3.00 School Council – 5.30-7.30pm District Cross Country (Beechworth)
Week 6	Mon/Wed/Thurs 27 May - 3 June Fri 29 May	Smile Squad at BPS National Reconciliation Week Division Cross Country (Wodonga)
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**

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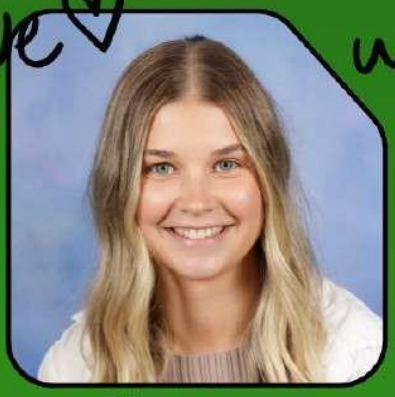
Melbourne Football Club

The middle and upper school students enjoyed a special visit today from several Melbourne Demons AFLW players. The players were warmly welcomed by smiling students, who were eager to learn more about their professional journeys, the challenges of elite sport, and their interests beyond football.

The visit featured a 30-minute question-and-answer session, followed by skill-based activities on the oval led by the players. It was an engaging and memorable experience for all involved, and the players were delighted to hear the Beechworth Bushrangers FC team song!

THANK YOU
EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF

Ryley
The true GOAT of the grade 6 classroom who supports us in all we do.



Shentara
Shentara, thank you for being such a calm, kind, and caring presence in our classroom. You have a wonderful way of connecting with the students and always seem to know exactly when and how to step in and help. I really appreciate how flexible, supportive, and easygoing you are.

Samara
We are so grateful to have Samara in 5/6 and love the care, enthusiasm and talent she brings to each day!

Monica
Thankyou for always going above and beyond for the kids in our class. You put so much thought into the way you support each student, and it's amazing to see the progress they make because of your hard work. I'm so grateful for everything you do.

Hunter
Thanks for your flexibility, calm presence and out of the box thinking that you bring to 3/4M.

Di
Thank you for always being super kind and caring, and helping us learn in different ways.

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EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF

Ruby

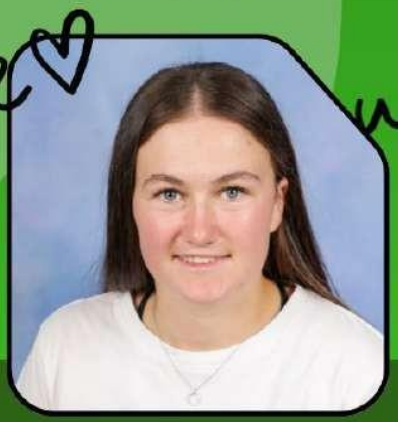
Thankyou for bringing such fun and laughter into our learning(and my sanity).
We also love the care, compassion and cuddles you provide for all our little people!

Chez

Thank your for all of the help and support you give our students. You are always willing to go above and beyond and we are very lucky to have you in our classroom! Also super grateful for the work you do across the whole school in First Aid and in the Library

Jeb

(AKA: JebJeb or Jebbie!)
Is funny, kind and always helping us learn new things. He somehow manages to stay two steps ahead of Miss Dunstan, and we just know he is going to make an amazing teacher one day!



Katy

You have made a profound difference in our classroom and we are so grateful for your kind, caring nature.
Thank you for being a climbing frame for our little people!

Ally

Ally is kind, helpful and always ready to save the day by tying our shoelaces before we trip over them! She keeps us smiling with her funny jokes, and we have absolutely loved getting to know her this term.

Ellie

Thank you for your soft, caring, and patient nature. You always bring a smile to the kids faces with your brilliant drawing skills and willingness to get messy in our arty endeavours!

Happy Education Support Day!

Today we celebrate and thank our incredible Education Support (ES) staff for everything they do for our students, staff, and school community.

At Beechworth Primary School, our ES staff are the calm in the chaos, the extra pair of hands, the caring hearts, the patient listeners, and the champions for so many of our students each and every day.

From supporting learning in classrooms, running intervention programs, helping students regulate and feel safe, providing encouragement, care, and connection their impact reaches every corner of our school.

We are so grateful for the dedication, kindness, humour, flexibility, and passion they bring to BPS every single day.

Please join us in saying a huge THANK YOU to our amazing ES team today. We appreciate you more than words can say!

Cath

We've loved having you in our classroom on Wednesdays! Thank you for always being so proactive and for the kind and caring way that you interact with the students. You are amazing!

Loz

Thank you for always jumping here there and everywhere. You show such care to all students with the biggest smile.

Kirsty

It is such a delight seeing you sunshine face in the office each day! You are always so approachable and positive with whatever we throw your way. We're excited to see you on bandaid duty.

Samantha

Thanks for always offering a helping hand in many areas of the schools operation i.e. events organisation, sporting days, data entry, IT problems – the list is endless. We greatly appreciate your help!

Beechworth Community Early Years Learning Centre

Schools 2027 Information Night

6:30pm
Tuesday 26th May 2026

RSVP
BCEYLC@GMAIL.COM

For more information
Mandy
0357 282 378

This information night is all local schools coming together in the one place to provide information for new parents of 2027 enrolments

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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

BEECHWORTH

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

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

Beechworth Primary School

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:

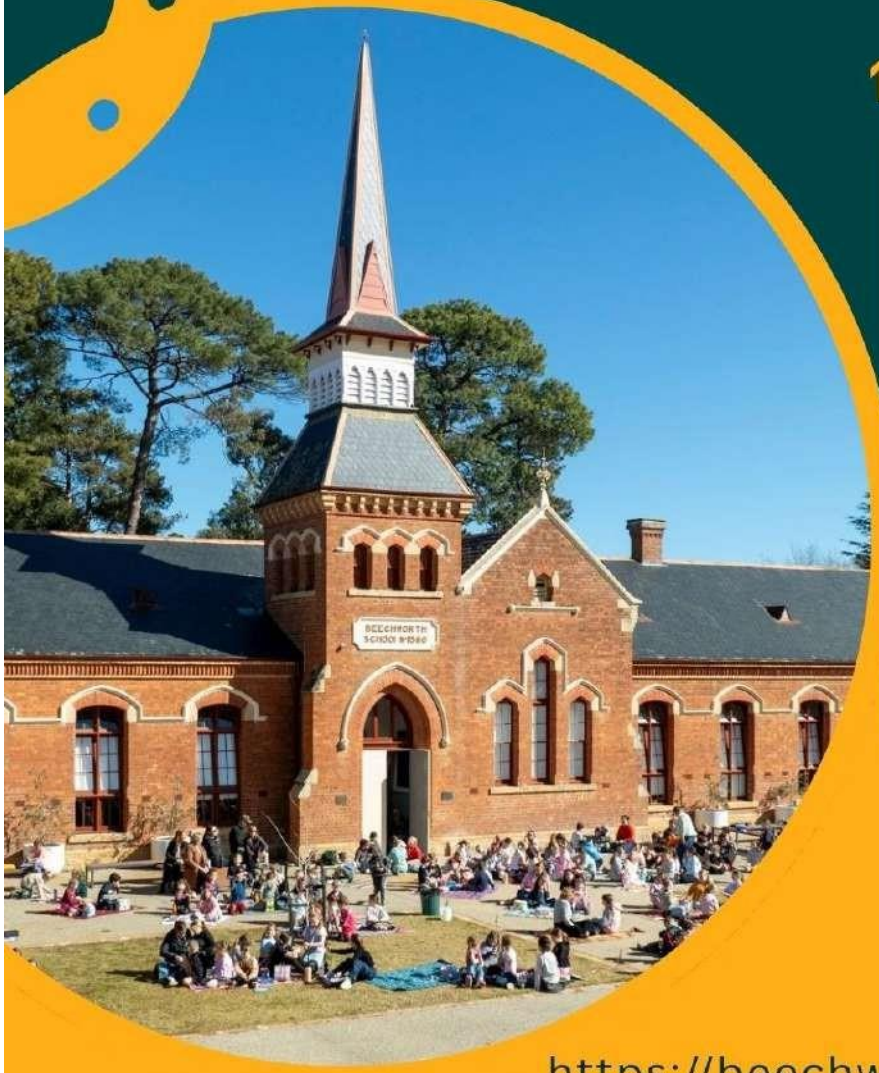
Sharing Show & Tell photos
Two-way messaging for non-urgent communication, e.g. "Had a great day today !"

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

BEECHWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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)

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