Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

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

Friday 22nd May 2026
Term 2, Week 5

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 5 Newsletter!

It has been another busy and exciting week at school, with all students enjoying the Cosmodome Excursion at the Secondary College. A big thank you to our wonderful STEM teacher, Jane, for all of her planning and organisation in making these experiences possible for our students.

On Tuesday, we welcomed prospective families to our Foundation 2027 Open Day. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school and connect with families considering joining our community. Our Student Leaders were wonderful ambassadors for our school, touring our visitors around the school.

Today, several of our students are representing the school at the District Cross Country event at the Beechworth Golf Course. We wish our runners the very best and thank the staff and families supporting students on the day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

Student Learning Assessments and Reporting

We will be providing student achievement reports for Semester 1 this year as usual.

The student reports will be distributed on Thursday 25th of June. The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning attainment, but full, written descriptive comments will not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union.

We will of course be pleased to discuss with you your child's progress at our next parent-teacher interviews scheduled for Week 3 of Term 3.

Our Office Team

We are very fortunate to have two wonderful staff members supporting our school community in the office. They are often the first point of contact for families and are always happy to help.

As many families know, this year, there has been a change in our office administration team, with Jeannette retiring and Kirsty joining BPS as our new Business Manager. Kirsty is now working three days per week (Tuesday–Thursday), while Samantha continues in the office five days per week.

Now that Kirsty has settled into her role, we thought it would be helpful to share a little more information about the different areas each staff member supports.

Kirsty – Business Manager
Kirsty oversees the operational and financial management of the school, helping to ensure everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. Her role includes managing school finances, budgets and contracts, supporting human resources processes such as payroll and staff records, and working closely with School Council, including chairing the Finance Sub-Committee. Kirsty also coordinates building and facilities management, including major works and maintenance contracts, and supports the front office and reception when Samantha is away. In addition, she manages budgeting and financial approvals for camps and excursions.

Samantha – Administration
Samantha supports the day-to-day operations of the front office and is often the first point of contact for families and visitors. Her responsibilities include general office and reception support, student administration such as enrolments, absences and student records, and overseeing school technology including computers and copiers. Samantha also manages front office sales and payments for school items, maintains Working With Children Check records in line with school policy, and coordinates the school newsletter and publications under the direction of the Principal. She also looks after website updates and assists with the planning and preparation of sporting events.

We thank both Kirsty and Samantha for the important work they do each day to support our students, staff and families.

Uniform Reminder

We would like to thank families for their ongoing support with our school uniform expectations. Recently, we have noticed an increase in students attending school in clothing that is not part of the school uniform or is inappropriate for the weather.

Some of the most common concerns include:

- **Shorts or pants** that are not school uniform items (such as football shorts or very short bike shorts). Uniform bottoms should be plain grey or black, and shorts should be an appropriate length and visible below the school polo shirt.
- **Jumpers, hoodies and jackets**. Students are asked to wear approved school outerwear, such as the green school jumper or school jacket. Puffer jackets are perfectly suitable outside for our chilly weather, however students are asked to remove them once indoors. Hoodies should not be worn at school.

Beanies and BPS Hats are optional for the remainder of Term 2 and Term 3

Wearing the school uniform helps students feel part of our community and encourages pride in our school. We ask families to please support their children in wearing the correct uniform each day wherever possible.

If there is a reason your child is unable to wear the correct uniform, please send a short note to let us know. This helps us support students appropriately and avoid unnecessary follow-up from the office.

We appreciate your partnership and support in helping maintain the positive standards and sense of belonging within our school community.

National Simultaneous Story-time

On Wednesday 27 May at 10.30am, our classrooms will join millions of students, teachers and families across Australia for National Simultaneous Storytime 2026. This year's featured book is Luna Roo: The Kangaroo Baller by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, illustrated by Jake A. Minton. The fun football-themed story celebrates literacy, teamwork, resilience and believing in yourself, making it a wonderful book to share together as a school community.

Smile Squad Visit

You may have noticed the big orange truck parked at the back of the school recently. As part of the Smile Squad Program, the dental team has returned to our school this week and next week to provide fluoride applications for students who were identified by the clinicians as requiring this treatment.

Consent for fluoride application was included in the original Smile Squad consent forms completed last year, so no further consent is required at this stage. However, if you no longer wish for your child to receive the fluoride application, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Please note that they are not here this visit for checkups or new students, that will happen later in the year.

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 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	Wed 17 June	School Council
Week 10	Fri 26 June	**Term 2 Concludes - 2:30 Finish**
Term 3		
Week 1	Mon 13 July Fri 17 July	**First day for Term 3** Winter Sports Carnival - Wodonga

Awards

This week's Values Winners

Sophie, Esme

Golden Caring Award

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

Molly is a caring 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, Molly**!** We're proud to have you as a role model at our school.

SWPBS Silver Awards

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

Specialist Respect Awards

This week's Specialist Awards have been proudly awarded to Natalie, Jobe, Jax and Georgia 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!

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 *Mia, Bertie, Rowan, Cleo, Theo, Remi*, Eddie, Eli, Isla, Hazel, Indi, Pros, Archie and Ewen we are super proud of each of you!

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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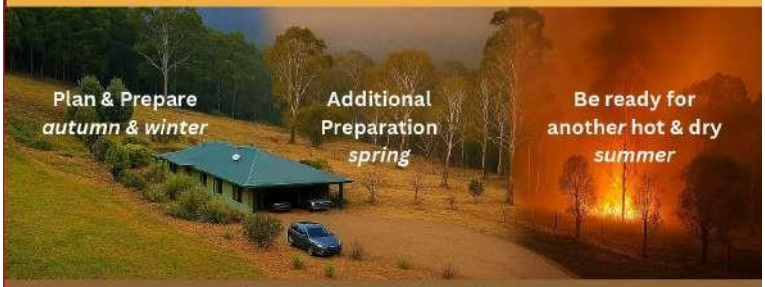
When a fire starts, it's too late to make a plan.

Fire Safety Planning Workshop

Sunday 24 May 2026
8.45 am - 1pm
Beechworth Fire Station, 3 Victoria Rd
Free workshop, lunch &
FREE Indigo Shire green waste voucher for attending households



Prepare now. Relax later
Winter is the best time to get bushfire ready- before the heat, stress, and uncertainty of summer.
Join our free practical workshop and walk away with a clear, simple plan to protect your home, family and pets.

To register for this free event or for more information:
- scan the code
- phone Amanda Smith, CFA Community Engagement Coordinator on 0407 604 012 or
- email at northeastcommsafety@cfa.vic.gov.au

CFA · Beechworth Fire Brigade · INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL

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	EMAIL	COMPASS	COMPASS Connect
(03) 5728 1066 Call for all enquiries & assistance.	Contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss **formal** information. *Find teacher's email via Compass App*	Mark **Student Absences** and stay up to date with the classroom and school events.	Two way **informal** messaging on Compass for teachers and families.

FRONT OFFICE	WEBSITE	NEWSLETTER	FACE TO FACE
Office Hours 8:30 - 4PM Business Manager Tue-Thurs 8:30 - 4pm	beechworthps.vic.edu.au Policies, Enrolments & Newsletter	Reminders and news distributed to families once a week via **Compass** post *Hard copies by request*	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:

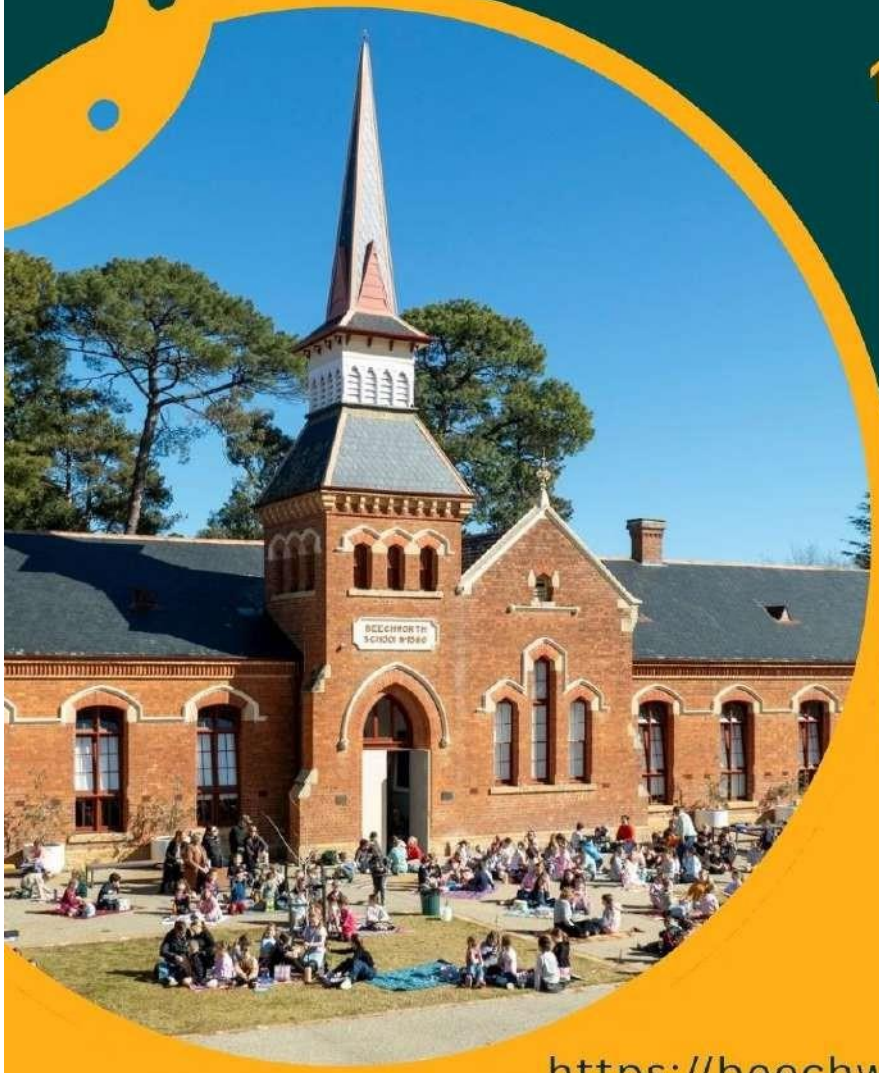
Sharing Show & Tell photos
Two-way messaging for non-urgent communication, e.g. "Had a great day today !"

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

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)

CONTACT US

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