Beechworth Primary School

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

Friday 12th June 2026
Term 2, Week 8

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 8 newsletter.

It was another short week, with Monday being a public holiday for the King's Birthday. Despite the shorter week, there was plenty happening across the school, and it was wonderful to see students quickly settle back into their learning routines.

Students On-Air!

Were you listening to Indigo FM at 1pm today? Then you might have heard the dulcet tones of Murphy, Eddie, Ewen, Clancy and Mateo as they had their first on-air experience! The boys have been working on creating their own radio show as part of their Student Investigations group this term. They got to select their own music and talk about topics that interested them with the wonderful Scott Landells as he taught us how to use the equipment. Nerves were running high with the boys describing how they felt beforehand as- Clancy: 'scared' Mateo: 'scared I'll make a complete fool of myself!' and Murphy: 'cool calm and collected'.

Next week it will be Isla, Greta, Sage, Indi, Aulay and Pyper's turn in front of the mic before we break into smaller groups to record full shows next term!

Leading Mathematics

Our Mathematics leadership team have been attending PD on the new Mathematics Curriculum. As part of their learning, and a focus for our school, they are developing their skills in explicit teaching of Mathematics and the benefits of a retrieval lesson at the beginning of each students maths lesson. This learning is shared with remaining staff. Retrieval is allocated time (usually 10mins) for students to practise the skills learnt in a previous learning. This allows the information to be stored in the long term memory rather than our short term. The lesson then progresses onto explicit teaching of a current topic. For example, students in Foundation had been learning facts of ten and are now learning a unit of patterns. See below for pictures of student learning.

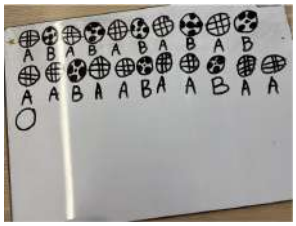
Retrieval

Explicit Teaching

We will create and describe patterns using real-life elements.

- I can identify patterns using real-life elements.
- I can create patterns using real-life elements.
- I can describe patterns using real-life elements.

Learning



2027 Foundation Enrolments

Enrolments for **Foundation 2027** are now open at Beechworth Primary School. We're excited to welcome our newest learners and begin the journey together!

We encourage families to ensure that they have their children enrolled **by the end of July**.

Following **28 July**, families who have submitted an enrolment form will receive a short questionnaire to complete, helping us learn more about each child's interests and personality. At the same time, our Year 5 students will begin completing their **Buddy Program applications**. This information will help our Foundation Transition Team carefully match each new Foundation student with a Year 6 buddy who is a great fit.

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

Monday Assemblies and the National Anthem

Recently, there has been discussion in the media regarding the singing of the Australian National Anthem in schools. At BPS, we continue to value the important role that both national pride and cultural recognition play in fostering a sense of belonging and community.

Each week begins with our whole-school assembly, where students and staff come together to connect as a school community. As part of this gathering, we participate in an Acknowledgement of Country, shared by our School Captains, recognising the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn and acknowledging their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture. This provides an important opportunity for our students to reflect on and respect the rich history and heritage of our nation.

We also proudly sing the Australian National Anthem. Our students sing both verses with enthusiasm, pride, and respect, demonstrating their understanding of the significance of this tradition. It is always pleasing to see students of all ages participating so positively, contributing to a strong sense of school spirit and community.

Our weekly assembly is an important tradition at BPS. It brings our school together, celebrates student achievements, reinforces our shared values, and helps build a strong sense of connection and pride. We are always impressed by the respectful manner in which our students participate and the pride they demonstrate in representing both their school and their country.

URSTRONG – Friendology

URSTRONG's whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, and teachers with a common language of friendship. We are proud to be a URSTRONG School and are committed to empowering your children with friendship skills.

You are invited to take advantage of a FREE Parent Membership to access hundreds of resources – including an 8 session video series. This will allow you to learn the same language & strategies being taught in the classroom through the Friendology 101 curriculum. We hope that, as a URSTRONG Family, you will reinforce the important messages of empowerment, self-compassion, & kindness at home.

As a next step, we would recommend:

Click here to view an overview of URSTRONG.

Activate your FREE Parent Membership and explore all the resources available to your family.

Explore the hundreds of resources available to you!

We believe that empowering our students with these skills will create a culture of kindness at our school and we hope that, together, we can support your children to have healthy, feel-good friendships.

Language of Friendship: In this video, Dana Kerford (*Friendship Expert & Founder of URSTRONG*) will introduce you to URSTRONG's simple framework for guiding children towards healthy friendships. Sit back and relax while Dana walks you through URSTRONG's unique, kid-friendly language to teach friendship skills and conflict resolution!

Local School Leadership Visitors

On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of hosting a group of local principals and school leaders as part of the Wodonga and Indigo Network. This provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the learning and teaching that takes place in our school every day. Throughout the day, our visitors participated in meetings and training focused on student opportunities to respond and strategies for checking for understanding. The day included a learning walk through classrooms across the school, observing lessons and engaging with staff and students.

The feedback from our visitors was overwhelmingly positive. They commented on the calm and purposeful atmosphere that was evident throughout the school and were impressed by the way students were engaged in their learning. They noted the positive relationships between staff and students, the high levels of participation in lessons, and the respectful manner in which students approached their learning tasks.

Our visitors also spoke highly of the consistency they observed across classrooms. They were impressed by the clear learning intentions, the quality of student work on display, and the way teachers were supporting students to think deeply, collaborate effectively, and challenge themselves. It was pleasing to hear external recognition of the hard work that our staff put into creating engaging learning experiences and maintaining high expectations for all students.

A special mention was made of our PE program, where our teacher demonstrated remarkable flexibility and determination in navigating the unpredictable weather conditions throughout the day. Juggling both indoor and outdoor activities required careful planning and adaptability, ensuring that students continued to enjoy meaningful learning experiences regardless of the conditions.

Visits such as these provide a valuable opportunity for schools to learn from one another, share effective practices, and celebrate the successes occurring within our classrooms. Most importantly, they give us a chance to showcase the wonderful learning culture that has been built by our students, staff, and families working together.

I would like to thank our students for the way they represented our school. Their enthusiasm, engagement, and positive attitudes towards learning were evident throughout the day and were a credit to themselves and their families. I would also like to acknowledge our staff, whose dedication and commitment continue to create a supportive, inclusive, and high-performing learning environment for every student.

The positive feedback received from our visitors was a wonderful reminder of the great work taking place across our school each day, and we look forward to continuing to build on these successes throughout the remainder of the term.

Production Update

Our school production is now firmly underway! We were thoroughly impressed with the auditions last week and are delighted to announce that we have a cast of talented performers ready to bring the show to life.

This week, our Year 4/5/6 classes met with Lara to begin developing the scenes they will be working on. The room was buzzing with excitement as students shared their ideas, demonstrated their creativity and started shaping their performances. It is clear that they are incredibly enthusiastic about being part of this year's production!

Next week, Lara will meet with some of our junior classes as they begin their own production journey. We look forward to seeing their ideas come to life and sharing more updates as rehearsals continue.

Kind Regards,

Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)

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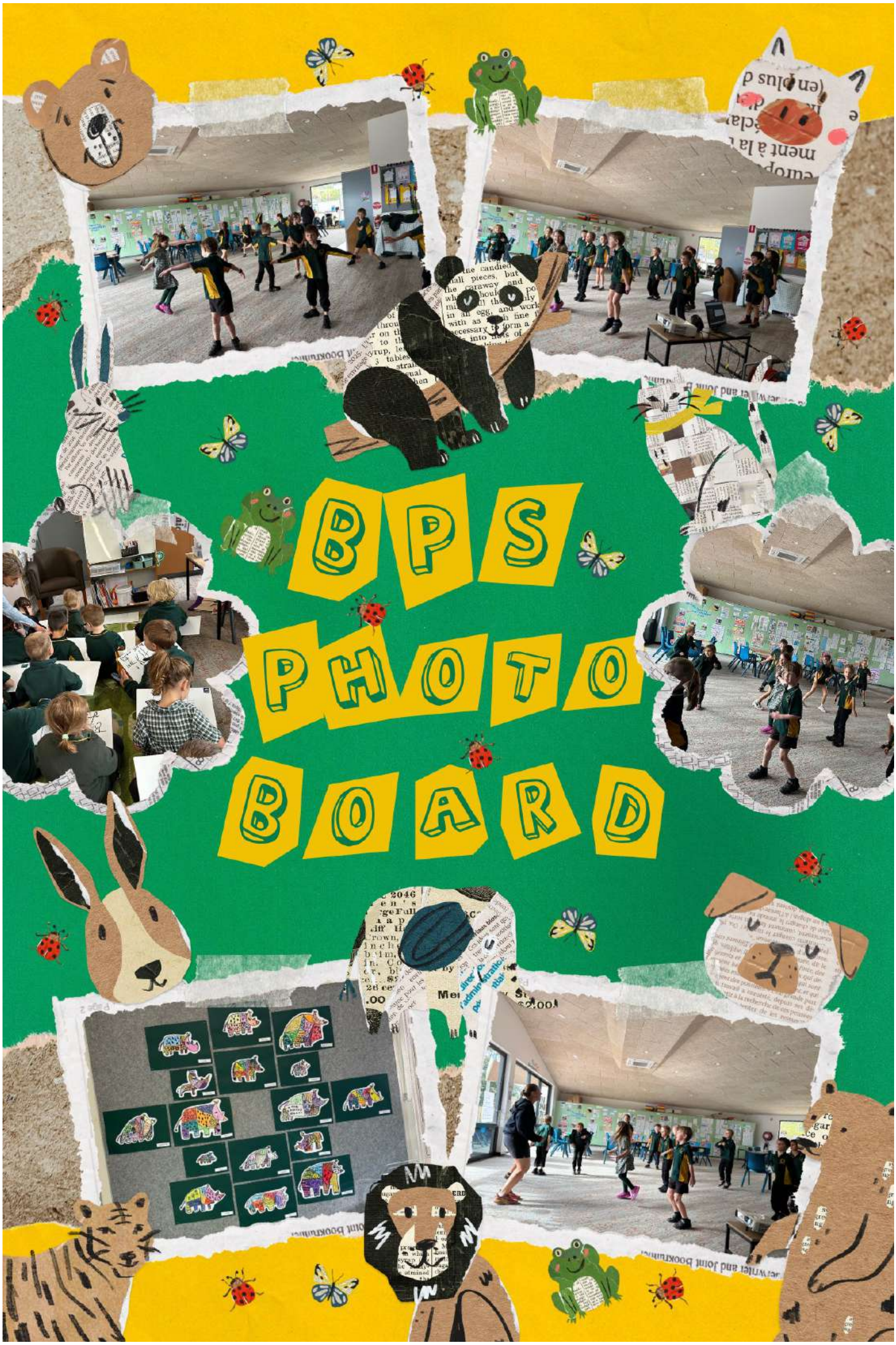
Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 2		
Week 9	Wed 17 June	School Council
Week 10	Fri 26 June	**Term 2 Concludes - 2:30 Finish**
Term 3		
Week 1	Mon 13 July Fri 17 July	First day for Term 3 Winter Sports Carnival - Wodonga
Week 2		
Week 3		Parent, Student & Teacher Conversations TBC
Week 4		
Week 5	All week	Bullying No-way Wk (11-15 Aug)
Week 6		No planned events
Week 7	All week Fri 28 Aug	Book Week Book week Parade & Grandparents day
Week 8	Fri 4 Sept	Father's Day Breakfast
Week 9	Wed 9 Sept Thurs 10 Sept Fri 11 Sept	BPS Production night 1. BPS Production night 2. Grade ⅝ Write Around the Murray Excursion (Albury)
Week 10		**Junior Swimming week**
Term 4		
Week 1	Mon 5 Oct	First Day for Term 4


BPS
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BOARD

Today, five students travelled to Benalla to represent Beechworth Primary School at the Regional Cross Country. All students ran brilliantly and should be incredibly proud of themselves—we certainly are back at school.

Our results were outstanding:

- Evie – 2nd
- Kasper – 3rd
- Eddie – 18th
- Ted – 19th
- Flynn – 4th

A huge congratulations to Evie, Kasper and Flynn, who have now qualified for the State and will once again represent B.P.S. at the next level.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Change of clothes

With the recent wet weather and muddy conditions around the school grounds, we kindly ask that all students bring a complete change of clothes to school each day where possible.

Even with our best efforts to keep students dry, accidents can happen during playtime, outdoor activities, or when moving between buildings. Having a spare set of clothes (including underwear and socks) allows students to remain comfortable and continue learning throughout the day.

Please place the spare clothes in a clearly labelled bag and leave them in your child's school bag.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep students happy, comfortable, and ready to learn during this wet weather period.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

DAYS: Monday and Friday

TIME: 8:30am to 9:00am

ROOM: Canteen

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.

FOOD BANK

VICTORIA Department of Education

BEECHWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Transition Program 2027

Term 2: Enrolments currently open

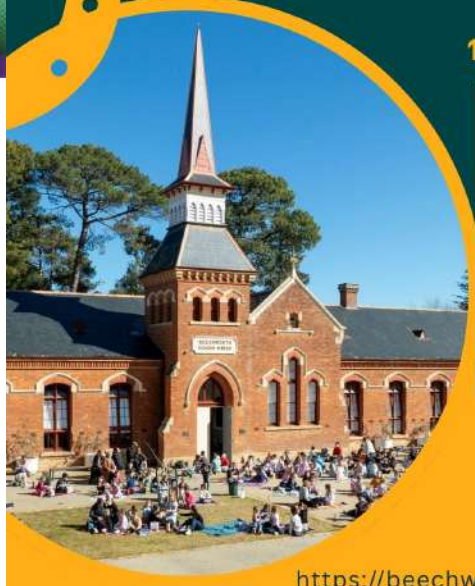
Term 3: Submit enrolments by end of July

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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