Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

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

Friday 19, June 2026
Term 2, Week 9

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 9 Newsletter.
This week has been filled with speeches and drama, with students in the senior classes presenting their Lions Club speeches and our production story and script being shared across the junior classes. It has been wonderful to see students building their confidence as speakers and performers while developing excitement for our School Production in Term 3. The enthusiasm across the school continues to grow as students begin to immerse themselves in the characters, story, and opportunities that this production will bring.

Calling All Costume Magicians!

Our School Production is starting to come to life, and we need a few talented helpers to sprinkle some magic on our costumes!

If you're handy with a needle and thread—or know your way around a sewing machine—we would love your help. We have a range of simple sewing jobs that will help transform our costumes from ordinary to stage-worthy.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and family friends are all welcome to join our behind-the-scenes production crew. No Hollywood experience required—just a willingness to help and a little sewing know-how!

Every stitch will help bring our characters to life and make our Term 3 production even more spectacular.
If you can lend a hand, please contact the school office. We'd love to have you on our costume team!

Welcome Fiona Bird to our 5/6 Team

We are delighted to welcome Fiona Bird to the Beechworth Primary School community. Fiona joins our Year 5/6 team as Piper Kable begins her maternity leave and comes to us from Myhree Primary School, bringing more than ten years of teaching experience.

Fiona is passionate about creating engaging learning environments where every student feels valued and supported. She has a strong interest in fostering creativity, incorporating play-based learning opportunities, and encouraging students to actively participate in their learning. Her approach focuses on building positive relationships and helping students develop the confidence and skills to reach their full potential.

We are thrilled to have Fiona join our team and know that her experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to student learning will make her a wonderful addition to our school community. Please join us in extending a warm Beechworth Primary School welcome to Fiona.

AI and Students

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the classroom is both a complex and rapidly evolving area. As a school, BPS is approaching this space thoughtfully and carefully as we continue to learn about its opportunities and challenges.

Before engaging with AI tools, it is important that our young people develop strong critical thinking skills, build positive relationships, and remain grounded in what is real and authentic, even as AI becomes an increasingly common part of everyday life.

At BPS, junior students have minimal access to computer use as part of their learning program and do not have access to AI tools. For older students, there is a clear expectation that AI applications and tools are not used without the permission and guidance of their teacher. This approach allows us to ensure that technology is used safely, purposefully, and in ways that enhance learning rather than replace it.

If this expectation is breached, students will lose the privilege of using their device in accordance with our school's computer use procedures. As always, parents and carers will be notified should this occur.

Our priority is to ensure that students develop the skills to think critically, act responsibly, and use emerging technologies safely and effectively.

Kind Regards,
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THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

SWPBS Bronze Awards

WOW! So many Bronze awards this week! It is great to see our students living our school values. Well done to our recipients, we are super proud of every one of you!

SWPBS Silver Award

Congratulations to Spencer, Georgia and Lenny.

This week, we were super excited to present three SWPBS Silver Awards. These little legends have earned an impressive 60 Values Tickets, reflecting their consistent commitment to our school values.

Congratulations, – we're so proud of you!

Ruby Safety Award - We follow safety rules in the classroom

This week we had a double draw for our Ruby Safety Award as there was no Assembly last week. Congratulations to Jax and Alister this week's recipients of our Ruby Safety Award! They have consistently demonstrated safe behaviours and always shows genuine care for the wellbeing of others in our school community.

Well done!

Specialist Respect Awards

This week's Specialist Awards have been proudly awarded to Robert, Aminata, Zari, Spencer, and Jane 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!

Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 2		
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		No Planned events
Week 3	Thurs 30 & Fri 31 July	Parent, Student & Teacher Conversations
Week 4		No Planned events
Week 5	All week	Bullying No-way Week (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

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Lions Club Speeches

Anna Pavlova, Rupert Grinch, Mary Fowler, Travis Head, David Attenborough, Emma Watson, Elizabeth Scott to name a few...

Canberra, Tamworth, Digipark, Melbourne Zoo, Queensland...

Today 43 students from BPS participated in the 2026 Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. We were incredibly impressed with how well prepared they were and the quality of their delivery- we had jokes, powerful stories, funny anecdotes and dream menus and destinations. A huge thank you to our judges Ms Nic and Cath - we didn't envy you your decision making!

A huge congratulations to our runners up Evie McArthur and Lucy Read and to our winners Isla Novosad and Luke Sievert. We wish them luck at the next round of the competition in July and know they will do us proud!

The Topics for 2026

Years 3 - 4

If you could go on a holiday anywhere in Australia, where would you go and why? Tell us about it... e.g. What can you see and what would you do there?

Years 5 - 6

If you could have dinner with anyone in the world (a real person past or present), who would it be, and why, and what would you serve them for dinner?

Hint: You will need to research this person to find out about their life.