Beechworth Primary School

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

Friday 7th August 2026
Term 3, 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.

It has been another busy and rewarding week at Beechworth Primary School. One of this week's highlights was welcoming our 2027 Foundation students as they began their transition visits to our school. Across the school, learning continues to thrive, with students actively engaging in rich learning experiences, building their skills, and making the most of every opportunity both inside and outside the classroom.

Over the past few weeks, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) has also been a key focus at BPS as we prepare for our OHS Audit in September. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and well-maintained environment for all students, staff, and visitors, and we appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in ensuring our school continues to meet the highest standards.

Transition to 2027 commenced!

This week we had the pleasure of hosting students from our local preschool as they visited to get a glimpse of what "big school" is all about. They were a busy little bunch, and we're excited to begin building relationships and growing their confidence as they prepare for the transition to primary school. During their visit, the children enjoyed a story and activities in the classroom. Afterwards, they had the chance to explore the junior playground—soaking up the sunshine on a beautiful Beechworth day.

As part of our transition process, we'll soon be introducing our Year 5 buddy program. This important initiative helps create a sense of connection and support for our new Foundation students. To ensure the best possible match, we've asked our enrolled families to share some information about their child and their interests. At the same time, our Year 5 students are preparing similar profiles about themselves. Our Foundation teachers will then carefully review these to match each new learner with a buddy who is a great fit.

Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS)- 2026 Results

We are incredibly proud to share the results of our recent **Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS)**, completed by our **Year 4 to 6 students**.

This year's results continue to be exceptionally positive across all areas, highlighting our students' strong sense of belonging, engagement, and positive attitudes towards school and learning. These outstanding results reflect the collective efforts of our students, staff, and families in creating a supportive, inclusive, and high expectation learning environment where every child can thrive.

We thank our entire school community for its ongoing partnership and commitment to student wellbeing and success. Together, we are building a school where every student feels valued, connected, and inspired to achieve their best.

BOOK WEEK & GRANDPARENTs' DAY – Friday 28 August

It's that special time of year again when we ask ourselves…
"Who is my favourite book character?"
Is it *The Cat in the Hat*, a superhero, Barbie, or maybe a classic Disney character?

We're excited to invite you to our **2026 Book Week Parade and Grandparents' Day** on:

- **Friday, 28th August**
- **Theme: "A Symphony of Stories"**
- **Parade Location:** Senior Basketball Court (Front of the school)
- **Time:** Just after 9:00am

Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate the magic of reading!

Grandparents' Day Activities

Following the parade, grandparents are warmly invited into classrooms to enjoy a **2026 Shortlisted Book reading** and take part in some fun literacy activities with the students.

Morning Tea will be provided afterwards – a wonderful chance to mingle and catch up with other grandparents and families.

Scholastic Book Fair

As part of our Book Week festivities, don't forget to check out our **Annual Scholastic Book Fair!**

- **Open from Monday 24th to Friday 28th August**
- Open **before and after school**
- Location: School Library

It's the perfect opportunity to discover new books and support our school at the same time!

We look forward to seeing you for a fun-filled week of adventure and imagination!

BPS School Production– Tickets Available

Our school production of ***Alice in Wonderland*** is just around the corner, and excitement is building! We encourage all students involved to continue practising their lines at home, as regular rehearsal will help build their confidence and ensure they are performance ready.

Tickets are now available from the school office. We look forward to seeing our school community come together to support our talented performers in what promises to be a wonderful show!

If you require any assistance in providing the requested costume items, please don't hesitate to contact Sue McDonald by email at **susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au**. We are happy to work with families to ensure every student is ready for this exciting event.

Kind Regards,

Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)

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Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 3		
Week 5	All week	No planned events
Week 6		Bullying No-way Week
Week 7	All week Mon 24 Aug Fri 28 Aug	Book Week District Athletics 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. (FAF, 12C, 12G & Senior Cast) BPS Production night 2. (FJA, 12D & Senior Cast) Grade ⅚ Write Around the Murray Excursion (Albury)
Week 10	Mon- Thurs Fri 18 Sept	**Junior Swimming week** Last Day for Term 3 – 2.30pm finish
Term 4		
Week 1	Mon 5 Oct	First Day for Term 4
Week 2	15 & 16 Oct	Year 3 & 4 Valley Homestead Camp
Week 3	Mon 19 & Tues 20 Wed 21 Oct	Year 5 Buddies Excursions to Kinders Social Enterprise Market Day
Week 4		No planned Activities
Week 5	Tues 3 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Week 6	Wed 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Week 7	Mon 16 Nov Tues 18 Nov Wed 19 Nov	Pupil free day for Assessment and Reporting Foundation Transition begins (9-11am) School Council
Week 8	Mon- Thurs Tues 24 Nov	Senior Swimming Foundation Transition Day 2 (9-11am)
Week 9	Tues 2 Dec	Foundation Transition Day 3 (9-1)
Week 10	7-9 Dec Tues 8 Dec Tues 8 Dec Thurs 10 Dec Fri 11 Dec	Year 6 > 7 Transition week Statewide Step-up Day Foundation Transition Final Day (9am -1pm) Year 6 Graduation Class Party day!
Week 11	Tues 15 Dec Wed 16 Dec Thurs 17 Dec Fri 18 Dec	Whole School Swimming Carnival Whole School Concert Last Day of school for 2026 Pupil Free day for 2027 Planning