Beechworth Primary School

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

Friday 14th August 2026
Term 3, 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.

What a busy, exciting and rewarding week it has been at Beechworth Primary School! While the weather has certainly been doing its best to keep us indoors with plenty of rain and chilly temperatures, there has been no shortage of energy, enthusiasm and learning happening around our school; Social Enterprise and Production practices keeping our students busy this week.

As we head into the next week, we look forward to continuing the momentum, celebrating our students' achievements and enjoying all the exciting things happening across our school community. Well done to all of our students for another fantastic week! We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend, stays warm and dry, and comes back ready for another busy week at Beechworth Primary School.

Production excitement is building!

Our Production rehearsals are well underway, and the excitement is growing every day! Students have been working hard on their lines, songs, dances and performances, with lots of practice, perseverance and a few giggles along the way.

We are getting closer and closer to the big performances, and we can't wait to see all of their hard work come together on stage.

Have you got your tickets yet? If not, now is the time! We are sure it will be a fantastic celebration of our students' creativity, confidence and talent. We hope to see lots of our families there cheering them on! Please drop into the **school office** to purchase your tickets today.

Social Enterprise is in full swing!

Our Year 5 and 6 students have also been busy putting their entrepreneurial skills to the test as they continue working on their Social Enterprise projects. There has been plenty of planning, designing, problem-solving, teamwork and creative thinking taking place. Students have been developing their own products and learning what it takes to turn an idea into something that others will want to buy.

We are so excited to see the finished products and find out what our budding entrepreneurs have created this year! There are some wonderfully creative ideas taking shape, and we're sure our school community will be impressed by the range of products on offer. It has been wonderful to see students working collaboratively, sharing ideas, taking on challenges and learning from one another along the way. Who knows—we may even have some future business leaders in our Year 5 and 6 classrooms!

Year 1 Phonics Check

This week, some of our Year 1 students participated in the new Phonics Check introduced by Victorian government primary schools. The check is mandatory for all Year 1 students from 2026. The Year 1 Phonics Check is a short assessment designed to provide teachers with valuable insights into each student's phonics knowledge. Taking just 5–7 minutes per student, the check involves decoding both real and pseudo (non-real) words using their phonics skills.

We are incredibly proud of how confidently and enthusiastically our students engaged in the process. The checks will continue into next week.

2026 Parent/Caregiver/ Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey, offered by the Department of Education and we are seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The link to the survey will be sent out early next week. The survey is open from **Tuesday 18 August to Friday 18 September 2026**.

BOOK WEEK & GRANDPARENT's 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 **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!

Awards

Monday 3rd of August

This week's Values Winners

Jane M, Arthur T, Theo F, Mila S.

Golden Caring Award

A huge congratulations to Esme H, this week's recipient of our Golden Caring Award.

This award recognises Esme's efforts in showing care for others, the environment, and our school property.

Well done, Esme! Keep up the great work.

Specialist Respect Awards

This week's Specialist Awards have been proudly awarded to Kayden R, Ashton L, Charlie H and Isaac H 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 Silver Awards

Congratulations to Paddy D, Lulu K, Veronica T and Penelope T.

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

Congratulations, – we're so proud of you!

Awards

Monday 10th of August

This week's Values Winners

Remi S, Flynn B, Darcy W, Benji F.

Golden Caring Award

A huge congratulations to Flynn B, this week's recipient of our Golden Caring Award.

This award recognises Flynn's efforts in showing care for others, the environment, and our school property.

Well done, Flynn! Keep up the great work.

Specialist Respect Awards

This week's Specialist Awards have been proudly awarded to Eddie P and Cleo C 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 *Aliace A, Dristan K, Carter P, Spencer V, Sverri G, Darcy W, Phoenix M, Pietro A, Winter M and Elsie T* we are super proud of each of you!

SWPBS Silver Awards

Congratulations to Raffi S, Elizabeth H, Nina A, Astrid A, Leif G, Lucy R, Hazel R and Greta J.

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Kind Regards,

Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)

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Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 3		
Week 6		No planned events
Week 7	All week Mon 24 Aug Fri 28 Aug	Book Week District Athletics Book Week Parade & Grandparents Day
Week 8	All week Fri 4 Sept	Bullying No-way Week 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 ⅝ 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