Beechworth Primary School

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

Friday 21st August 2026
Term 3, Week 6

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 6 Newsletter.

Our school has been buzzing with activity this week as our students have continued to learn, grow and make the most of every opportunity.

This week, students and staff participated in a fire drill, providing an important opportunity to practise our emergency procedures and ensure that everyone knows what to do and where to go should an emergency situation arise. Each term we undertake an emergency drill. We vary the type of drill to ensure we know what to do an any emergency situation. Thank you to our students and staff for their calm and responsible approach throughout the drill.

Next week is set to be another busy one, commencing with our District Athletics on Monday. We wish all of our students who are representing Beechworth Primary School the very best as they compete and demonstrate their skills, determination and sportsmanship.

Our Production practices will also continue throughout the week as students work hard to prepare for what promises to be a fantastic performance. This week we ran through the performance from beginning to end. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and commitment of our students as they rehearse, learn their roles and work together as a team.

As always, thank you to our staff, students and families for the energy, encouragement and support you bring to our school community.

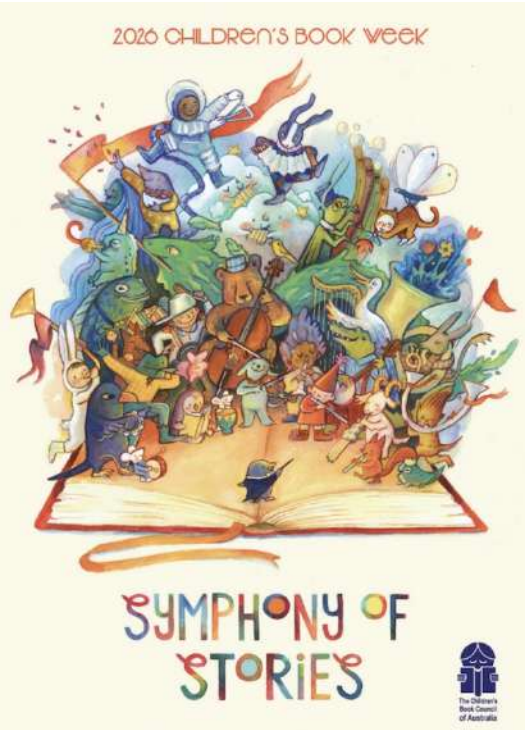
BOOK WEEK & GRANDPARENT's DAY – Friday 28 August

Next week is one of our absolute favourites — **Book Week!** We are looking forward to celebrating the joy of reading, books and imagination with our students and the wider school community.

On **Friday**, students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for our **annual Book Week Parade**. We encourage students to get creative and have fun bringing their favourite characters to life! Families and friends are warmly invited to join us and watch the parade as we celebrate our love of books together.

Following the parade, we will welcome our students' **grandparents or special friends** into the classrooms. They will have the opportunity to spend some special time with our students while engaging in activities based on this year's **shortlisted Book Week books**.

It promises to be a wonderful morning filled with books, creativity, connection and plenty of smiles. We look forward to sharing this special celebration with our school community!



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

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!

Buddy Program

At Beechworth Primary School we value the importance of the transition between pre-school and school. Our school has a positive relationship with the local pre-school and strives to ensure that every child experiences a smooth and positive start to school. Our Buddy Program supports all Prep children commencing school by creating nurturing relationships between new children and senior students, ensuring that Preps feel safe and confident in their new environment.

This week, our Year 5 students have been invited to complete an application to become a buddy. As part of the application, students will share some information about themselves, including their interests and personality, to help us create meaningful buddy partnerships.

Families of our incoming Foundation students are also invited to complete a buddy form, sharing information about their child and their interests. Our Foundation Transition Team will use this information to thoughtfully pair each Foundation student with a Year 5 buddy who has similar interests and personality traits.

In Term 4 the pre-school children attend 4 transition days at Beechworth Primary School, spread over the term. The Year 5 students will greet their buddy and spend the first part of the day with them. They also play with them and offer support in the yard during break times.

This support will continue at the start of the following school year. Both students are able to develop positive relationships that continue right through the first year of the Prep student's school education and the final year of Primary school for the Year 6 student.

We look forward to building these connections and supporting our incoming Foundation students as they begin their transition to school.

School Council Update

Our School Council met on Wednesday night, with a number of important matters discussed and decisions made to support the safety, wellbeing and learning experiences of our students.

Year 3 & 4 Camp
School Council has approved the Year 3 and 4 Camp, which will take place on **Thursday 15 and Friday 16 October**. We are looking forward to providing our students with an exciting opportunity to build independence, strengthen friendships and develop new skills through their camp experience. Further information about the camp will be shared with families as preparations continue. Camp notes will be on Compass today.

Bullying Prevention Policy Review
School Council also discussed our current **Bullying Prevention Policy**, which is now due for review. The current policy is available on the BPS Website. As part of this process, we welcome feedback from our school community. If you have any feedback, suggestions or comments that you would like considered as part of the review, please email these to the **School Principal**.

Ensuring that our school remains a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for every student is a shared responsibility, and we value the input of our families and wider school community.

Roof Safety Improvements
School Council has also approved the upgrading of the safety hooks on the school roof. These improvements will provide safe access for tradespeople who need to undertake maintenance and other essential work on the roof. This is an important step in ensuring that appropriate safety measures are in place when contractors are required to access the roof area.

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**.

Kind Regards,

Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)

Ngaire King – Acting Principal (Friday)

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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

Awards

Monday 17th of August

This week's Values Winners

Catherine B, Arthur T, Esme H, Eddie P.

Golden Caring Award

A huge congratulations to Spencer T, this week's recipient of our Golden Caring Award.

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

Well done, Spencer! Keep up the great work.

Specialist Respect Awards

This week's Specialist Awards have been proudly awarded to Lewin M, Esme H, Lucas A and River N 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 *Archer J, Viola S, Hugh M, OW and Ripley H* we are super proud of each of you!

SWPBS Silver Awards

Congratulations to Harriet M, Kayden R, Ari G, Charlie C, Mia F, Sophie B and Isla N.

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!

Beechworth Memorial Hall

Wednesday, September 9th

Senior Students, FAF, 1/2C, and 1/2G

Thursday, September 10th

Senior Students, FJA and 1/2D

Doors open 6:15pm-Show starts 6:30pm

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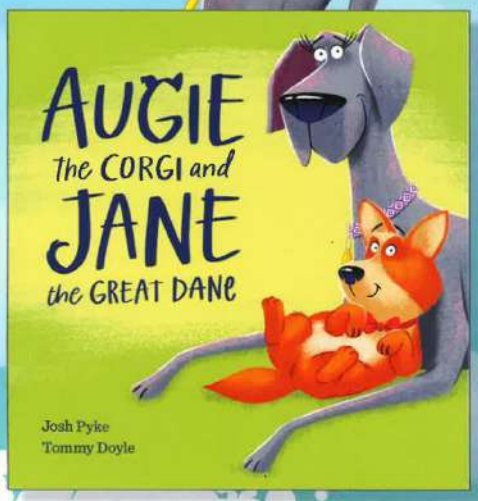
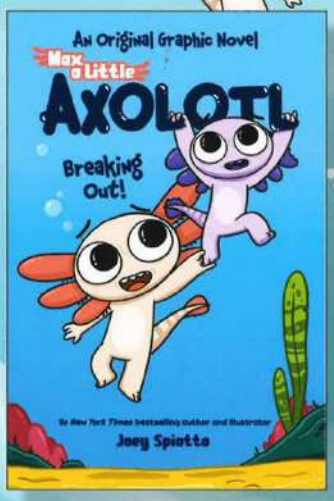
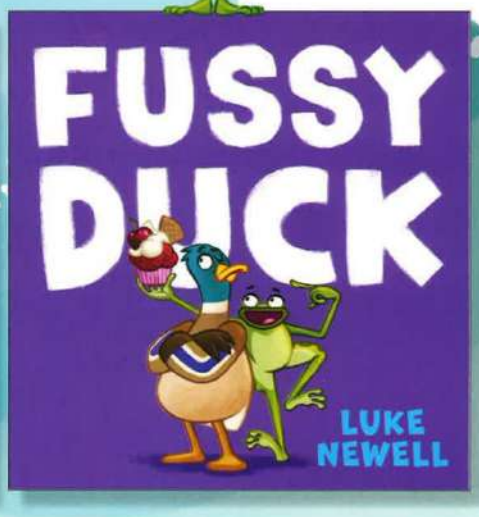
You're invited to our

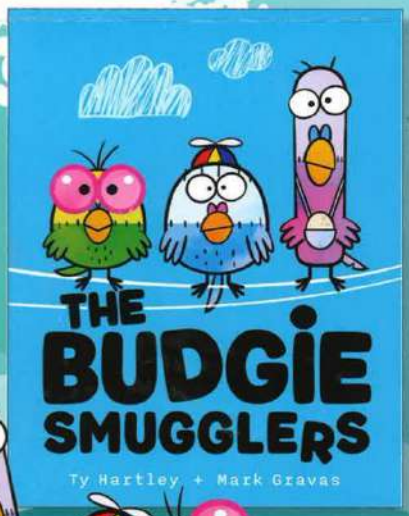
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

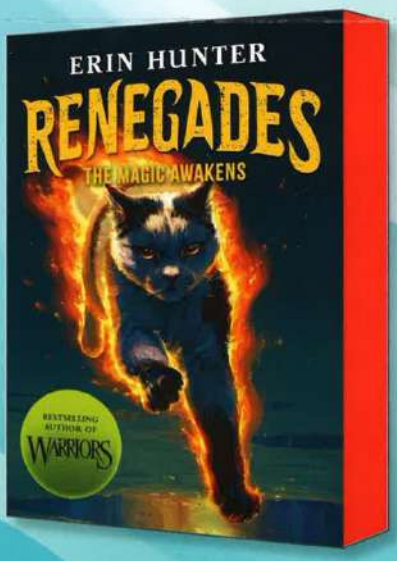
THE #1 BOOK FAIR

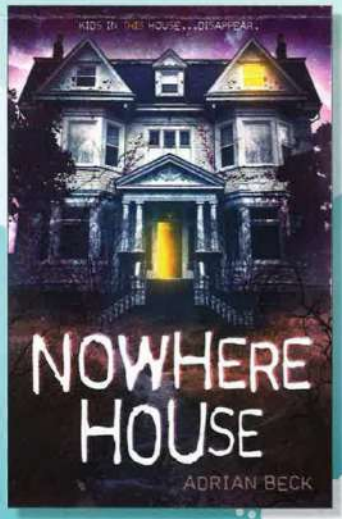












Date MON - FRI 24-28 AUGUST Time 3.30PM - 4.30PM

Place BPS LIBRARY

Find these books and much more at the Fair!

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS **RESOURCES** FOR OUR **SCHOOL**

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

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Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 3		
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

BRIDGE ROAD BREWERY

BRIDGE ROAD BREWERS BEECHWORTH

PIZZA Competition!

CALLING ALL BUDDING PIZZA CHEFS!

We are very excited to announce our
Pizza Competition with Bridge Road Brewery!
Please find a pizza template at the back of the newsletter, you can also pick one up at the office.

AND THE PRIZE IS PRETTY DELICIOUS!

Students are invited to put their creative thinking (and love of pizza!) to the test by designing their very own **dream pizza.**

☆ FIRST & SECOND PLACE WINNERS ☆

Their winning pizzas will be featured on the Bridge Road Brewery

MENU FOR TWO WEEKS!

Imagine seeing your very own pizza creation on the menu for the whole community to enjoy!

ENTRIES CLOSE: MONDAY 31ST AUGUST

So, get creative, think big and start designing your ultimate pizza! We can't wait to see what our BPS pizza chefs come up with.

GET CREATIVE, THINK BIG & MAKE SOME PIZZA MAGIC!

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BRIDGE ROAD BREWERS

Bridge Road Brewers Pizza Competition

Draw your dream pizza below

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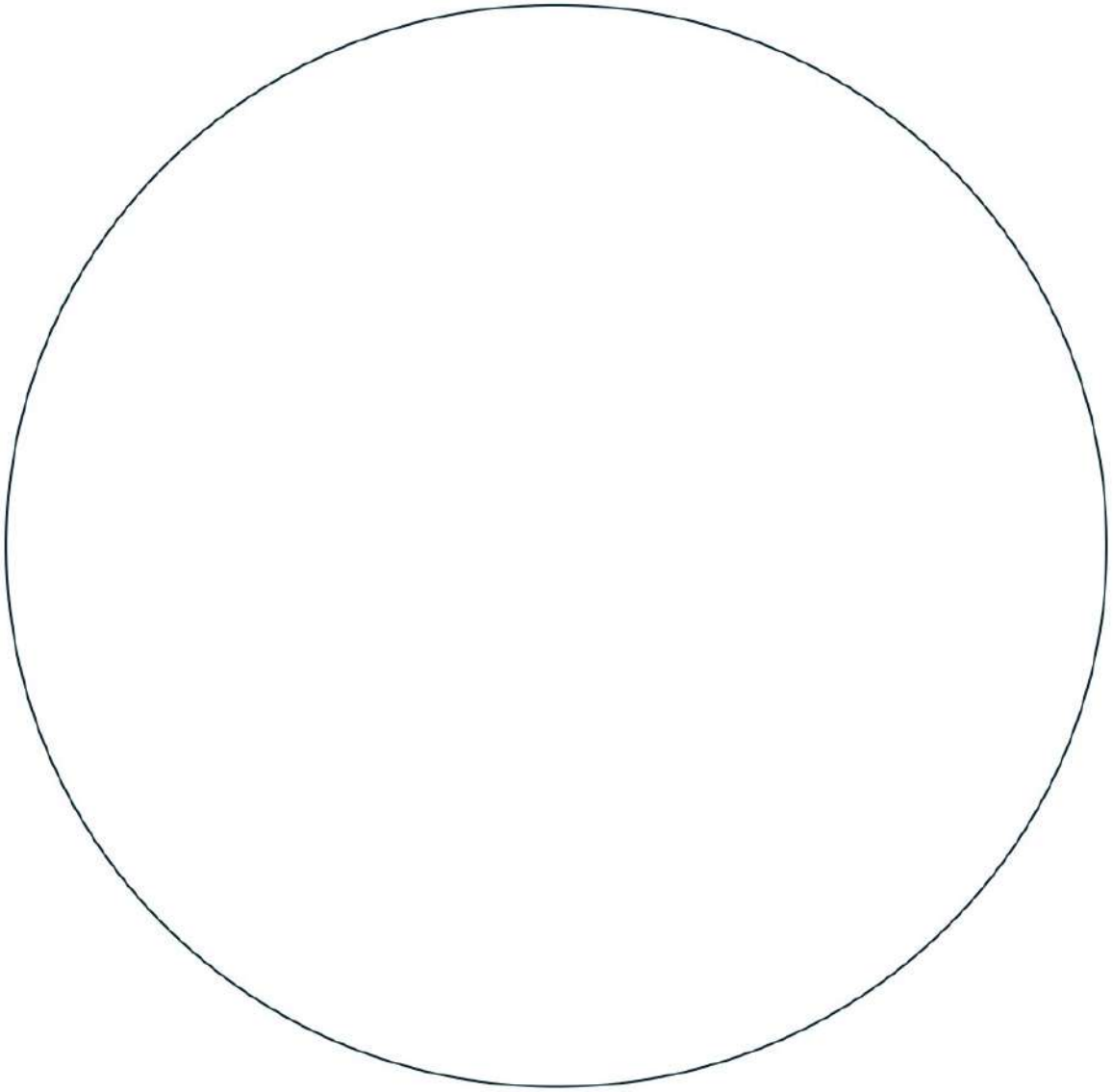

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