Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

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

Friday 18th September
2026 Term 3, Week 10

Beechworth Primary School is committed to the implementation of Child Safe Standards to promote the safety and wellbeing of all young people.

The BUZZ at BPS

What a wonderful way to wrap up **Term 3!** It has been a big term filled with learning, connection, achievement and plenty of moments to celebrate. A huge thank you to our students, staff and families for everything you have contributed throughout the term.

Our Junior students wrapped up four fantastic days of swimming in Wangaratta this week. They were absolute superstars, showing persistence, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout the program. A huge thank you to our staff for supporting our students each day and making the program such a success.

On Thursday, a group of our Senior students headed off to Division Athletics in Albury. Congratulations to all our incredible athletes who represented BPS with such joy, determination and pride. What an achievement!

The following students have made it through to the Regional Athletics which will be held at Les O'Brien Athletics Precinct in Albury on Friday October the 16th:

- **Evie M** 9-10 year old girls **1st** place in the 1500m and **2nd** place in the 800m,
- **Kasper M** 9-10 year old boys **2nd** place in the 1500m and **1st** place in the 800m,
- **Flynn S** 11 year old boys **1st** place in the 1500m and **1st** place in the 800m,
- **Eddie J** 9-10 year old boys **2nd** place in the 100m and **2nd** place in the triple jump.
- **The 9-10 year old boys** relay team also made it through to Regionals after placing **2nd** at Division.

We wish everyone the best of luck for the Region Athletics.

Our School Council met on Wednesday, providing a lovely opportunity to come together, reflect on and celebrate what has been a fantastic Term 3. We are incredibly grateful for the support, ideas and energy our School Council continues to bring to our school community.

To top off Term 3, we enjoyed a whole-school picnic and sausage sizzle. It was wonderful to see our students and staff coming together, enjoying some food, sunshine and time together before heading off for the holidays. A very fitting way to finish a very big term!

This week we also farewell two very special members of our BPS team. **Sian Crowe**, our 1/2C teacher, is heading off on maternity leave, while **Hunter North**, our 3/4M ES, is off to travel the world. We will miss them both very much and wish them the very best for their next adventures. **Not goodbye… just see you later!**

As we come to the end of another magnificent term, we thank our wonderful community for your ongoing support. It has certainly been a big one, and we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break. We look forward to seeing you all back under the Fairy Tree in Term 4!

Holiday Reminder

Construction works will be taking place around the **Wetlands and Staff car park** during the school holidays. Please be mindful of these works and ensure children stay clear of any fenced or restricted areas when using the school grounds.

Finally, this newsletter showcases just some of the many incredible things our students are achieving both inside and outside of school. We are so proud of the diverse talents, passions and achievements of our BPS students. Please take some time to enjoy and celebrate their wonderful accomplishments.

Have a safe, happy and relaxing holiday, everyone!

Ngaire King
Acting Principal

Dot Day at BPS!

Our students have been celebrating **Dot Day** with creativity, colour and plenty of **chalk!**

Our beautiful chalk drawings have transformed the school grounds and created so many smiles, conversations and excitement about art. If you need a pick me up this week, stroll around the school and check out our BPS masterpieces!

Thank you to Ms. Bird for bring our Dot Day celebrations to life our school is looking incredible!

Parking Reminder

A reminder to all families that vehicles with trailers are asked to park in the dirt car park near the oval, rather than in the front car park. This helps to ensure the safety of everyone using the car parks and prevents a vehicle and trailer from taking up multiple car spaces.
Please also remember to drive slowly and safely around the school grounds. When dropping off students, please ensure you have parked fully within a designated parking space before allowing students to enter or exit the vehicle. Please do not stop on the roadway to drop off or collect students, as this can create a safety hazard for pedestrians and other vehicles.
Thank you for helping us keep our school grounds safe for everyone.

Building Works

Please be advised that building works will be taking place at the school during the upcoming school holidays. All necessary precautions and safety measures have been put in place to ensure the works are undertaken safely.
TheirCare, our holiday program provider, is aware that the works will be taking place and has been informed of the arrangements.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Online Safety

As technology continues to be an important part of our children's learning and everyday lives, **online safety is something we all have a role in supporting**. At school, we regularly talk with students about making safe, respectful and responsible choices when using technology.
For our students, online safety is not just about knowing what not to do, it is about developing the skills and confidence to recognise when something doesn't feel right and knowing what to do next.
We encourage our students to understand that one of the most important messages for online safety is that they will never be in trouble for telling a trusted adult about something that has happened online. Creating an environment where children feel safe to speak up is an important part of keeping them protected.
At BPS, we will continue to support our students to build the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to navigate the digital world safely, respectfully and responsibly.
The e-safety commissioner has published a new eBook on Online Safety. For more information, please click the LINK

Under 11s Beechworth Netball Grand Final Champions!

What an incredible achievement for our Beechworth Under 11s!

Our BPS students were part of the Beechworth Under 11s team that took out the 9–14 Grand Final, finishing their season **as Grand Final winners!**

It was a fantastic display of teamwork, determination and persistence. The team worked hard throughout the season, supported one another and showed plenty of courage when it mattered most.

We are incredibly proud of all our BPS students who took part and represented Beechworth so proudly. A huge congratulations to the whole team, their coaches and families for their commitment and support throughout the season.

Congratulations, Under 11s!

Ted Takes on the Victorian Inter-School Mountain Bike Series!

Congratulations to Ted, who participated in the Victorian Inter-School Mountain Bike Cross Country Series! Ted competed in Geelong, Castlemaine and Bendigo, achieving an **incredible two first-place finishes and a second place**. What an amazing achievement, Ted!

Thankyou to our **BPS Garden Gnomes** for getting stuck into the school gardens and doing an amazing job weeding

Kind Regards,

Sue McDonald -Principal (Monday – Thursday)

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Social Enterprise Update!

Now that production is done, our grade 5/6s have been very busy working on their businesses and we have quite the array of products this year- beauty items, games, shoe deodorisers, instant soups, coasters, snacks and more!

We will set up our school market stand at the front office next term- we will announce when you can come in and buy. As a teaser please take a look at the ads our students have made to market their wares...

$6.50
EACH

souper healthy.
souper easy.
souper tasty.
it's SOUPERB!!!

Our flavours:
Tomato basil and cheesy cauliflower
We are supporting

FIGHT MND
IT TAKES PEOPLE

Dolly's Dream

NATURAL
INGREDIENTS

flavours
banana and strawberry treats
chicken and rive treats

small 10 bicuits $4
medium 15 biscuits $5
large 20 biscuits $7

Coaster Kings

#1 Coasters

2 for $5
3 for $9

Save your wood you know you should

SLIMERS

Great hand made slime
Stay slimey!
our normal slime is $5.00 our galxy slime is $6.00 buy 2 galixy for $8.00

DO NOT EAT

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drovers delights
ginger biscuits

Five for Five

Fizz & Foam

ingredients:
1. coconut oil
2. mica powder
3. water
4. epsom salts
5. citric acid
6. essential oil
7. cornstarch
8. baking soda

small size $2.50
big size $4.50

our bath bombs are soothing, calming and even relaxing!!

The cost: $4.50 or 2 for $8

Our charity is:

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Craft Girls

small size scrunchie

Medium size scrunchies

Stay calm and keep crafty!

Small bookmark

Awards

This week's Values Winners

Pros T, Billy P, Aulay R, Lenny B, Georgia A, Arthur C, Carter P & Kayden R

Whole School Focus Award

A special congratulations to Thomas C and Theo H, who have been recognised with our **Whole School Focus Award**. Thomas and Theo have demonstrated a wonderful commitment to being SAFE in all areas of our school and helping others make safe choices.

Specialist Respect Awards

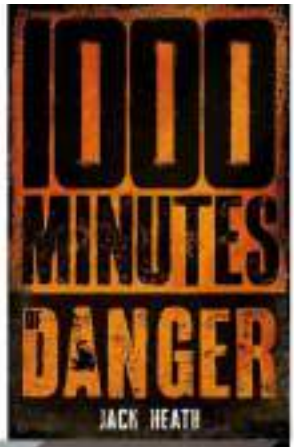
Congratulations to Greta J, Celeste K, Arthur T, Piper M, Fletcher S, Remy P and Harriet M who received Specialist Awards for demonstrating our school values in STEM, Art, PE and French. It is wonderful to see you showing respect, persistence and care towards others and you're learning.

SWPBS Bronze Awards

Well done to Cooper S, HC, MU & Dustin R on receiving their **Bronze Awards**! These awards recognise students who consistently demonstrate our school values and make positive choices throughout their school day.

Author Jack Heath: If you tell anyone, you're next!

Last Friday Grade 5/6 travelled to Albury to attend a session with Jack Heath, author of the 'Minutes of Danger' series amongst many, many others as part of the Write Around the Murray Festival. We loved hearing him talk about his writing process and got an insight into how he writes such exciting and engaging books- he started writing after not loving reading Romeo & Juliet in year 7 and so making a list of all the things he felt it was missing such as: helicopters, bears, machine guns and bombs. Even though we were tired from Production (seriously Ms James? Booking an excursion the day after Alice in Wonderland was on?) he had us on the edge of our seats and we were riveted!



Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 4		
Week 1	Mon 5 Oct Thurs 8 Oct	First Day for Term 4 French Incursion– Puppet Show– Whole School
Week 2	15 & 16 Oct	Year 3 & 4 Valley Homestead Camp
Week 3	Mon 19 & Thurs 22 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

On Monday, 3/4J attended FoRT town and had a blast! We spent 45 minutes creating amazing forts. Thankyou Kellie and the Indigo Shire for this free event!

FORT TOWN

On Wednesday, 3/4J and 3/4M watched the circus performance 'FoRT'

ART VENTURERS

THE DAY ELIZABETH DISAPPEARED (WRITE AROUND THE MURRAY COMPETITION)

Eadie M

This is a story about friendship. Lots of people say they have so many friends when they actually don't. They just say that because they think it will make them fit in with everyone else.

EADIE & ELIZABETH

"Are you okay Elizabeth," said Eadie. Elizabeth didn't answer. Eadie said it again. Elizabeth still didn't answer. Eadie went to investigate. Elizabeth had been in the toilet for an hour now. Eadie was still calling out Elizabeth's name for ages now and she still didn't answer. Eadie had searched the whole house and Elizabeth still wasn't there. Eadie, by now had told her Mum. Eadie and her friend Mila are going to go give this information to the police. After a day or two Elizabeth still hadn't turned up.

Eadie and Mila are almost lost in their thoughts of grief now because Elizabeth had been missing for a week now. "What will I do without her!"screamed Eadie.

"I don't know,"said Mila.

"I just hope that she hasn't been kidnaped by one of Australia's most savage criminals!"screamed Eadie.

What Eadie and Mila didn't know was Elizabeth WAS kidnaped by one of Australia's most savage criminals. Eadie had just put on her headphones and was listening to Bad Blood by Talor Swift. Mila tried to tell Eadie that she had found a clue! The problem was that Eadie couldn't hear anything because her music was so loud on her headphones.

"Eadie!!!"screamed Mila.

"Huh,"said Eadie and turned her music on her headphones down so she could hear what Mila was trying to tell her.

"I found a clue!"said Mila.

"What is it?"asked Eadie.

"It's a piece of Elizabeth's T-Shirt!"shouted Mila.

"Finally!"shouted Eadie.

Eadie and Mila found a long trail to follow. They followed it all the way to find a big shed with someone screaming in it. They opened the door and there sat down in pain with deep cuts, scratches, and bruises screaming in pain, was Elizabeth! It looked like she was dumped there to just fade away into death. How could someone do that? Immediately, Eadie and Mila rushed to Elizabeth to help her.

"Eadie!"screamed Elizabeth.

"I'm so happy you're still alive!"screamed Eadie.

"I'm in so much pain!"said Elizabeth.

"I'm glad we bought the First Aid Kit,"said Eadie.

"Let's get you cleaned and fixed up,"said Mila.

Eadie and Mila cleaned up all Elizabeth's cuts and put her arm in a splint until they could get her to a hospital after they got back to Eadie's house. When they got back to Eadie's house Eadie's Mum Alison called an ambulance to come and pick Elizabeth, Eadie, and Mila up. When they got to the hospital, Elizabeth was put into the Intensive Care Unit. She was all fixed up by the end of that day.

Elizabeth told Eadie and Mila about what happened. It was a sad story that none of them will forget ever.

A Little Something About My Award

Hi my name is Eadie M and I am in Grade Four. This year, I entered the Barry Young River Of Stories competion. Only to find out a month later that I won an award! I entered in the short stories column. I won the judges commendation for year three and four short stories. I am so proud of myself and would love to enter next year and I hope you do to.

Thank you, Eadie

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When: Friday evenings, 4:45pm - 5:45pm
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FJA SWIMMING

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FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER
4.30PM - 7PM
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Live music - Jamswells
Activities
Sausage sizzle
Delicious food
Family fun
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