Beechworth Primary School

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

Friday 9th October
2026 Term 4, Week 1

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 back to what is shaping up to be a very exciting, busy and memorable Term 4 here at BPS!

I am super excited to be back at BPS and reconnecting with our students, staff and wider school community. I had an amazing time in Borneo. I am loving sharing some of my adventures, stories and photographs with our students. From the incredible animals and unique cultures to the environmental challenges facing this beautiful part of the world, there have been so many fascinating stories to share and conversations to have.

It has been wonderful to see the students' curiosity and enthusiasm as they learn about places, people and environments that are very different from their own. I hope that sharing these experiences encourages our students to remain curious about the world around them, appreciate different cultures and develop a greater understanding of the importance of caring for our environment.

Term 4 At BPS

There is always a wonderful sense of energy around our school as we enter the final term of the year, and this year is certainly no exception. With a full calendar of learning, celebrations, special events and opportunities for our students, there is plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks. Next week we kick off with our Year 3 and 4 Camp on Thursday and Friday. Currently our Year 5 and 6 students are busy with their Social Enterprise products in preparation for the 'Market Day' at the Old Beechworth Gaol in Week 3.

While Term 4 brings many exciting occasions and opportunities to celebrate, our commitment to learning remains at the heart of everything we do. We will continue to support students to stay focused on their learning goals, challenge themselves, build confidence and take pride in the progress they have made throughout the year. It is also an important time to pause and recognise the many achievements—both big and small—that our students have accomplished along the way.

For some students, this term will also mark an important transition. As our students prepare to move into their next year level, we will continue to support them in developing the skills, confidence and independence they need for the year ahead. For our Year 6 students, this is an especially significant time as they prepare to take their next big step into secondary school. We look forward to celebrating their growth, achievements and contributions to BPS during our Year 6 Graduation Celebrations and as they get ready for this exciting new chapter.

With so much happening across the school, clear, timely and ongoing communication with families will be particularly important. We will continue to keep families informed about upcoming events, important dates, learning opportunities and any information needed to ensure every student is able to participate fully and make the most of all that Term 4 has to offer.

Most importantly, as we lean into Term 4, we strive to build a time filled with a strong sense of belonging, connection and school pride. We will continue to hold high expectations for behaviour and encourage every student to demonstrate respect, responsibility, kindness and care for themselves, others and our school. Strong relationships are at the heart of our community, and we want students to understand that their choices matter and that they are accountable for the impact of their actions.

Through our 'Friendology' language and learning, we will continue to support students to resolve conflict respectfully, take responsibility when things go wrong, and understand that mistakes provide opportunities to learn, repair relationships and move forward. Above all, we want every student to feel valued, supported and proud to be part of the BPS community, while contributing positively to a safe, respectful and inclusive school environment.

Thank you to our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. The positive relationships between our students, staff and families are such an important part of what makes BPS a wonderful place to learn and grow.

There is so much to look forward to, and we can't wait to share this final chapter of the year with you all.
Let's make it a fantastic, fun-filled and successful final term of 2026!

Thank you

A huge thank you to Susan and the TheirCare Kids for looking after our chickens over the holidays! We're so grateful for the time and care you gave them—feeding them every day and making sure they were happy and healthy while we were away. It gave us real peace of mind knowing they were in such good hands.

SunSmart HATS, HATS, HATS!

Great to see our students all wearing their green BPS hats and protecting themselves from sun damage. Term 4 is a SunSmart Term with broad brimmed hats being mandatory for students whenever they are outside in the yard. Our order of medium and large hats has finally arrived, so if you are needing a hat pop into the office. Remember to make sure that they are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Students in Year 3-6 are welcome to also wear sunglasses if they wish.

SUNSCREEN Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen to their children before school and pack sunscreen in backpacks for students to re-apply during the day. Please note the school does not apply sunscreen to children. Click on the link to view the Sun Protection Policy .

Keeping Hydrated

With the warmer days upon us it is important that our students stay hydrated throughout the day. Our students are generally very active at school and maintaining hydration is important for both wellbeing and learning. All students should have a water bottle at school, which can be refilled at the water bottle filling taps. Students have access to the bubblers throughout the day, but having a water bottle on the desk saves disruptions to learning where a student might miss important instruction for learning.

Pupil Free Days / Public Holidays

Mark your calendars folks, there are three dates where kids are not at school during Term 4.

- Tuesday 3rd November – Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup Day)
- Monday 16th November - Pupil Free Day (Assessment and Reporting Day)
- Friday 18th December- Pupil Free Day (2027 Planning Day)

Warm regards,
Sue McDonald
Principal
susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au

Beechworth Primary School Office Hours are:
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

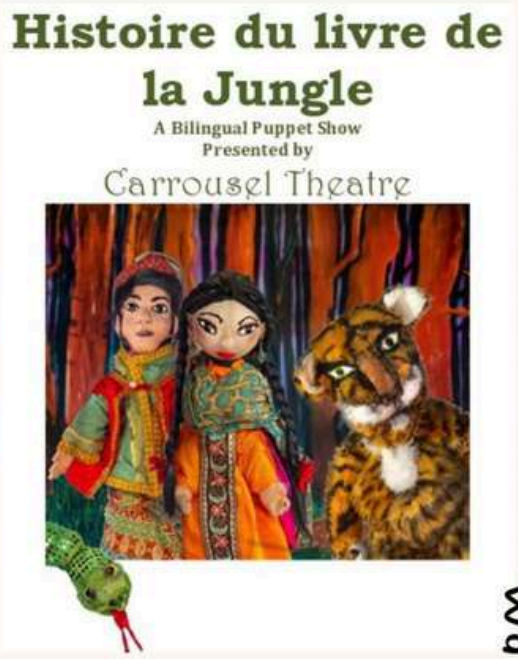
Week	Date, Time	Event/ Activity
Term 4		
Week 2	15 & 16 Oct	Year 3 & 4 Valley Homestead Camp
Week 3	Mon 19 & Thurs 22 Wed 21 Oct	Year 5 Buddies Excursions to Kinders Social Enterprise Market Day
Week 4		No planned Activities
Week 5	Tues 3 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Week 6	Wed 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
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

Bonjour

French News

"I loved it"

Yesterday the whole school enjoyed a French puppet show!

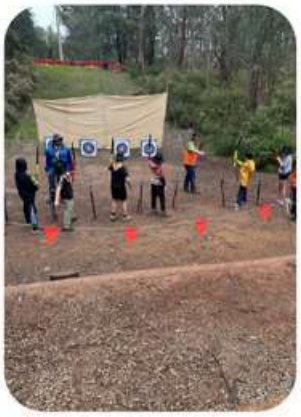


"It was so funny!"

"My favourite character was the frog! He didn't want to be kissed!"

"Very interesting"

CUBOREE 2026



During the September holidays instead of playing video games inside, nine students from BPS went to the 12th Victorian Cuboree down in Gembrook. A Cuboree is a camp that happens every 3 years and only cub scouts are invited. Cuboree is spread over 4 nights and 5 days of fun. Some of the fun outdoor activities were: rock climbing, abseiling, navigation, billy carting, doing a colour run, a mud run and lots of other fun activities. Even the night is action pack with live performances. Cuboree is a great place to build your confidence, resiliance, independence and friendships with people from all over the region and if you like outdoor activities, then I strongly engourage you to join cubs (8-11 years old) or scouts (11-14 years old).

Pets In The Park

Pets In The Park began in 2012 with a simple vision: to provide free and compassionate veterinary care to pets whose owners are experiencing homelessness. Founded on the belief that everyone deserves the love and comfort of a pet, our journey started with a small group of veterinarians volunteering in public parks, offering essential medical support to pets in need.

As we listened to the stories of our clients—people who had often faced unimaginable challenges—it became apparent that these pets were more than companions. They were protectors, lifelines, and a profound source of hope. With the bond between owner and pet at the heart of everything we do, our mission has grown into a national movement, empowering volunteers, veterinarians, and communities across Australia to come together in support of these remarkable relationships.

Today, PITP operates a network of volunteer-run clinics in cities and towns around the country. We're proud to deliver services like health checks, vaccinations, parasite control, and wound care, all made possible through our dedicated network of veterinary professionals, donors, and supporters.

For us, it's about more than just medical care—it's about dignity, community, and kindness. Every clinic visit strengthens the bond between pets and their owners, reminding them that they are not alone.

Beechworth Before School Care's (Theircare), community engagement project this term is supporting our local ***Pets In The Park***, through our local Beechworth Vets. *See the information above.* If families and students who would like to participate in supporting this incredible program, you can do so by donating the following items and dropping them off to Chez at Before School Care or at the front of school at the end of the day (when I'm doing the crossing).

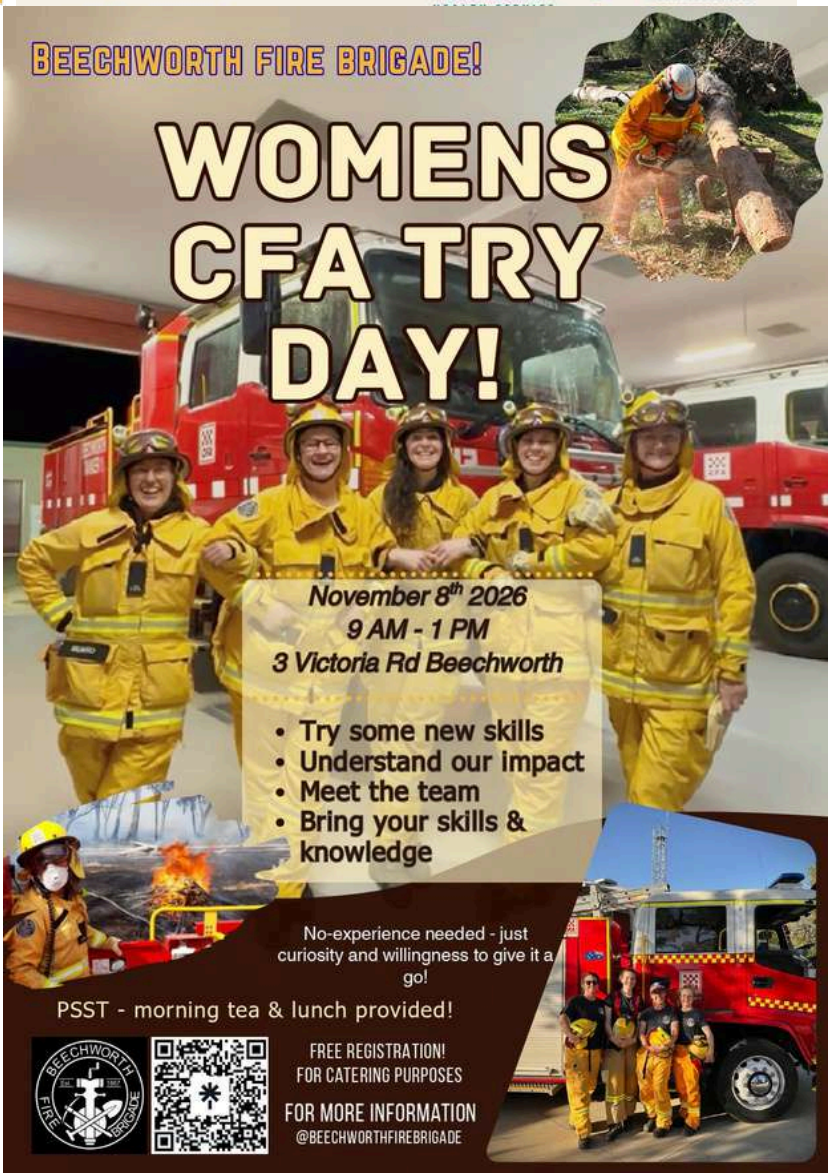
Donations that Before School Care (***Pets In The Park***) are collecting are the following items:

**Dog food, cat food*

**Dog coats, leads, collars, harnesses, bowls, toys*

**Dog and cat beds*

**Old towels and blankets*

Thankyou to everyone in anticipation of your support given to the pets!

To donate money directly to this program you can through, the Pets in The Park website. https://www.petsinthepark.org.au/vic/northeast-vic