Beechworth Primary School

Be ...

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

Friday 16th October
2026 Term 4, Week 2

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

As we come to the end of Week 2, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Ngaire and the team for a terrific start to the week in my absence while I attended Principal Leadership Meetings in Melbourne this week. I am grateful for their support and the wonderful work they continue to do for our school community.

A highlight this week was our Year 3 and 4 students heading off to Happy Valley Adventure Camp on Thursday and Friday. These experiences provide wonderful opportunities for students to build confidence, strengthen friendships, develop independence and create lasting memories together. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return!

As we settle into Term 4, our whole-school focus is on kindness. We are encouraging all students to be thoughtful, inclusive and respectful in their interactions with others, remembering that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference. By showing care and compassion, we can ensure our school remains a welcoming and supportive place for everyone.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for the positive start to the term.

Thank you

A huge thank you to Jackson Novosad and his team for the outstanding work they have done repairing our driveway and installing guttering along the edges to support drainage and protect the driveway for years to come. We are incredibly grateful for their time, effort and expertise in helping to maintain and improve our school grounds. Their hard work has made a real difference.

Student, Classroom Placement for 2027

This week, our leadership team has begun our thinking and planning for 2027, looking ahead to the opportunities and priorities that will continue to support our students, staff and school community in the year ahead. With this in mind we ask that if your child/ren will not be attending BPS in 2027 to please let the School Office know.

Parents and Carers who wish to make specific requests regarding classroom placement for their child in 2027, are required to send their request in writing by Friday 30th October. These can be delivered to the office or emailed to Sue on: susan.mcdonald2@education.vic.gov.au .

There are three types of parent requests the school will consider when using parent input into the process.

1. Parents can request a separation from another student. Valid reasons why their child would not learn to the best of their abilities if in the same classroom as a particular student.
2. Parents can request a pairing. This requires both sets of parents to put in writing a request for their children to be in the same classroom. Requests with a group of students matched to your child cannot be accepted as these requests are too complex to navigate.
3. Parents can request a type of teaching style. This requires a description of the attributes their child learns best with, parents are unable to request a particular teacher (by name).

Please note:

- That teachers have not been allocated to classes or year levels for 2027, and this will not happen until very late in the November.
- We do not refer back to requests from prior years as the relationships between children change over time.
- We will do our best to accommodate requests, but we cannot guarantee that they can be met- should this be the case you will be contacted.

Class Placement Process

To ensure all families have clarity around the class placement process, the following is an outline of the initiatives Beechworth PS undertakes to ensure our classrooms are balanced and true places of learning.

1. Classroom configurations of student groupings is a balanced and educationally sound configuration based on: academic balance, additional needs balance and an even distribution of numbers across year level classrooms.
2. Students have a voice regarding their placement by nominating five (5) learning partners which they rank from 1 to 5. This will occur early November.
3. The principal and whole teaching team then reviews the lists vigorously to ensure classrooms are successfully configured.

Uniform reminder.

We are proud of our school and students should wear their uniform with pride.

Please be reminded that 'hoodies' are not part of our school uniform. If for some unexpected reason a student does not have a jumper for school, they should choose a plain sweater without a hood or graphics. They should provide a note of explanation as to why they are out of uniform, and may be redirected to the school office to collect at school jumper to wear for the day.

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 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

FROM REGIONALS TO STATE!!

Congratulations to Kasper and Evie M on competing in the Regional Athletics today. They both competed in the 1500m. Kasper came 1st and Evie came 2nd. They are now both off to State to represent the School and Region. Well done Kasper and Evie.

AWARDS

This week's Values Winners

Gilbert H, Poppy M, Sidney K & Spencer T

SWPBS Silver Award

Congratulations to Jane M, Zac W, Thomas C, AS, Eli A, Macie T, Tessa G, Remy P, Farrah B and Remi S.

This week, we were super excited to present a number of 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 all!

SWPBS GOLD AWARD

This week, we were absolutely thrilled to present Gold Awards to Georgia A and Spencer T! 🌟

Earning a Gold Award is no small feat — it means they have collected an amazing 100 Values Tickets by consistently showing kindness, respect, and a positive attitude in everything they do. What a fantastic achievement!

Georgia and Spencer are worthy recipients of this award, and we're all so proud of the way they both continue to shine as role models for others. Congratulations, Georgia and Spencer— what a superstars!

SWPBS Bronze Awards

It is great to see our students living our school values. Well done to Flynn H and Jack S, we are super proud of each and every one of you!

BOTTLE TOPS WANTED FOR STEM

Please save clean plastic tops from water bottles, soft drink bottles and milk bottles.

All colours and sizes welcome. Please wash and dry before donating.

Place bottle tops in the bucket at the school office or in the STEM classroom during your STEM lesson.

Thank you for supporting our STEM activities!

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCHOOLS
An ACRE initiative

MARKET DAY 2026

10 YEARS | 100,000 YOUNG LEARNERS

WHEN
WEDNESDAY
21 OCTOBER
10:30AM–12NOON

WHERE
OLD BEECHWORTH GOAL

100% OF PROFITS SUPPORT CAUSES CHOSEN BY STUDENTS

PLEASE BRING CA$H

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