

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

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Principals Report

Thankyou's

Once again I'd like to thank the community for your assistance with our recent (and upcoming) fire danger warnings. My biggest hope is that you do not become complacent in your concern about bushfire. By enacting your fire plans with fidelity, you can be sure that your decision making process is not affected by information that will only be able to get from me during a school week. By letting us know you are keeping the children at home due to your fire plans, we can then send this data to the education department. I'm not trying to close our school on these days, but rather to argue for relocation so that all students are safe in Berwick and our program can continue.

While I'm thanking people I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, parents and community for supporting the kids at the Swimming carnival last week. Unfortunately, with the thought of school on an Extreme day I felt it important to stay and so I missed the day. The feedback was that the new location was a winner, so thanks to Miss Kelly for listening to parent feedback and for arranging the new venue for us.

If you have availed yourselves of the vegies and seedlings available at assembly, then please give Mr Kerr a pat on the back. Mr Kerr has spent many hours on the holidays and weekends getting our garden looking great and producing lots!

It was wonderful to see parents attending our recent parent teacher interviews, thanks for taking the time to join us, and for teachers for preparing for the evening.

To all the parent/grandparent volunteers involved in our recent pancake day, to those attending our upcoming excursions, thanks for getting involved in your child's learning and the community spirit these events create. We would love everyone to feel welcome and to consider joining us in such events.

Dogs in School Yard

Unlike many schools, we have not implemented a ban on dogs in our school ground. We know many of our students have dogs and that they like to walk to school with them, and show them to their friends. We do however ask that, as there are students who are scared of dogs and may not appreciate having to walk by or near them, that all dogs must be on a leash at all times, and we ask that you keep your eye on them. If you are walking to school and picking students up from school, please consider remaining on the oval or outside of the grounds. Thanks for understanding our concerns and we hope that we can remain a dog friendly school.

Lost Property

We have mountains of lost property but unfortunately a lot is not named. Please label your child's jumpers and hats in particular so that we can return them to you. Also check our lost property which is located outside of the staffroom. We also have some in our front office.

If items such as drink bottles, toys or miscellaneous items are in the lost property for more than two weeks they will be disposed of.

Lunchtime Clubs

Monday	Club 1 - Everyone Documentary Club Club 2 - Grade 1/2 Organised outside games Club 3 - Grade 3-6 Dance Club (2nd half)
Tuesday	Club 1 - Everyone Lego & Construction Club 2 - Grade 3/4 Organised outside games Club 3 - Grade 5/6 9 square in the air (2nd half)
Wednesday	Club 1 - Everyone Drawing & Colouring Club 2 - Grade 5/6 Organised outside games
Thursday	Club 1 - Everyone Board games Club 2 - Grade Prep - 2 Dance Club 3 - Grade 3/4 9 square in the air (2nd half)
Friday	Club 1 - Everyone Garden Club (2nd half) Club 2 - Everyone Library (2nd Half)

Calendar of events

Wednesday 28th Feb	No Preps at School
Friday 1st March	Assembly 3pm
Tuesday 5th March	1/2G Ecolinc Excursion
Wednesday 6th March	District Swimming Gr 5/6 H Parent Teacher Interviews 2.30pm
Thursday 7th March	School Photos
Friday 8th March	Assembly 3pm
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday No students at school
Wednesday 13th March	Division Swimming
Friday 15th March	Neurodiversity Day Assembly 3pm

Upcoming Sick Bay Roster

Friday 1st Mar - Cocker family
Friday 8th Mar - Cockman family
Friday 15th Mar - Coenen family
Friday 22nd Mar - D'Aquino family
Thursday 28th Mar - Donegan family



Student Of The Week Friday 23rd February

Grade	Student		Grade	Student
12B	Taj L For showing kindness to all your classmates, and for being resilient through difficult situations. Keep it up Taj!		12G	Marlee S Displays kindness by helping others with packing up and setting up activities. She works quietly to produce her best and shows resilience when there is something tricky to tackle. Keep being awesome, Marlee!
12G	Maddie R For showing respect and kindness towards her peers and teachers by being polite, inclusive, and caring. We are so lucky to have you in our class, Maddie.		12H	Hugh R For demonstrating our school values of respect, kindness, honesty, community and friendship every day. We are lucky to have you in 1/2H Hugh!
12J	Jett O For encouraging others in their learning in the classroom and out in the yard and displaying key friendship qualities that shows what a kind person you are.		12L	Sebi C For his writing. It has been lovely to read your ideas and see how hard you are working.
34D	Oscar H For trying his best in all of our maths sessions and demonstrating deep thinking during our number talks. You are doing such a great job!		34H	Amelia A For overcoming your nerves and settling so well into 3/4H. Your love of learning and helping others are both fantastic traits that you demonstrate every day. Keep up the amazing attitude Amelia!
34L	Archie P For the excellent start you have made to Grade 4. You tackle all tasks with confidence and enthusiasm and you are always willing to help others, showing kindness and friendship to all. Well done.		34M	Austin R The persistence he is showing in the classroom. You are trying so hard to remain focused on the learning tasks, Austin. Congratulations.
34S	Esher R For consistently putting in 110% into all learning tasks. Esher, you always take pride in your work and give everything a go. Keep up the amazing work!		56G	Ethan S For having a positive attitude towards everything, pushing yourself outside your comfort zone and taking on feedback to improve. Keep it up, Ethan!
56G	Xavier M For demonstrating deep thinking and writing detailed responses during our reading sessions. Well done, Xav!		56H	Londyn P For the team spirit you showed yesterday at our swimming carnival. The support you showed everyone racing, embodies our school's value of community. Keep up the great work.
56K	Ruby S For your outstanding efforts at school both in and outside of the classroom. Well done on being an excellent leader to your peers and junior school students, setting an excellent example by helping new preps in the yard find friends to play with. Keep up the fantastic work!		56L	Elle S For being a kind and considerate class member who regularly shows the BUPS values. Keep up the great work!
STEM	Taylor J For such a positive and productive approach to all STEM activities and discussions.		INDO	Mitchell W For considering better learning decisions and achieving success with matching your numbers this week.

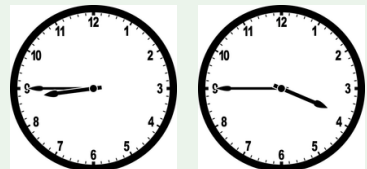
IN OTHER NEWS.....

SCHOOL PHOTOS

**Thursday 7th
March**

**Get those
hairdo's ready!**

**More
information
coming soon on
our Sentral for
Parents app.**



School hours

School commences at 9am and concludes at 3:30pm. The arrival of children at school will be supervised from 8:45am. Children will also be supervised while they are leaving school until 3:45pm.

Please ensure your child arrives with enough time to get to their class. Late arrivals are a disruption to everyone.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$150 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5944 3591 and ask for an application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Check with the school office if you are unsure. Completed forms need to be returned to the school office by 8th March.

Attendance

Parents are requested to use the 'Sentral for Parents' app to notify of any child absences, preferably before 10am on the day, or prior to the day if you know in advance. eg family holidays. If you are experiencing issues with the app you can also call the office on 5944 3591 before 10am on the day of the absence.



New Address

Have your circumstances changed? Update your contact details at the School Office as soon as possible. Please ensure you let the school office know if you have changed address or updated mobile phones with new numbers. This information alleviates stressful situations on students when they are ill and we cannot contact parents.

School council election process and timetable

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Letter	Event	DATE
a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday 7 February 2024
b)	Closing date for nominations	Wednesday 14th February 2024
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Thursday 15th February 2024
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 19 February 2024
e)	Close of ballot	Monday 26 February 2024
f)	Vote count	Tuesday 27 th February 2024
g)	Declaration of poll	Thursday 29 th February 2024
h)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Monday 25 th March 2024

Conveyance Allowance

Parents who live 4.8km's or more from the nearest Public School Ground may be eligible to claim conveyance allowance from the department for travel expenses. If you fall into this category please contact the office prior to Wednesday 8th March to either: check your details if you have had a claim in previous years, OR fill out a form if you are new to the school.

