

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

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Principals Report

Welcome back

What a wonderful start we have had this year. Our new Prep students have settled in very well, and I'd like to take this opportunity to formally welcome new families to our wonderful school.

An invitation is extended to everyone to attend our welcome BBQ from 4.00 pm – 6.00pm this evening so that we can get to know each other and welcome all new families into the BUPS community.

I'd like to welcome Ms Chelsea Davy to our school. Chelsea is teaching in the 3 / 4 area of the school and we are very happy to have her expertise as part of our team. We also welcome back Ms Lucas. Ms Lucas spent a term with us in 2023 and we are delighted that we could convince her to stay with us in 2024. Ms Lucas is teaching in the 1 / 2 area of the school.

While we miss Mr Paynes presence in the classroom, both Kellie and myself are pleased to have another member on the leadership team, to help us realise the vision of a school that is "excellent in learning, community and environment." The leadership team is always willing to listen to any concerns and answer any questions you may have.

School Council Nominations

Our school council plays an important part in how we operate as a school and this year is no exception. If you are interested in becoming a school counsellor, nominations open on:

Wednesday 7th February and close on Wednesday 21st February at 4pm.

Nominations will not be accepted after this period has expired. Nomination forms can be obtained from the front office.

As a school counsellor you will be committing to two meetings a term.

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Calendar of events

Wednesday 7th February	No Preps at school
Friday 9th February	PFA AGM at 9:15am in the staffroom Parent inductions 9:15am and 2:30pm Assembly 3pm - no preps
Monday 12th February	Parent inductions 9:15am and 2:30pm
Wednesday 14th February	No Preps at school
Thursday 15th February	Lunch Orders commence today
Friday 16th February	Assembly 3pm - no preps
Monday 19th February	School Council meeting 7pm
Tuesday 20th February	Grade 1/2B & 1/2J Ecolinc
Wednesday 21st February	No preps at school Parent-Teacher interviews

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)

Upcoming Sick Bay Roster

Friday 9th Feb - Butler family
Friday 16th Feb - Charles
Friday 23rd Feb - Cherry family
Friday 1st Mar - Cocker family
Friday 8th Mar - Cockman family

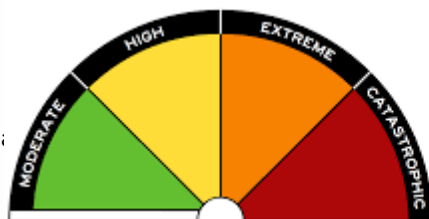


Meetings are held onsite at 7.00 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to support the fabulous work being done by Beaconsfield Upper Primary School. We have one position to fill, so don't be shy give it a try.

Bush Fire management

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities. The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).



MODERATE Plan and prepare	HIGH Be ready to act
EXTREME Take action now to protect life and property	CATASTROPHIC For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the Central district.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in Central fire district.

What is the department's policy?

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in Central fire district.

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches at School

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours. All smart watches must be on school mode.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Further information

Exceptions: For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact Vicki Miles if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

Parent support: The Mobile phones in schools webpage provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.

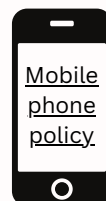
CSEF - Camps, Sports, Excursion fund

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.



YEAR LEVEL REPORTS

PREP

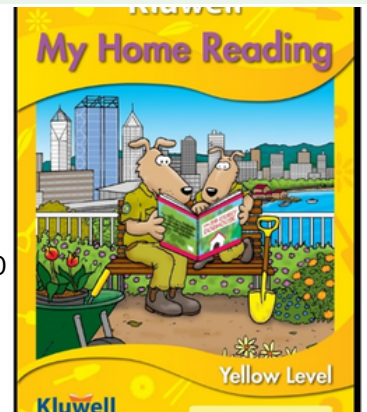
What a great First week the Preps have had at school 😊

This week your child would have received their Yellow Reading Journal.

This reading journal is designed to be used by the parent, student and teacher. The journal is just used as a record of what is being read throughout the week. Every Friday your child's teacher will collect the journal to track your child's at home reading. Your child will receive a certificate from their teacher when they have reached 50, 75, 100, 150 & 200 nights reading.

If you have any questions please come and speak to your child's teacher.

Alex Gawley and Rachel Zerner.



ONE / TWO

Wow! What a fantastic start to the school year we have had! The 1/2 students have settled nicely into the routines and expectations of grade 1 and grade 2. This week we have started sending home a phonics warm up cards and a picture book. Can you please remember to bring your reader bags every day.

Next week we have our first special event on Tuesday. We will be making pancakes, yum! Any parents/carers who wish to help need a current WWCC and need to be complete a parent induction to help out.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year in 1/2!

Carla, Brooke, Adele, Kirsty and Hayley

THREE / FOUR

Welcome back to BUPS and to an amazing 2024. A warm welcome to Miss Chelsea Davy as she joins our team.

The students have started the year well, settling into classroom and yard routines easily. We are establishing classroom rules as well as routines for Reading, Writing and Maths sessions. All our specialist classes have begun and students are thrilled about that.

Some have still not brought in their Fire Clothes and/or pencil cases, we need these ASAP please.

Thank you to those families that have already returned their Media Permission Forms and paid for and completed the online permission for our Swimming Carnival on Sentral. Students signed up for their chosen events on Monday morning and we are excited that we will be swimming at the Noble Park Aquatic Centre this year. Even if your child is a bit nervous, we encourage everyone to attend and see what a fun day it is.

If your child is on the Decodable program, they should have brought home some information for you last week about it and how you can help at home as well as the QR code and Log In details for daily reading practice.

Our classroom doors are open at 8:45am each day and children who arrive at their rooms after the bell has rung will be asked to report to the front office for a late pass.

Karine, Paige, Michelle, Lauren, Hayley & Chelsea

FIVE / SIX

It's been a stellar beginning for students at the 5/6 level, as they dive into a range of enriching activities and lessons.

Focusing on the text "Emmanuel's Dream," themes of kindness and resilience are at the forefront of their Reading sessions, fostering empathy and strength of character. In the realm of Writing, students are honing their skills in text organisation, ensuring that each piece they produce is structured with precision and clarity. Meanwhile, Math lessons offer a diverse array of topics, stimulating critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Adding to the excitement, students are actively engaging in weekly sports activities, paving the way for informed choices for the upcoming Lightning Premiership. Just a general reminder, if you have any questions or concerns, please come, and see us before school starts at 8:45am or you can make an appointment for any other time. We are looking forward to a fantastic year in Grade 5/6.

Bec, Ben, Georgi, James, Jane.

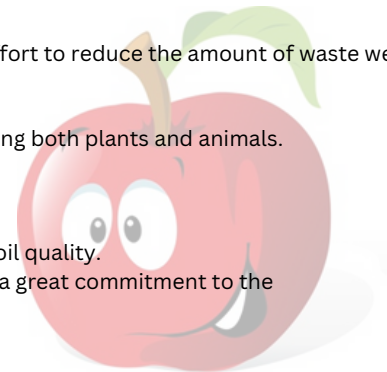
NUDE FOOD

At BUPS, we are committed to our environmental obligation and we are all endeavouring to make a conscious effort to reduce the amount of waste we produce. There are many reasons for this....

- Landfills are filling up at an alarming rate and producing vast amounts of greenhouse gases.
- Rubbish that doesn't make it into landfill eventually ends up as pollution in our waterways, destroying and killing both plants and animals.
- Without rubbish, our school grounds stay cleaner and a lot more attractive.
- It's a lot cheaper to buy foods in bulk with less packaging, instead of buying individually wrapped items.
- 'Nude foods' are generally a much healthier option.
- Any 'packaging' with fruit and vegies can be composted, or added to the worm farm, which helps to improve soil quality.

We are proud of our NUDE FOOD results at BUPS, with the majority of our children rubbish free, demonstrating a great commitment to the sustainability of our planet.

So, in 2024, make sure you're nude too!



CURRICULUM CORNER

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Sarah, Timmy, and their dog Max want to go for a fun hike. The trail they picked is 8 kilometers long. Sarah and Timmy walk at a speed of 1 kilometer per hour, while Max trots happily at 2 kilometers per hour. They also have a scooter, which can be used by either Sarah, Timmy, or Max. When riding the scooter, they can go at 5 kilometers per hour.

What is the fastest they can complete their walk?

NUMERACY

The Power of Place Value:

Understanding place value is like unlocking a secret code in math that makes numbers make sense. Imagine the number 357. Each digit in this number has its special place that tells us its value. The 7 is in the units place, the 5 is in the tens place, and the 3 is in the hundreds place. This order helps us know how big or small each digit is. Without this understanding, it's like trying to read a book without knowing the alphabet!

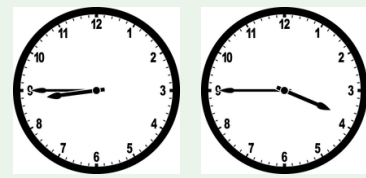
Teaching kids about place value sets them up for success in math. It helps them with basic calculations and lays the foundation for more complex math concepts later on. By recognizing the importance of place value, you can support your child's mathematical journey and build their confidence in tackling numbers.

LITERACY

The Magic of Reading Aloud:

Reading aloud to our children is like opening a treasure chest of wonders. Just as understanding place value lays the groundwork for math, sharing stories with our kids sets the stage for a lifelong love of learning. When we read together, we spark their imagination, broaden their vocabulary, and strengthen our bond with them. Whether it's a bedtime tale or a storytime adventure, each moment spent reading aloud nurtures their curiosity and expands their horizons.

By making reading a part of our daily routine, we cultivate a rich environment where literacy thrives. Through books, children discover new worlds, empathize with characters, and explore diverse perspectives. As parents, we play a vital role in fostering their literacy skills and instilling a passion for reading that will accompany them throughout their lives. So let's embark on this literary journey together, sharing the joy of storytelling and unlocking endless possibilities for our children's futures.



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.



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.

IN OTHER NEWS

2024 PFA AGM

Friday 9th February
9.15am - BUPS STAFF ROOM

- *All welcome (including little ones)
 - * Great opportunity to meet new friends
 - *All officer bearer positions will be re nominated.
 - *Morning Tea provided
- Please email pfa.bups@gmail.com
If you have any questions or would like to be a part of the PFA but cannot make the meeting we would love to hear from you.

Parent Inductions

We will be running parent volunteering inductions on Mondays and Fridays at 9:15am and 2:30pm in the staffroom for the month of February. If you are wanting to volunteer at school you must complete an induction and provide a copy of your current Working With Children's Check to the school before you can commence volunteering.

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.

Affectionately known by all at BUPS as 'Granny', June Gillespie, our beloved burser during the 1990s and early 2000s passed away on the weekend, aged 89. Vale gorgeous Granny



ourite granny' ends her 15-year term

Calling all Artists and Photographers
Now is your chance to enter the Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival Art Exhibition! Sunday 18th February.
Information and Registration via our website ubvillagefest.org.au

State School Relief

State Schools' Relief is a Victorian not-for-profit organisation that supports the needs of disadvantaged government school students by providing new school uniforms, school shoes and a host of other essential education resources, including learning devices. If you are a parent or carer and would like some more information please come and see Sarah or Kathryn in the office.

Enviro Warriors

Thankyou to all of the kids who have kindly offered to volunteer as an enviro warrior at the Village Festival on Sunday 18th February. We are still in need of volunteers from 1-2pm and 2-3pm, so if your child indicated they'd like to help and brought home a note could you please let Mrs Kirby know ASAP, so the roster can be organised and sent home.

Thankyou,
Mrs Sherrin Kirby

The **Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival** is back on Sunday 18th February from 9am to 3pm, with the famous Tower Run and Tough Tower Run starting from 8am.

The Festival is planned to be bigger and better than the last: in addition to the dedicated entertainment area in the Memorial Garden for the younger children (with Dreaming Space, Festive Tribe activities and Face Painting), and the nearby and ever-popular chair-o-plane, there are more activities this year for the older kids:

- Laser Tag will be situated on the tennis court;
- Test your bravery and acrobatic skills on the Ninja Jump Wall;
- Try and stay on your feet as long as possible on the Eliminator;
- Scale the heights of the Climbing Wall.

The Tower Run age group trophies are: under 10's, 10-13, 14-16, 17-19 and Open categories, for both single and double (tough) laps. Water will be provided on the course by volunteers, making use of reusable cups to help eliminate waste. We strongly encourage all participants to carry water as well, especially if it is a hot day.

There is still time to enter! The entry form can be found on our website ubvillagefest.org.au/fun-run

Returning in 2024 is the Art Show and Art competition in the main hall. The competition is open to all people and all ages, for visual arts of any medium; entry forms are on our website ubvillagefest.org.au on the 'Art and Photography Exhibition' tab.

Remember to bring your refillable drink bottle with you to the festival. There will be three free water refill stations, clearly marked, with water bubblers as well as taps for refilling your bottles.



QKR Students details

When you start up the QKR app you will notice a message asking you to 'update profile details'. Please ensure that your child's details are updated with the correct class.

School Lunches are back at Up the Hill Bakehouse.

And there is Online Ordering now available!

Some things have changed, others remain the same.
Here is what you need to know:

- Lunch orders will continue to be collected from the school.
Pick up: 9:30am on Thursday mornings
- Parents/Guardians can continue to drop off lunch orders at the bakery.
Cut off: 10am on Thursday mornings
- Online Ordering is available through an app called [Flexischool](#).
Cut off: 8am on Wednesday mornings*

*Regarding online ordering: To remain sustainable and avoid food wastage, our bakers bake everything fresh in the early hours of Thursday mornings. For this reason, a cut off time of Wednesday mornings is required.

For those that regularly order the same lunch orders, Flexischools offer a 'Quick Order' option within the app, to continue receiving what you want, week in, week out.



For any inquires you can email or call the bakery.
Email: upthehillbakehouse@icloud.com
Phone: 0411 044 745

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School are using Flexischools for online lunch orders at the canteen.

SPECIAL OFFER

Register for Flexischools
by Sunday 18th February
and get \$10 credited
to your Flexischools
wallet.



Quickly place lunch orders online with Flexischools!

- Download the Flexischools App
- Submit your email address to create an account.
- Confirm your email address via the registration email.
- Follow the registration process
- Add your students to your account.

Every family that registers a new account by
18th February will receive \$10 from Flexischools.

This will be deposited into your Flexischools
account wallet.



Scan to download the app
& register for Flexischools
or visit flexischools.com.au

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 \$125 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.

PFA will be selling icy poles for \$0.50 cents under the pine tree at lunch time starting this Friday 9th February.

Just a reminder that students need to bring their fire clothes in to school in a named bag. If you are having trouble finding clothes try an Opp shop.

Ballet, dancing, gymnastics,
acting, singing, confidence,
coordination

Come & try for free!

Contact Sue:
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