

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the whole school community for the way everyone responded to our relocation directive last week.

The way that parents supported us by having absences recorded the night before was a gift, as it allowed us to thoroughly plan for the items we need to take, to allow flexibility of staffing (as you would be aware some of our own staff live in the area and have the right to implement their own fire plans), how to manage traffic flows, advice to the region and the list goes on. So thank you so much for supporting the school in such a proactive way.

The relocation went very smoothly, and once again I must thank the staff for their "LET'S DO" ATTITUDE. Everyone stayed back on the Wednesday evening in order for us to organise the best scenario for the Thursday situation. Finally, Berwick Secondary College could not have been more accommodating of our needs. The Principal, her personal assistant and various other teacher members ensured that the space was clean, the students were safe and welcomed as they arrived. We were even given icy-poles for the children to have at the end of the day.

PFA Thank You

A big thankyou to the PFA and the 17 volunteers we had for the Village festival. It is important for all our children that these events are still able to run, in particular, as the Village festival is one fundraiser that brings external monies into our school.

The students are currently enjoying the Ninja course which has been funded by the efforts of our PFA. Please consider volunteering for future events, you do not need to attend PFA meetings, but it would be lovely to spread the load across more parents.

Calendar of events

Wednesday 19th February	No Preps at School Parent Teacher Interviews Grade 1-6
Monday 24th February	School Council Meeting - 7pm
Wednesday 26th February	No Preps At School District School Swimming
Friday 28th February	Assembly - 3pm
Thursday 6th March	School Photos
Monday 10th March	Labour Day - NO Students at school
Tuesday 11th March	Grade 3/4 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Friday 14th March	Assembly - 3pm
Monday 24th March	School Council Meeting - 4pm
Friday 28th March	District Summer Lightning Prem Grades 5-6
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Term - 2.30pm

Lunchtime Clubs	Monday	Club 1 - Games, Lego, Colouring Club 2 - Garden/chicken club
	Tuesday	Club 1 - Games, Lego, Colouring Club 2 - Sport Club - Grade 5/6
	Wednesday	Club 1 - Games, Lego Colouring Club 2 - Sport Club - Grade 3/4
	Thursday	Club 1 - Film Club - Selected students Club 2 - Sports Club - Grade 1/2
	Friday	Club 1 - Garden/Chicken Club (2nd Half)

Upcoming Sick Bay Roster

Friday 21st Feb - Brockman Family
 Friday 28th Feb - Cohen Family
 Friday 7th March - Cunliffe Family
 Friday 14th March - Curry Family



Village Festival

Congratulations to all teachers, students and parents who took place in the Upper Beac Tower Run on Sunday. Once again BUPS **WON** with the most participants entered and for winning we receive \$500.00.



ENVIRO WARRIORS

A huge thank you to our awesome Enviro Warriors – Jordi D, Autumn P, Olivia S, Jarrah MC, Bella F, Audrey J, Matilda F, Eva S, Lily K, Austin R, Harry D, Banjo A, Xavier M, Beau L, Oscar H, Aisha S, Otis D and Max M - for supporting the Village Festival's aim to become 'waste free' last Sunday. All of the terrific kids should feel very proud of the fact that they were willing to volunteer their time, in order to support both their local community and the environment. Also, thanks to the parents who were willing to help out too—Tayla, Madeleine, Janelle, Amy and Catherine - your support is greatly appreciated. Top job everyone!



School Saving Bonus

In order to use your school saving bonus on activities at the school, you need to go into the DET portal and allocate funds to the School. You should have received an email with a code. Anyone who hasn't allocated their funds as yet will receive a reminder email with their code soon from the Department.

YEAR LEVEL REPORTS

PREP

The children are settling into the routines of school beautifully. It is such a joy to see them coming into the classroom each morning with smiles on their faces. Some mornings may be challenging, and that is completely normal too. We like to be ready to learn at 9am, so we ask that the children are seated on the floor during the music at 8.55. Arriving late can be unsettling for the children, but we also understand that sometimes life just happens. If you are late, and the bell has gone, we ask that you go and get a late pass. Feel free to drop your child to get settled first, then head over to the office afterwards to get the pass and then bring it back to the classroom.

This week we have sent home the yellow diaries and a notice about our reading program at BUPS. Please continue to enjoy the rich literature picture books that we have in the classrooms to take home, alongside the decodables program on the DRA website.

The Prep Team,
Rachel and Carla

ONE/TWO

The 1/2's have continued to settle well into the Term. Here is what we have been up to in our Literacy sessions.

During Reading sessions, students have been participating in shared and modelled reading, practising summarising using sequencing language such as first, next and last. They have also been exploring the features of non-fiction and fiction texts, by using the language of 'imaginative' and 'informative'.

In Phonic sessions, students have been setting up their routines and continuing to practice letter sound combinations with tasks targeted at their point of need.

In Writing, students are working through understanding the writing process, developing and sharing their ideas, and practising how to draft their thinking with a focus on accurately structuring sentences.

We hope everyone continues to keep up with their home reading 😊

Alex, Jane, Donna, Adele & Carla

THREE / FOUR

No Report submitted

FIVE / SIX

The start of the school year has been a whirlwind of excitement and adventure for our Grade 6 students! Kicking things off in the best possible way, we embarked on an unforgettable camp at Wilsons Prom. This experience challenged students to push themselves, achieve personal goals, and strengthen friendships. From hiking through breathtaking landscapes to working together in team activities, our campers embraced every opportunity to grow and support one another.

Now that we have settled back into our school routines, learning is in full swing. In Reading, we have been exploring our mentor text, Fire, focusing on identifying aspects of literary texts that reflect historical, cultural, and social contexts. Additionally, we have been expanding our understanding of how noun groups can be enriched to create more detailed descriptions.

In Mathematics, students have been busy exploring shape and location, working with different maps, and delving into Cartesian planes. Their spatial reasoning skills have been put to the test as they navigate coordinates and understand movement across grids. We are now transitioning into our place value unit, where students will deepen their understanding of numbers.

Our Writing lessons have been equally engaging, with students diving into the world of persuasive texts. They have been analysing strong arguments and techniques used in persuasive writing, applying these skills to craft their own compelling pieces. It has been fantastic to see their confidence and creativity shine through their work!

Bec, Ben, Brook, Georgi and Michelle

FROM THE PFA

Hello Everyone

THANK YOU to all of the families that helped on Sunday to make our stall at the UB Village Festival a success, a special mention to the Beattie & Swenser families who ensured all of the heavy equipment got onsite by 6.30AM !!

Congratulations to our Raffle winners we hope you enjoy your prizes.

ICY POLE FRIDAYS- Last friday saw the return of Icy poles and they were extremely popular and enjoyed by all. They will be for sale each friday until the end of term for 50c near the Pine Tree.

PFA AGM - The PFA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th of February at Cardinia Beaconhills Golf Club with the meeting beginning at 7pm.

2025 & 2026 will see a big shift in the PFA as we have around 8 active committee members in the final year/s with us at BUPS. We are seeking new members to be a part of the PFA so we can continue holding the much loved activities for the children.

THANK YOU
BUPS PFA

PARKING

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE KINDER, IT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEIR PARENTS TO DO DROP OFF AND PICK UPS.

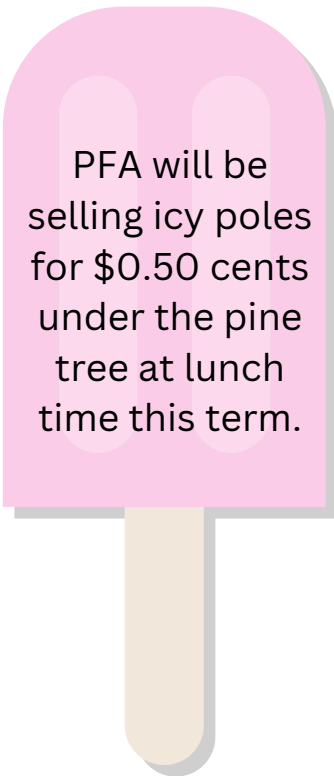
NUDE FOOD

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 greenhouses 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 are 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 2025, make sure you're nude too!

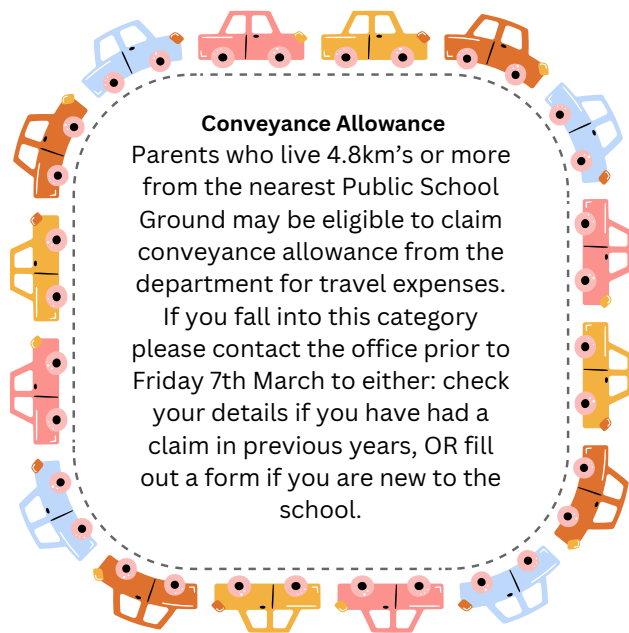


PFA will be selling icy poles for \$0.50 cents under the pine tree at lunch time this term.



Student Of The Week Friday 14th February 2025

Grade	Student	Grade	Student
12A	Harper O For demonstrating persistence with everything you do. It's great to see you so motivated to keep improving. Keep it up Harper 😊	12K	Billianna T For her outstanding effort in maths, especially when measuring length. Awesome work Billianna!
12J	Beau M For your show of bravery and speaking up when something wasn't right. Well done, Beau!	12M	Oscar G For an outstanding transition to BUPS! You have settled in seamlessly, as though you were always here. Welcome Oscar!
34D	Jett O For trying his best in maths and giving all of the tasks a go! Great job, Jett!	34L	Tahlya V For making a great transition to Year 3, always displaying a positive and resilient attitude. Well done on a great start to the year!
34M	Hudson P For his well thought out reading responses showing his understanding of Inferring.	34M	Olivia C For the inclusion of great vocabulary in her narrative that helped create a picture in the reader's mind. Well done.
34S	Aubrey H For regularly contributing to our class discussions and focus groups in a positive and enthusiastic manner. Keep up the amazing work Aubrey!	34S	Anthony D For consistently showing kindness and respect to his peers and teachers. Keep up the amazing work Anthony!
56B	Archie P For giving everything at camp and in the classroom a go with such a positive attitude. Keep it up, Archie!	56G	Parker O For always demonstrating kindness towards all of his peers and having a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done, Parker!
56G	Brayden B Showing fantastic resilience on camp, you had a go at every activity and pushed yourself to experience new things. Well done Brayden!	56H	Marly O For your amazing efforts on 5/6 camp. You gave everything a go and did so with a smile on your face. Great Job Gnarly Marly.
56H	Ben S For your amazing start to grade 5/6. You also deserve recognition for approaching every activity on camp with a positive attitude. Keep up the amazing work Ben!	56L	Mason C For an awesome start to Grade 6 both inside the classroom and out. It was great to see you have a positive attitude on camp and give all activities a go, pushing yourself out of your comfort zone.
56L	Felix U For showing a positive attitude on camp. You showed persistence and resilience in trying new activities. Congratulations on giving all activities a go!	STEM	Autumn P For going above and beyond the requirements of the task at hand and demonstrating a high level of understanding and recall. Great cognitive thinking Autumn!
INDO	Indra P In recognition of your dedication, positive attitude, and artistic contributions within the Indonesian classroom.		



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 Friday 7th 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.

INDUCTIONS AND WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK

Inductions need to be completed each year. If you plan to assist in the classroom or at any school activities this year, can you please collect an induction pack from the office. You will also need to give us a copy of a current working with children's check.

Also due to department changes, it is now a requirement to enter your working with children number when you sign into the office. If you could please carry your number on you. Thank you

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 no later than April 1st, 2025.

NUMERACY

Our students have had a fantastic start to the year in mathematics, showing curiosity and enthusiasm as they explore exciting new concepts! From hands-on activities to thought-provoking discussions, our classrooms are buzzing with mathematical thinking.

In the early years, students have been eagerly developing their counting skills, using concrete materials, number games, and real-world contexts to deepen their understanding. They are asking thoughtful questions, making connections, and building confidence in their number sense.

Older students have been exploring place value, discovering how numbers are structured and how they can be manipulated in different ways. Through collaborative challenges and engaging problem-solving tasks, they are demonstrating their ability to think flexibly and explain their reasoning.

reasoning.

We are proud to see our students approaching mathematics with curiosity, resilience, and a willingness to take risks in their learning. With such a strong start, we are excited for the mathematical journey ahead!

LITERACY

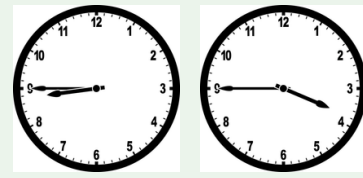
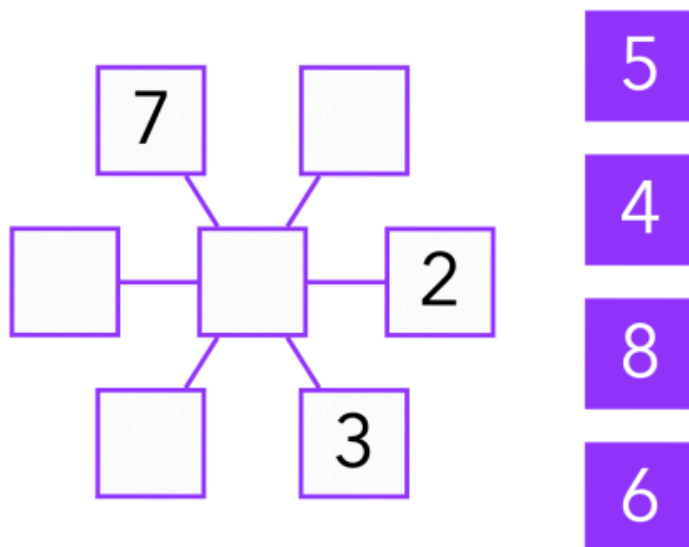
This year, we are trialling new approaches to spelling, and our students are already embracing the challenge with enthusiasm! Through engaging and hands-on activities, they are exploring phonics, word patterns, and spelling strategies that help them become confident and capable writers.

Our younger learners are enjoying phonics-based learning, using sounds and letter patterns to build and decode words. They are experimenting with spelling in their reading and writing, applying their knowledge in meaningful ways.

Across all year levels, students are writing for different purposes, from imaginative stories to informative reports and persuasive texts. They are developing their creativity, voice, and confidence as they share their ideas with others.

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Place the numbers so each line adds to 15.



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.

Its school council election time!

We currently have **three parent** vacancies for school council (two of our current members have indicated that they will be renominating.)

If you are interested in a position on School Council please ask the office for a self nomination form and return to school by the 11th February.

School Council meets every 4th Monday of the month (not in school holidays) and we alternate between 7.00 pm meetings and 4.00 pm meetings.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school in accordance with their constituting

Order and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. DET employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school
- A mandated elected DET employee

member category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members- An optional Community member category –

members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members Generally, the term of office for all members is **two years**. The

term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may

also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. It is important to have an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

School Council Election Timetable

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

Event	Date
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Tuesday 4th February
b) Closing date for nominations	Tuesday 11th February
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Thursday 13th February
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Tuesday 18th February
e) Close of ballot	Tuesday 25th February
f) Vote count	Wednesday 26th February
g) Declaration of the poll	Wednesday 26th February
First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	24th March 2025



**SPLASH
NETBALL**

**Registrations
Now Open
Winter 2025**



**COME
JOIN
US!**

- Under 9's, 11's, 13's, 15's
- Games at Cardinia Life
- Tue U13/U15, Wed U9/U11
- Registrations open until Feb 15th 2025

REGISTER NOW

ubsplashnetball@gmail.com

BUPS PFA AGM

**Wednesday 26th February
Cardinia Beaconhills
Golf Club @ 7pm**

**All office bearer positions
will be elected
along with allocating 2025
activities**

**All welcome, if you would like to order dinner your welcome to
arrive earlier**

Hope to see you there

STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

Prep 2025 Summer CSEF Uniform Package.



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UPDATE FOR FAMILIES.

Applications for the Prep 2025 Summer CSEF Uniform Package are now open.

What you need to know.

Who is SSR?

State Schools' Relief (SSR) is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. We provide assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms, footwear and range of other essential educational items.

Introduction to Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Through government funding the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was established to provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports days and excursions. To find out more, or to apply for assistance, please refer to the [Department of Education website](#).

SSR offers two uniform packages every year to all Prep families/carers eligible for CSEF funding.

Prep 2025 Summer Uniform Package for CSEF recipients

Prep students for 2025 that are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for this uniform package and/or voucher.

What's in the package?

The Prep 2025 summer package contains the following items:

Tops x 2 pcs (i.e., polo shirts / school dress)

Bottoms x 2 pcs (i.e., shorts / skorts / trackpants)

Outerwear x 1 pce (i.e., windcheater / bomber jacket / polar fleece jacket)

Socks x 2 pairs

Shoes x 1 pair

Please note:

a) PE items are not included as part of this package

b) Shoes must be requested in UK sizes (please see our [shoe size conversion chart here](#))

Cost to families

Where State Schools' Relief is unable to provide a uniform item directly that contains a logo (due to contractual agreements with

uniform retailers) you will receive a voucher for the cost of the items. The voucher can be redeemed at your child's school uniform shop or independent uniform retailer.

Please note: vouchers do have an expiry date and must be used before this date.

How do I apply for the Prep 2025 Summer CSEF Uniform Package?

Applications are made through your child's school. Please refrain from contacting State Schools' Relief directly as staff are unable to accept applications directly from parents/families. Should you have any questions, or wish to apply for assistance, please speak directly with your child's school.

How do I receive the uniform package?

1. All items and/or vouchers provided by SSR will be delivered directly to your child's school. The school will then contact you to arrange handover of these items and/or vouchers.
2. The voucher will advise whether you collect items from the school uniform shop or a retailer. If it's a retailer, please check with your school to find out the nearest store.

Please note:

Vouchers are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. State Schools' Relief does not make cash payments to schools or parents/families.

What you need to do.

Your child's school will be in contact with you regarding the 2025 Summer Uniform Package. Please fill out the 'Prep 2025 Summer CSEF Uniform Package Order Form' and return it to the school in order for them to submit the application.