

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week we were invited to a meeting with the education Improvement Leader for the Cardinia Network of schools. The reason for the visit was to ask "What are we doing here to get such amazing results?". What a nice question to be asked!

During the course of the meeting our Improvement leader made many positive comments about our work, stating at one point we "are outstanding compared to other schools in our network."

Work within schools can be quite isolating, and while we assume that all other schools are working as well as ours, obviously this is not the case. So I think it is important that we celebrate the work that we do here.

As I write the annual report on last year's achievements it is a humble reminder of the results we have achieved and so I'm choosing to share these with you via this newsletter.

What you will see in the graphs below is our Naplan results from 2024 compared with like schools (schools of the same size and demographic as ours) and the State results.

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)

Calendar of events

Wednesday 12th - Monday 24th March	Naplan - Grades 3 & 5
Monday 24th March	School Council Meeting - 4pm
Wednesday 26th March	Young Leaders Conference - School Captains
Friday 28th March	District Summer Lightning Prem Grades 5-6
Monday 31st March	Koori Leadership Day
Friday 4th April	Easter Bonnet Parade - 9am-10am Exhibition Of Learning -10-11am Last Day of Term - 2.30pm finish
Tuesday 22nd April	1st Day of Term 2
Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day No students at school
Monday 28th April	House Cross Country School Council Meeting-7pm
Wednesday 7th May	District Cross Country
Thursday 15th May	Koori Leaders Conference

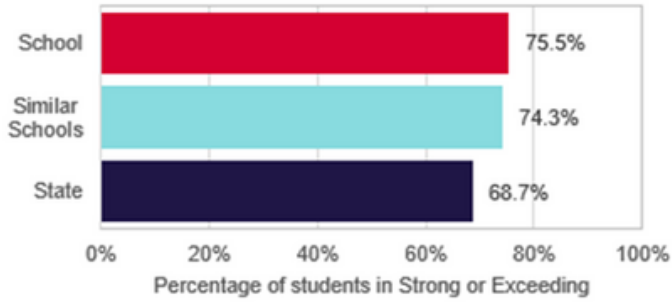
Upcoming Sick Bay Roster

Friday 21st March - Dewsnap Family
Friday 28th March - Doughty Family
Friday 4th April - Farr Family
Friday 24th April - Goodie Family

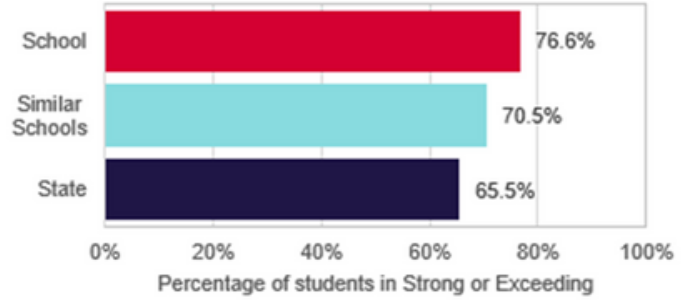


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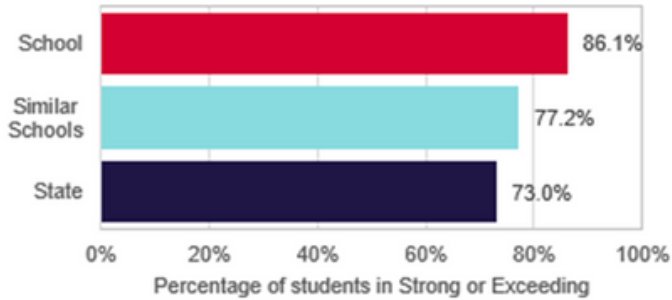
**NAPLAN Reading (latest year)
Year 3**



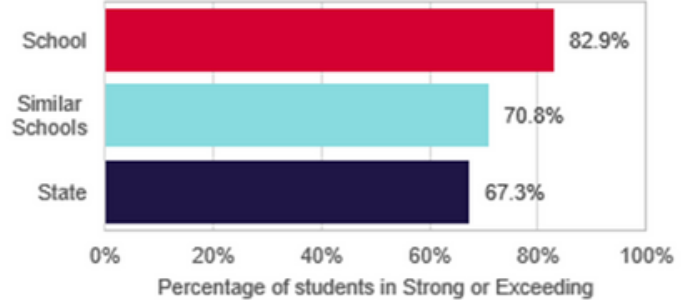
**NAPLAN Numeracy (latest year)
Year 3**



**NAPLAN Reading (latest year)
Year 5**



**NAPLAN Numeracy (latest year)
Year 5**



Our Reading results for both Years 3 and 5 are above the similar schools and State averages, with our grade 5 results showing a marked difference.

Our Numeracy results are equally impressive, with our grade 3 and 5 cohorts exceeding the similar and like school averages.

Keep in mind that our Naplan results are comparable to the independent schools as well, and while they compete with the government system for enrolments, are not only fully funded by the government per child (our government schools are only 85% funded) and attract huge fees, our humble little school is doing equally well if not better!

Thanks to all of our staff for their ongoing professionalism and commitment to our students.

Message from the Office!

School Saving Bonus payments

As our families will be aware, students have received a one-time payment of \$400 to be used towards camps, excursions and activities and uniforms through our uniform provider. For this money to be used for school-based activities, parents need to log in to the Department of Education portal, use the unique student code and allocate this money to school activities. Until this step has been done, we cannot allocate this money towards any of your activities. When actioning permissions on Sentral there are now payment options. Please do not tick the SSB option if you have not yet allocated your money to school activities. If you are having issues with your student codes and/or the portal, please contact the office as we are more than happy to help you with his process.

If you haven't yet received your code via email from the Department of Education, please call 1800 338 663. We have been told their initial volume of calls has now decreased.

YEAR LEVEL REPORTS

PREP

We are fast approaching the end of the term, and we are super impressed with how well the children have settled into the routines of school and classroom life. In Literacy we have almost finished learning all the letters of the alphabet and the children are ready for some more targeted and differentiated reading instruction. It is great to see everyone reading at home, please remember to bring in the yellow diaries every Friday morning. In Numeracy we are about to begin teaching pattern, so watch out for lots of pattern spotting at home! We have finished our unit on location and the children have developed excellent vocabularies for describing position and location.

The Prep Team,

Rachel and Carla

ONE/TWO

We have had an incredibly busy time in 1/2 over the last couple of weeks, we think it's so amazing to see how resilient all the students have been with some of the changes that have been happening.

As most of you already know we have been busy collecting boxes for our upcoming 'Robot Buddies' Inquiry Project. Students have been learning about the design process and are being encouraged to see how they can use objects in our lives and how they can select materials to design and build new objects. Students are being encouraged to think creatively, be a risk taker and think about how they can solve problems.

In the next couple of weeks students will be starting to construct their robots, so they will be ready to show off for the upcoming 'Exhibition of Learning'

We can't wait to show off our creations!

It's crazy to think that the end of term is close, in the next couple of weeks we will also be making our Easter Bonnets for the annual 'Easter Bonnet Parade' students will be provided with basic craft materials, but if you want anything extra students can start bringing in some Easter related craft materials.

As always if you have any questions feel free to come and speak to your child's teacher.

The 1/2 Team

Alex, Adele, Carla & Kirsty 😊

THREE / FOUR

No Report submitted

FIVE / SIX

A huge congratulations to our grade 5 students for the fantastic way they have approached NAPLAN so far this year. They remained calm, focused, and showed resilience throughout the assessments. While NAPLAN is an important snapshot of progress, it doesn't measure qualities like creativity, teamwork, problem-solving, and perseverance—skills we see in our students every day!

We are incredibly proud of our students that swam at division last week, with four students placing first in their freestyle relay and one student winning their backstroke event. These talented athletes will now compete at the regional swimming competition in Rosebud—what an amazing achievement!

Excitement is building as we prepare for the upcoming Lightning Premiership on Friday, the 28th of March. Students are now training in their chosen sports, including basketball, volleyball, tennis, cricket, and softball. We look forward to an action-packed day of teamwork and sportsmanship.

In mathematics, we continue to strengthen our understanding of place value, with a focus on decimal numbers. Additionally, we are assessing students' additive thinking skills in preparation for next term. In writing, students are developing their ability to write for entertainment, exploring different features that make engaging and creative pieces. In reading, to finish the term, we are reading Cyclone by Jackie French, which explores yet another natural disaster in Australia. Our focus is on language features, text structures, complex sentences, and verb choices to enhance comprehension and writing skills.

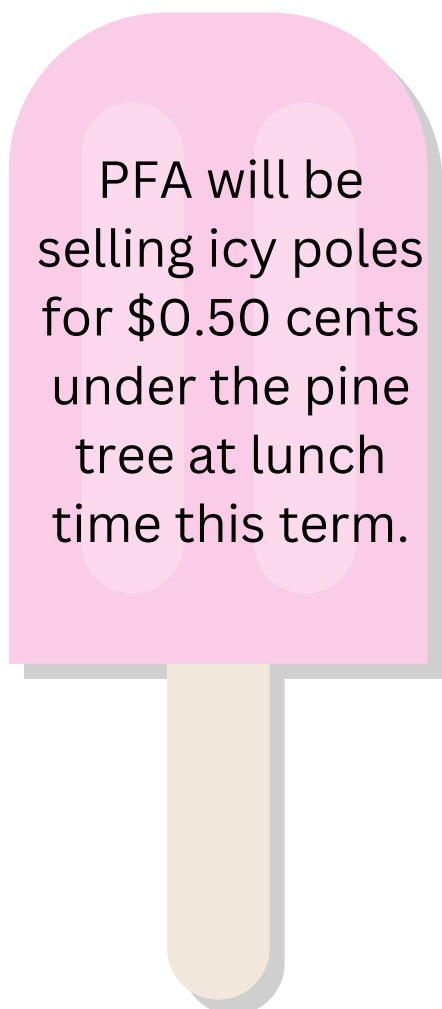
We're proud of all our students for their hard work and enthusiasm this term. Keep up the fantastic effort!

Student Of The Week Friday 14th March 2025

Grade	Student	Grade	Student
OB	Archie S For blowing me away with your fabulous reading skills! I am so impressed, keep up the great work.	OZ	Maverick C For being such a helpful member of our classroom community. Thank you for always offering to help. You are a super star!
12A	Koa C For being persistent during maths sessions. Well done for listening to feedback and applying new learnt strategies to your work. Great job Koa 😊	12A	Taya D For taking on feedback to improve on your writing. You have worked incredibly hard and it's great to see you so determined. Keep it up Taya 😊
12G	Logan M For being a risk taker in Maths this week, and for approaching each day in a positive and helpful manner. Keep being awesome, Logan! 😊	12G	Zoe S For being a risk taker in Maths and Phonics, and for being a helpful and caring member of our class. We are so lucky to have you in 1/2G, Zoe. 😊
12K	Aubrii C For staying focused during writing sessions and creating interesting stories	12K	Connor P For taking the time to care for others and developing excellent work habits.
12J	Jack T For your persistence in your writing and creating an amazing story on cows. Well done, Jack!	12J	Charlie L For showing kindness to your classmates and helping them solve the problems others face in learning tasks. Keep up the great work Charlie
12M	Harry C You have been an amazing line leader for 1/2M and always have something to share with the class. Have fun in your new grade!	34D	Bella D For contributing to classroom discussions and sharing different ideas during number talks. Great job, Bella
34D	Taylor J For showing kindness to all of your peers and making sure everyone is included. Great job, Taylor.	34L	Orlando V For the resilience and growth mindset you have shown this term to keep trying when things are tough. We are so proud of your efforts at school.
34M	Ayden D The enthusiasm and excitement you demonstrated on our zoo excursion- it was contagious!	34M	Mia P The mature way you conducted yourself around the zoo for our excursion and the thoughtful questions you asked.
34S	Hugo K For your hard work and effort in writing. You have done an excellent job at including adjectives and adverbs, while creating engaging storylines that keep the reader interested.	34S	Xander P For your thoughtfulness in noticing when others need help and offering your support. Xander, it was great to see you step in and carry your friend's bag when you saw they weren't feeling well at the zoo. You're such a wonderful friend!
56B	Ella W For her excellent persuasive writing piece about 'why all kids should play sport', your viewpoint and reasons were very clear. Well done, Ella.	56B	Luca T For consistently displaying good work habits and getting his work done on time. You've had a great start to the year. Well done, Luca!

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56G	Banjo A For his brilliant effort with his maths this year. We have loved how focused you are on extending yourself with decimal numbers. Keep it up, Banjo!	56G	Maci H For being a brilliant buddy and supporting your peers. It is wonderful to see you start the year with such a positive attitude. Keep it up, Maci!
56H	Oscar T For always showing our school values in all that you do. You are leading by example in our classroom and the wider school community. Keep up the amazing work!	56L	Olivia S For being a caring and considerate class member. You always offer to help and support your peers. Your smile is infectious and you certainly brighten everyone's day!
56L	Max W For having a positive attitude towards most learning tasks. Continue to have confidence in your abilities and you will continue to see success! Keep up the great work.	STEM	Olive B For her exceptional work investigating water flow and the fantastic attention to detail in her presentation. Keep it up Olive!
INDO	Xavier P Your dedication and willingness to complete tasks with positivity show growth and determination. Terima kasih for giving your best effort—keep up the fantastic work!	INDO	Ollie W Your enthusiasm, kindness, and dedication to learning Indonesian make you a fantastic role model in our classroom. Terima kasih for your wonderful contributions!



Book Club

Issue 2 Book Club orders are due by Thursday 20th March

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

Literacy / Numeracy

This week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students have been engaged in their NAPLAN assessments, demonstrating their skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions, and Mathematics. These assessments provide valuable insight into students' learning progress and help guide future teaching and learning strategies. It has been wonderful to see students approach each test with a positive mindset and a willingness to do their best.

Throughout the testing period, students have shown resilience and perseverance, tackling each task with focus and determination. Whether composing thoughtful written pieces, carefully working through reading passages, or applying their mathematical reasoning, they have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm. Their efforts reflect their hard work in the classroom and the skills they have been developing throughout the year.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated teachers, staff, and parents for supporting students during this time. Teachers have worked hard to prepare students, while parents have provided encouragement, reassurance, and a positive learning environment at home. Your combined efforts have helped students feel confident and ready to do their best, and we truly appreciate all that you do.

As the testing concludes, we encourage students to reflect on their experience and take pride in their hard work. NAPLAN is just one part of their learning journey, and the skills they have developed—such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and resilience—will continue to support them in their education. Well done to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students for giving it their best effort, and thank you to our teachers, staff, and parents for your invaluable support!

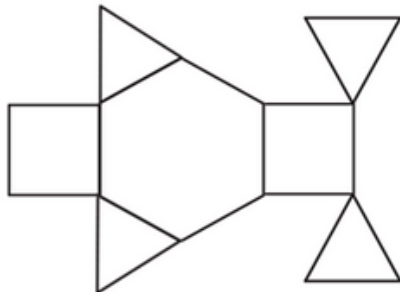
Problem of the Week

How many **points** is this figure **worth**?

Triangle = 2 points

Square = 4 points

Hexagon = 7 points



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

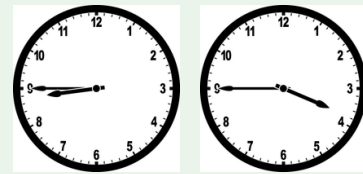
Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

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.



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.



PFA EASTER RAFFLE

**BUY YOUR TICKETS
ON QKR! \$5 EACH**

**1ST, 2ND & 3RD
CADBURY PRIZE
HAMPERS TO BE WON !!**

**Entries close on March 26th
Winners announced at
Assembly on March 28th**

SCAN FOR ORDERS AND FURTHER INFORMATION



Upper Beaconsfield Kindergartens Association

invites you to

Hop on over for our

EASTER

The word 'EASTER' is written in large, red, block letters. Each letter is decorated with various Easter-themed illustrations: a yellow chick, a blue and yellow striped egg, a blue butterfly, and a red and yellow striped egg. The letters are set against a light blue background with white clouds.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

\$10 per 6 pack. Choose from: fruit, fruitless, choc-chip
orders close 5pm March 20th

**&
Egghunt**

\$5 per child (6 eggs)

Thursday 27th March at 4pm

36 Stoney Creek Road
Upper Beaconsfield



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.