

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a wonderful start to 2025.

Our Prep students have started happily and are being well supported by their Senior buddies. It was such a joy to see our senior students find their buddies on day one and help them to separate from their mums and dads and enter the classrooms confidently.

Yesterday the 5/6 students headed down to Wilsons Prom for their camp. There were lots of smiles (including parents) and high excitement as they loaded the bus and went on their way. The Prom camp is a favourite camp of many past students and is it any wonder when they get the opportunity to hike, abseil, surf, raft, swim and go to the outdoor movies. Not to mention, it's just great fun to be with your friends for a week.

Thanks to all the parents and the teachers for giving up your time to make sure the students have a great time and begin the bonding process for 2025.

Welcome BBQ

We hope to see many families at our welcome back BBQ next Tuesday 11th. It's a great opportunity to welcome our new families and to get to know each other informally. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Calendar of events

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th February	5/6 Wilsons Prom Camp
Tuesday 11th February	Welcome BBQ -4.30pm
Thursday 16th February	House Swimming Carnival Grade 3-6
Wednesday 19th February	Parent Teacher Interviews Grade 1-6
Monday 24th February	School Council Meeting - 7pm
Wednesday 26th February	District School Swimming
Thursday 6th March	School Photos
Monday 24th March	School Council Meeting - 7pm
Friday 28th March	District Summer Lightning Prem Grades 5-6

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

Upcoming Sick Bay Roster

Friday 7th Feb - Bennett Family
 Friday 14th Feb - Bowman Family
 Friday 21st Feb - Brockman Family
 Friday 28th Feb - Cohen Family



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONT'D

House Swimming

Our house swimming sports are also next week on Thursday 13th for grade 3-6 students. Parents are more than welcome to attend to help cheer the kids on.

Bushfire

As you know, I take the bushfire risk very seriously. I will always update you with any information that I receive from the education department. Having said that, the data on which the education department make their decisions is not available to the general public, nor is it available to me. I must rely on the Emergency Management operations manager to inform me if we will relocate or close. This is not always in line with the CFA fire forecast.

The advice from the education department and strongly supported by myself is that families have their own fire plans which identify the conditions your family identifies as triggering your plan, and that these plans should be followed.

If you are not attending school due to enacting your fire plan then please note this as the reason for absence.

Welcome

We would like to welcome our new staff members for 2025.

Ms Caitlin Donders – STEM

Mrs Carla Kennedy – Grade1 /2

Ms Tahlia Peterson – ES support

Ms Jacinta Naismith – ES support

We are thrilled to have you all aboard at our magnificent school.

QKR app

Could all parents please update your child's grade to their 2025 class in the Qkr app.

YEAR LEVEL REPORTS

PREP

What an amazing start our 2025 Preps have made!!!

We have all settled into classroom routines well and everyone is enjoying the beginning of our learning journey.

The grade six buddies have been a great support to the preps, keeping them safe at lunchtimes and introducing them to the playground and the outside expectations.

A few things to remember...

- No school on Wednesdays (for preps), you will have received a time for a student teacher, one to one interview. If you are not sure of your time, your teacher will have this information.
- Please bring your black reader bag to school daily, although we have not started the decodable program yet, we are setting routines with picture story books for the family's enjoyment.
- If you have not already brought your hat to school, please do. Hats are mandatory in Term One and Four.
- Make sure all belongings are clearly named. If items are named, they will make their way back to you when misplaced.
- It is a great idea to encourage your child to practice opening and closing their lunch box lids, believe it or not this is a tricky thing for them to do independently!

ONE/TWO

Welcome back to the 2025 School Year 😊

We are so excited to be back and look forward to a year filled with fun and lots of learning!

We hope all the students enjoyed their first week back at school, all the teachers certainly did!

Firstly, we'd like to say a big welcome to Mrs Carla Kennedy to our 1/2 Team. Carla comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience which we are excited for her to bring to the 1/2's.

In our 1/2 classrooms over the next few weeks, we will be building our classroom routines and structures.

In Reading we are revising over the features of 'Non-Fiction' and 'Fiction' texts, as well as what we need to include in a summary.

In Writing, we are revising over the 'Writing Process', which includes generating our ideas and thinking and turning them into writing.

In Maths, we are continuing to practice our counting skills and looking at the different ways we can measure things through informal and formal units.

Here's to a great year in 1/2 😊

The 1/2 Team

Alex, Jane, Donna, Kirsty, Carla & Adele

THREE / FOUR

Welcome back to all our families and students.

We have jumped straight into learning: setting up expectations for our Reading, Writing and Maths sessions as well as establishing class routines and a feeling of inclusion in our classrooms and school.

Some students have still not brought in a pencil case, we need these ASAP please.

Thank you to those families that have already completed the online permission for our Swimming Carnival on Sentral.

Students signed up for their chosen events last week and we are excited that we will be swimming at the Noble Park Aquatic Centre again 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 will be bringing home some information for you soon 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.

Cheers, Paige, Chelsea, Hayley and Karine 😊

YEAR LEVEL REPORTS CONT'D

FIVE / SIX

Welcome back to another wonderful year at BUPS!

We have already started our year off strong with our 5/6 students heading off on camp. Campers arrived safely on Monday afternoon and have already got stuck into some fun activities, such as hiking Mount Oberon and swimming in Tidal River. The weather is looking much cooler in Wilsons Prom, students are very excited, and we are sure they will have lots of fun for the remainder of the week. Keep an eye on Facebook for more photos!

We ask that families don't call the school on Friday as we will update Sentral with the campers expected arrival time back to school.



TIP OF THE WEEK

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILDREN IN THE STAFF CAR PARK.
IF YOU WISH TO DROP AND RUN YOU NEED TO GO AROUND THE OVAL AND DROP OFF THERE OR IN THE 5 MINUTE PARKING.

Swimming Carnival

Just a quick reminder about our Grade 3-6 House Swimming Carnival on Thursday next week.

If you had replied 'yes' on the Sentral note to assist and I have not yet reached out, all this means is that we have already secured enough helpers for the day. We do however, appreciate you putting your hand up to support BUPS.

If I have made contact with you to confirm a role for the day, thank you in advance.

We will be at the beautiful Noble Park Aquatic Centre, and all family members are welcome to come and watch.

The weather will hopefully be perfect for swimming. 😊

Miss Kelly

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

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!



LITERACY

Welcome back to a new start to the year. It has been great to see so many smiling faces and to hear how much reading students have been doing over the holidays.

Reading is the only homework we ask of all students in prep to grade 6, whether that be sharing a special book with mum and dad in prep, to our 5/6 students reading fascinating books that pique their interest. It is beneficial to start the year of on the right foot and set up good routines for how your child will read every day. It can occur whenever suits your family situation; in the morning, on the car ride to school, after school, whilst their sibling is at swimming lessons, right before bed to settle in. 10 to 15 minutes every day is a great way to not only improve students reading skills, but also their comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, and oral language.

Yesterday, students on the Decodable Readers Program should have come home with their log in card so that they can access the decodable texts at home. We now also have hard copies of these books if families find this easier to access. Please see your child's classroom teacher to opt into receiving these. A Sentral notification also went out yesterday with a resource explaining how our take home reading works with the decodable texts and the rich literature story books. Please take the time to read this document and utilize the question stems to improve student's comprehension.

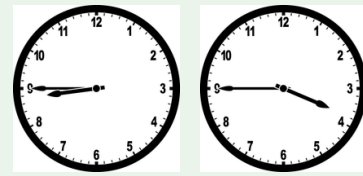
Classes will soon begin to visit the library each week and can borrow some of the fabulous books we have on offer as well.

Throughout the year, we will have some reading challenges and competitions which we encourage students to enter and win some great prizes.

Happy reading everyone!!

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will commence this Thursday. You can place an order directly at the Upper Beac bakery or through their online ordering system (please contact the Bakery for information on this), or by dropping your order and money at the office by 9.30am on Thursday mornings (correct money).



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.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD BAKERY SCHOOL LUNCH LIST



As at 2nd February, 2025



SCHOOL LUNCHES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY

Orders must be placed in the tray at the office by
9:30am; or at the Bakery before 10:30am
ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:30am

ROLLS Wholemeal or White

Salad and cheese roll	\$8.90
Ham & Salad rolls	\$9.90
Roast chicken and salad	\$9.90
Egg and lettuce roll	\$8.90
Tuna and salad rolls	\$8.90
Gluten free salad wrap	\$9.90
Cheese and Bacon roll	\$4.00
Cheese & Vegemite scroll	\$4.50
Pizza slice	\$6.20
Hawaiian or Vegetarian	

HOT FOOD

Hot Dog plain	\$5.00
With sauce & mustard	\$5.70
With Cheese & sauce	\$6.70
With Cheese	\$6.00
Party pies or party sausage rolls	\$1.80
Beef pies	\$5.50
Chicken & vegetable pie	\$5.90
Sausage roll	\$4.90
Vegetarian pastie	\$5.70
Quiche	
bacon or vegetable	\$5.90
Sauce 50 cents	

DRINKS

Mt Franklin water 600ml	\$3.00
Devondale 200ml full cream Milk (UHT)	\$2.00
Nippy's milk, 250ml low fat, low Sugar, chocolate or strawberry	\$3.30
Just Juice 200ml orange, apple, Paradise punch or apple/blackcurrant	\$2.30

FRUIT

Apple, banana or orange	\$1.70
Fresh fruit salad cup (350ml)	\$6.50
Yoghurt - Natural Greek (250gm)	\$2.20
Add pureed blueberries or Mixed berries	\$2.00
Parents to supply reusable container for yoghurt and berry puree.	

Muffins - choc chip, raspberry, apple cinnamon or blueberry	\$5.00
Cinnamon Donut	\$2.50
Donut Balls	\$0.50

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

Well done to Cole in 3/4 D who donated his very long hair and raised over \$2000 to Kids with Cancer Wigs 4 Kids charity over the school holidays. We know how much you loved your hair and are very proud of you doing such a charitable gesture.



STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2024.



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UPDATE FOR FAMILIES.

Applications for the Prep 2024 CSEF Uniform Package are now open

What you need to know.

Who is SSR?

State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms and footwear.

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 and Training [website](#).

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

2024 Prep Uniform Package for CSEF recipients

Prep students for 2024 that are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for the uniform package and/or voucher.

What's in the package?

The 2024 package contains the following items:

Outerwear x 1 pce (i.e., jacket / parka / puffer)
Tops x 2 pcs (i.e., windcheater / polo shirt / rugby top)
Pants x 2 pcs (i.e., trackpants / leggings)
Socks x 2 packs
Pair of Shoes x 1

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 \$85** that subsidises 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 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 2024 uniform package. Please fill out the 'Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2024 Order Form' and return it to the school in order for them to submit the application.



2025 ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

UPPER BEACONSFIELD VILLAGE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY
15TH FEB
2PM - 7PM
(OFFICIAL
OPENING 4PM)

SUNDAY
16TH FEB
9AM - 3PM

10-12
Salisbury
Road
Beaconsfield
Upper

This event is a 2 day exhibition!

Entries are invited from visual artists of any medium, both adults and youth categories

For further details please contact:
Gail 0419 385 322 or
email: gailkelly2809@gmail.com

The entry form link is now available on the UB Village Festival website

www.ubvillagefest.org.au



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