

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

As we move into the final stretch of the year, our school is buzzing with activity. The next four weeks are shaping up to be some of our busiest and most exciting, and we're looking forward to sharing these experiences with our students and community.

On Monday 10th November, our Senior Education Leader, Wayne Chester, visited the school to undertake our end-of-term review of the Annual Implementation Plan. Wayne was extremely impressed with our work. Having achieved our goal targets by mid-year, he noted the strong continuation of our curriculum and wellbeing focus, including the implementation of our new instructional models, scope and sequence documents, and the early groundwork for instructional coaching in 2026.

He also shared very positive feedback about our new school signage options, which families will begin seeing around the school very soon.

This modernised look highlights our historic identity and proudly includes the Helmeted Honeyeater, our school emblem. We are also hopeful that this will help us attract enrolments in our future in order to keep the wide range of programs that we offer here at BUPS.

Monday	Club 1 - Everyone - Lego, Colouring
Tuesday	Club 1 - Everyone - Lego, Colouring
Wednesday	Club 1 - Everyone - Lego, Colouring Club 2 - Select Students - Film Club
Thursday	Club 1 - Everyone - Lego, Colouring
Friday	Club 1 - Everyone - Lego, Colouring Club 2 - Garden & Chicken Club

Calendar of events

Monday 1st December	Boys ¾ Hooptime State Final
Wednesday 3 rd - Friday 5 th December	Grade ¾ Camp - Forest Edge
Friday 5 th December	Grade 5/6 Girls Hooptime State Finals Assembly - 3pm
Monday 8 th - Thursday 19 th December	Prep - 4 Swimming Program
Monday 8 th December	Exhibition of Learning - 2.45pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Songs at Sunset
Friday 12 th December	Santa Visit Parent Helper Morning Tea - 9.30am
Tuesday 16 th December	Grade 5/6 Celebration Excursion
Thursday 18 th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 19 th December	Final Assembly - 9am Last day of school - 1.30pm finish

Upcoming Sick Bay Roster

Friday 28th November - Bowman Family
 Friday 5th December - Wikinson-Snashall Family
 Friday 12th December - Brockman Family
 Friday 19th December - Cohen Family



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONT'D

We also thank the many families who responded to our recent uniform survey. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

We acknowledge that many families have purchased new uniforms this year using the School Saving Bonus, and as such, we will introduce a two-year transition period. In addition to our existing items, we are pleased to add a hoodie and a black puffer jacket to the uniform options. All items—except our school polos—will remain the same, with a gradual transition to the new school logo.

Our staffing for 2026 has now been finalised, and we are currently working through grade structures. This is a careful and considered process, particularly as we guarantee that every child will have at least one friend in their class.

We were thrilled to see our HPV team complete their major event recently. Their dedication, teamwork and perseverance were outstanding, and we are very proud of everyone involved.

Our Prep Transition Program is now well underway. It has been wonderful welcoming our 2026 Foundation students as they begin to explore their new learning environment and build early connections with staff and peers.

Next week, our Year 3/4 students head off to camp, where they will challenge themselves, build independence and enjoy a range of outdoor activities. We wish them a safe and happy experience. A select group of students will be representing our school at Hoop Time Basketball, and we congratulate them on earning a place in the team.

Our Prep-4 students will soon begin their swimming program, an important part of learning essential water-safety skills.

We are also very excited for this year's Songs at Sunset, where families are invited to join us for an evening of music and celebration.

On the horizon, we have Orientation Day, when students will meet their 2026 teachers and classmates, helping set them up for a confident start to the new year.

Our Year 5/6 Celebration Week and excursion are fast approaching, offering our senior students a chance to reflect on their time at primary school and enjoy some well-deserved fun. And finally, we will bring the year to a close with Grade 6 Graduation, an important milestone marking the end of primary school and the beginning of an exciting new chapter.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for their ongoing support. We look forward to sharing these special moments with you throughout the coming weeks.

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

Chicken Roster - School Holidays

The chickens will need feeding and let out twice daily in the school holidays. If you are able to assist, please come and put your name down at the office. They are laying well at the moment, all eggs are yours to enjoy.



The preps have been working hard on developing the content of their writing. They have begun to consider the beginning, middle and ending of a narrative piece, and they have been exploring writing for informative purposes. Here are a few samples of our fabulous students writing.

Narrative Planning
NOUN - Draw

Name _____

A. red
v. jump


Beginning


Middle


End



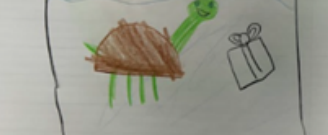

TIGIS

- Tigis have black stripes
- Tigis eat meat.
- Tigis are vicious.
- Tigis dont have much yam...
- was er. aigis
- Tigis are black and orin
- Tigis have shiny feet.
- Tigis have sharp claws.



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A girilla is a primate.
A primate is a person or
chimp or orangutan. Have
you seen a girillas? Have
you seen a chimp? Have
you seen a orangutan? do
you like those animals?
Which one do you like
the best? A girilla is
black. A chimp is brown.
A orangutan is orange
and reaches

Once a poper time a turtle was swimming happily. Shelly the long neck turtle is happy. A jellyfish stung her. She is now feeling melancholy. Shelly went to hospital. It was a bad injury. She had to have a ~~sting~~ ~~needle~~ ~~needle~~. Shelly is feeling better. She gets a present.

YEAR LEVEL REPORTS CONT'D

ONE/TWO

Last Friday, the Grade 1/2 students took part in a local Community Walk as part of their Inquiry Unit learning about "Community." Throughout the morning, students visited several locations around Beaconsfield Upper, discovering the different places and services that help make our town a connected and supportive community.

Students enjoyed seeing familiar places up close, learning about what each location offers, and discussing how these places play an important role in our everyday lives. The walk provided a wonderful hands-on opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of how communities work and the people and services that help them thrive.

Over the next few weeks students will be able to take what they learnt and discovered on the excursion and apply it as they become 'architects' and design and create their own building to a classroom community.

It would be a great help if students could bring 1 cardboard box (no bigger than a shoebox) to create their building and if you have any basic craft materials like pipe-cleaners, paper towel holders etc to bring them along as well.

The 1/2 Team

Adele, Alex, Carla & Kirsty 😊

THREE / FOUR

It's hard to believe how close we are to the end of the year! Next Monday the Boys All Star Basketball team is heading off to compete at the State level competition and we wish them all the best of luck.

On Wednesday we leave for Forest Edge Camp for three days. We are looking forward to a brilliant time!

A few reminders-

- your child will need fruit, snack, lunch and an afternoon tea snack in disposable packaging (no lunch boxes) for the first day- our first meal at camp is dinner on Wednesday night. All students must bring a drink bottle too.

- Any medication- daily, 'Just In Case', herbal/ natural or prescribed- must be handed to Mrs McGill at the portico by 8:45am. It should be in a named zip lock bag with written instructions about dispensing.

We are wrapping up our Fractions unit in Maths and have been very impressed with the students' progress and understanding of this unit. We are looking at making connections between books written with similar purposes can be created for different audiences in Reading. Writing sees the students writing for a variety of purposes and experimenting with different styles such as Explanation Texts to inform and Journal Entries to communicate.

Keep an eye on the Sentral calendar as we have lots of exciting events coming up in the last few weeks- Songs At Sunset, Santa's Visit and our Swimming Program.

Cheers, Paige, Hayley, Chelsea and Karine

FIVE / SIX

What a busy few weeks we have had in the 5/6 community! Recently, some of our Grade 6 girls proudly represented our school at the Regional Volleyball competition. They played their hearts out, showing incredible determination, teamwork and resilience. Although they didn't make it through to the next stage, we were all so proud of the way they competed.

We also enjoyed a fantastic day at the Colour Fun Run, with the sun shining, plenty of laughs and lots of colourful smiles. Back in the classroom, students have been working hard on their Inquiry Projects, which they are excited to share at our upcoming Exhibition of Learning.

In Reading, we have been exploring point of view using the powerful text Home and Away, encouraging students to think deeply and consider different perspectives. In Mathematics, the students are loving their Garden Project, where they are applying skills such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, area and perimeter, all while trying to design the most profitable garden.

We can't wait for the next few exciting weeks as we head towards our Celebration Week and Graduation!

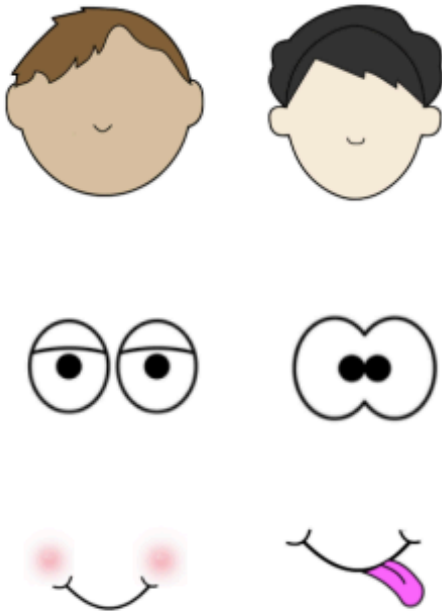
Student Of The Week Friday 21st November 2025

Grade	Student	Grade	Student
OB	Bodhi B Your contributions to our class discussions are knowledgeable, thoughtful and always interesting. I love that you are so curious about the world around you, Bodhi.	OZ	Cash V For some amazing writing pieces this week. Great to see your confidence growing. Well done!
12A	Ruby H For always working hard. You give 100% to everything you do, and you always do it with a smile on your face. Well done, Ruby 😊	12A	Archie R For working hard in writing sessions. It's great to see you taking on feedback to improve your work. Well done Archie 😊
12G	Matilda B For being a kind and caring classmate, working independently in stations and sharing your thinking in Maths. Keep being awesome, Tilly. 😊👏	12G	Ollie M For writing with enthusiasm and expression. You wrote convincingly about all the ways that dogs are better than cats. Well done, Ollie. 😊👏
12J	1/2J Well done on your hard work and bravery when presenting your presentations about the animal of your choice. It was great that we learnt so many new animal facts!	34D	Jagger D For trying his best in class this week. He has been demonstrating respect and kindness towards his classmates! Great job Jagger!
34D	Koda R For showing dedication during maths lessons! He has been working hard on developing his understanding of equivalent fractions. Fantastic effort Koda!	34L	Isaac S For your efforts and persistence in exploring equivalent fractions and converting fractions during Maths. You have been determined to understand the concept, asking lots of questions and trying different models to help you see what is equal.
34L	Laoise F For your effort in learning about equivalent fractions.	34L	Tyler H For your effort during writing. You did a great job revising your piece about the tornado to add more imagery and visual description.
34M	Chase L The connections he is making between number facts and equivalent fractions- what a 'lightbulb' moment to witness.	56B	Cooper D For the dedication you have been showing to your learning and making good choices within the classroom environment.
56G	Bella F Her exceptional attitude towards learning, particularly in mathematics. We love watching you support your peers and guide them through maths problems with kindness, patience, and leadership. Well done, Bella!	56L	Max W For your incredible enthusiasm and passion for history and geography. Your eagerness to share your knowledge has inspired your classmates and added so much richness to our learning. Well done – keep shining and keep teaching us new things!

Problem of the Week: Funny Faces

How many different faces can you make with these elements?

Each face has a face, eyes and a mouth.



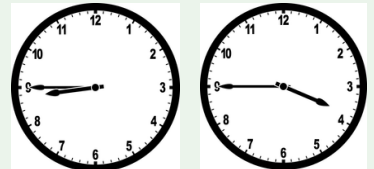
School Policies

Our school policies and procedures guide our daily actions and decisions.

They are developed in line with statutory guidance and regulatory requirements, from the education department.

You will find our key policies on our school webpage under the "Our school" tab.

<https://www.bups.vic.edu.au/>



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.



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.

BUPS Christmas Raffle

We are once again running the BUPS annual Christmas raffle! Baskets will be placed in each classroom & we would be so grateful of any donations to help fill our Christmas Raffle hampers.

Donations can include in date non-perishable food items, toys, homewares, handmade goods & Christmas themed items. Any alcoholic items will need to be handed to the office by a parent.

The class that has the most items for their basket will win a special prize!

Baskets will be collected on Tuesday 16th December & the raffle winners will be announced at our final assembly on Friday 19th December!

Raffle Tickets will be available to purchase on QKR for \$5.00 each!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
The BUPS PFA xo