

Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a fantastic start to the school year, and we are incredibly proud of how well all of our students have settled back into learning. Classrooms are buzzing with positive energy as routines are being established, learning habits are taking shape, and students are building strong, respectful relationships with their teachers and peers. It has been wonderful to see students reconnecting, engaging confidently in their learning, and embracing the opportunities of a new year. We are especially proud of how well our new prep students have settled in and have enjoyed watching them flourish.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our entire school community for your patience, flexibility, and support during the recent extreme fire rating relocations to Berwick College. We are especially grateful to our wonderful staff for their adaptability, to Berwick College for their generosity and cooperation, and to our families for working with us so calmly and supportively during this time. Your understanding and trust make a significant difference in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff.

Finally, we warmly invite all families to join us at our Welcome BBQ this afternoon. This is a great opportunity to connect with other families, meet staff, and celebrate the strong sense of community that makes our school such a special place. We hope to see you there for an afternoon of relaxed conversation, a free sausage in bread, and a warm welcome to the year ahead.

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

Calendar of events

Tuesday 10 th February	Welcome BBQ 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 11 th February	House Swimming Carnival No Preps At School
Tuesday 17 th February	Parent Teacher Interviews - Grades 1-6
Friday 20 th February	Assembly - 3pm
Thursday 5 th March	School Photos
Friday 6 th March	Assembly - 3pm
Monday 9 th March	Labour Day - NO students at school
Friday 20 th March	Assembly - 3pm
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Bonnet Parade - 9am Exhibition of Learning - 10am Last Day of Term One - 2.30pm finish
Monday 20 th April	1 st Day of Term Two

Upcoming Sick Bay Roster

Friday 13th February - Andelkovic Family
 Friday 20th February - Appleton Family
 Friday 27th February - Batchelor Family
 Friday 6th March - Boswell Family
 Friday 13th March - Bowman Family



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE

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Catalogues have been sent home with the eldest child for book club. Orders are due by this Friday 13th February.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

BUPS will be at the Village Festival this Sunday 15th Feb selling our famous Egg and Bacon Rolls, that the tower runners look very forward to!

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

As always it takes a lot of hands to make our stall a success and run smoothly. If you can spare an hour (or more) please use the link below to sign up. Students can also join in selling the drinks, with a parent handling the money.

<https://signup.com/go/gqAgPsb>

This is a wonderful way to teach our children the value of volunteering and representing BUPS in the community.

QKR CLASS UPDATE

It is important to update your child's Year Level and Class on Qkr!
Here is how you do this:



Step-by-Step: Updating Class & Year Level
Open the Qkr! App and log in.

Access Profiles: Tap on the top left menu (three horizontal lines) and select "Manage Children" or click on your child's name directly from the home screen.

Edit Student Details: Tap on the child whose details you need to update.

Update Information: Change the Class/Year Level to the new 2026 details.

Update Contact Info: Take this opportunity to update phone numbers and any other relevant information.

Save Changes: Ensure you tap "Save" or "Update" to confirm the changes.

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 \$400 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 21st 2026.

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 6th 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.

PREP

YEAR LEVEL REPORTS

What an amazing start to the school year! Our new Preps have settled in well, despite some minor disruptions with a fire danger day. We have been learning all of our classroom routines, as well as talking about school and classroom expectations. The children have begun learning the letter sounds in Phonics and we have begun to learn the writing process and are doing some 'magic' prep writing! In Maths we are establishing the routines of our maths stations with a focus on one-to-one counting. As the Wednesday testing progresses, we will begin to differentiate our instruction more as we see where the children are currently sitting across curriculum areas. Please don't forget to log on to the Decodable Readers Australia site with your QR codes and begin reading the Level One texts that have been unlocked for your child.

The Prep Team,
Carla K, Carla B and Rachel

ONE/TWO

Welcome back to school! It has been wonderful to see our Grade 1/2 students return with big smiles and lots of enthusiasm. The children are settling in beautifully, getting to know classroom routines, reconnecting with friends, and building positive relationships with their teachers. We are already seeing great listening, sharing, and learning behaviours, and we're excited for a fun and rewarding term ahead.

On Tuesday the 17th of February, we will be hosting our annual BUPS Pancake Day. This year we are putting a twist on it and bringing our teddy friends along for a picnic. All Prep-2 students are invited to join in our pancake picnic, with the pancakes being cooked on the BBQ's. BYO toppings, and a bag to take home your dirty dishes. Please do not pack nut products, like Nutella.

Some grades are starting to welcome Parent Helpers back into the classroom, so please approach your child's teacher if you are keen. Students have also been sent home with their DRA decodable reader access card, and information letter. Please support your child to be reading regularly.

Have a wonderful fortnight with your cheerful cherubs
Adele, Alex, Kirsty and Carla

THREE / FOUR

Welcome back to school. We have jumped right into the swing of things, with students learning some new routines for their classrooms and their new teachers.

In Maths we have begun with some revision of the four processes and looked at strategies for solving worded problems.

In Reading we have been writing summaries of familiar texts and looking at making deeper level connections between texts, our own experiences and other texts. All students in Grade 3/4 are expected to be reading at home every day, ideally with an adult so they can discuss what they are reading.

In Writing we have refreshed our understanding of the structure of narratives and the importance of detailed planning before beginning writing.

Our Inquiry focus has been about how our seemingly small actions or words can affect others. We have read the book, What If Everybody Did That? and created one for each class that helps students understand the impact of their behaviours.

We are all looking forward to the Swimming Carnival on Wednesday at Noble Park, we understand there will be some nerves especially from the Grade 3 students but we really encourage them to attend and participate to the best of their ability.

Cheers, Karine, Paige, Hayley, Chelsea and Jacynta

FIVE / SIX

Grade 5/6 students have settled back into the school year beautifully and are off to a strong start. We are beginning our first text-based unit of the year using The Stone Lion, where students will explore themes, characters and deeper meanings within the text.

In Mathematics, our focus is on developing a strong understanding of place value, with an emphasis on decimals and integers.

During Inquiry, students have been unpacking our school values and exploring the meaning behind our new school logo, as well as researching a Winter Olympic sport that they will present to their classmates later this week. Lightning Premiership is also about to get underway, giving students the opportunity to experience all five sports on offer before submitting their preferences. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year.

5.6 Team. Mrs Groves, Mr Haddock, Mrs Lansbury, Mrs Lucas, Mrs Ludlow and Mrs Wilson

Student Of The Week Friday 6th February 2026

Grade	Student	Grade	Student
01K	Cleo H For being an excellent role model for our Prep students, always helping others and making everyone feel welcome.	12G	Darcy F You have been a fantastic role model, and have shown a caring and considerate nature by helping your classmates and teachers. You're a superstar, Darcy!
12G	Cobie R Super effort with your writing, Cobie. We are so lucky to have an author in our midst already! Your focus and effort during all learning tasks is outstanding.	12J	Georgia K Well done, Georgia, on starting the year by setting a great example to others about being a supportive classmate and encouraging others.
12J	Neve D Well done, Neve, on always showing respectful attitude towards others and showing you are ready to learn. What a great beginning to the year.	34D	Tahlya V Well done Tahlya! You have been showing kindness to all of your classmates and making sure everyone is included!
34D	Logan B Well done Logan! You have demonstrated kindness towards all of your peers.	34H	Johnny D Johnny, you have done a wonderful job showing your peers and teachers respect, as well as following all classroom expectations.
34H	Olivia F A warm welcome to BUPS, Olivia. The way you have been able to collaborate with your peers has shown how quickly you have become part of our community.	34L	Reid P For helping your classmates adjust to the routines of the classroom and taking initiative to do little jobs when you notice something needs to be done. Well Done.
34M	Lincoln P Lincoln, you made a new student feel so welcome to BUPS and our classroom- thank you for thinking of someone else's feelings.	34M	Ayden L Welcome to BUPS and to your new class, Ayden. It has been a pleasure getting to know you.
34S	Hugh R Well done Hugh on being an exceptional role model of our class expectations, ensuring you are listening and following all instructions promptly.	34S	Billianna T Well done Billianna for including others and making everyone feel welcome within our classroom. Keep up the amazing work!
56B	Banjo A Well done Banjo for contributing confidently to class discussions, asking for help when needed, and your terrific work ethic to start the year.	56B	Eadie K Well done Eadie for the friendly way you have integrated into our classroom and school community.
56H	Will R You have shown our school value of friendship by including others and making everyone feel like they belong. A fantastic start to the school year – well done!	56L	Maddie W For showing great resilience and persistence as you settled into a new class. We are so proud of the way you've embraced new challenges and look forward to everything you achieve this year.

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56L	Imogen C For showing outstanding kindness and inclusivity by welcoming and supporting a new student in our grade, making them feel safe, valued, and included.	56W	Esher R Well done Esher on your initiative shown already in the first week of your leadership role. Our school environment and chickens are in good hands!
56W	Peter H Well done Pete on your kindness toward others, stepping up to look after Ben in Prep while his buddy was away.	56W	Anthony D Well done Anthony on your kindness toward others, stepping up to look after Ben in Prep while his buddy was away.
INDO	5/6B What a great start to the Indonesian year. You carefully transitioned classroom expectations. Well done for setting an exceptional standard.		

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' privacy policy and the Schools' privacy collection notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy (<https://www.bups.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Photography-Filming-and-Recording-Policy.pdf>), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents. This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Problem of the Week: Buzz Back

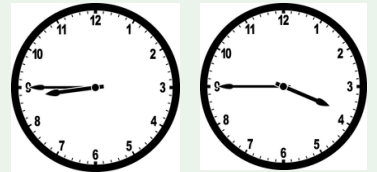
Find a way for the Bee to travel through the maze and arrive at the Hive with 10 points.
The Bee can only move from its honeycomb to a touching honeycomb.
Find the 10 point pathway for the Bee.



Challenge: Find a way for the Bee to arrive at the Hive with 17 points.

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.



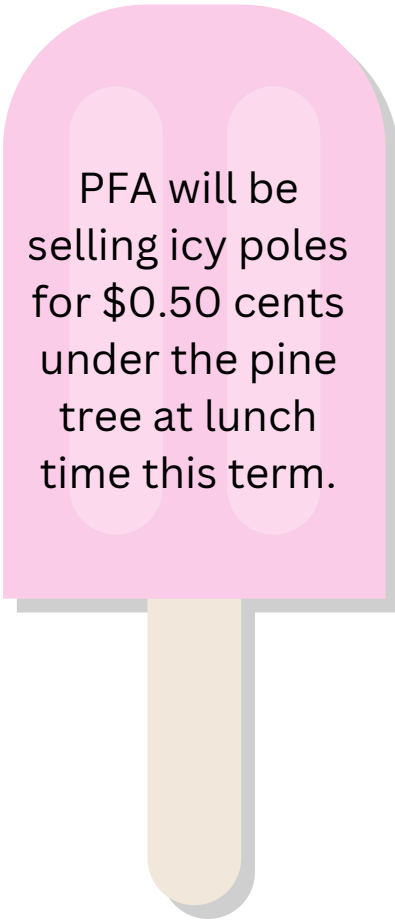
Attendance

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.



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

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 come and do an induction at the office and complete a confidentiality form. You will also need to give us a copy of a current working with children's check if any details have changed.

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



UPPER BEACONSFIELD VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Sunday
15th February
9am-3pm



Bring the kids, bring your mates—this one's for everyone!

Enjoy live acts, market stalls, tasty food trucks and the tower run, plus an art + photography exhibition—proudly centred on a zero-waste focus.

Art & Photography Exhibition

Entries invited from visual artists of any medium in both adult & youth categories. Lots of great prizes to be won including \$300 for the Best in Show!

Open 2 days! Sat 14 Feb 3pm – 6pm and Sunday 15 Feb 9am – 3pm.

Enter Now! Submit your entries online (fees apply) by 9 February.



KidsFest Rides

All-day pass only \$15!

Rock climbing, Laser Tag, Drop Slide, Cup & Saucer, Face Painting and more!

Tower Run/Walk

Run or walk the scenic tower track through the heart of Upper Beaconsfield. Four runs to choose from: 1km, 6.5km, 13km and 21.1km half marathon. **Sign up now!**



Market Stalls, Food Vendors & Free Activities

Animals of Oz, Tennis Try Outs, Men's Shed Kids Woodworking & Craft, Busking, Community Group Displays, Dog Show Competition, Stage Acts & more!

STALL HOLDER APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

GET ALL THE DETAILS HERE



Huge thank you to all our Sponsors



UPPER BEACONSFIELD TOWER RUN

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026

The image displays four promotional banners for the 2026 Upper Beaconsfield Tower Run events. Each banner features the 'Tower Run' logo on the left, which consists of a stylized tower with two cartoon figures running on either side, and the text 'UPPER BEACONSFIELD' below it. The banners are as follows:

- Leisure Pools 1km Kids Dash**: Sponsored by Leisure Pools, with the tagline 'SWIMMING IN QUALITY AND STYLE'.
- PEAKE 6.5KM TOWER RUN**: Sponsored by Peake, with the website peakeRE.com.au.
- MY EXPERT® 13KM TOWER RUN**: Sponsored by myexpert, with the tagline 'KIDS IN SPORT INC.'.
- UPPER BEACONSFIELD GP & PHARMACY 21.1KM TOWER RUN**: Sponsored by Upper Beaconsfield GP Practice and UpperBeaconsfield Pharmacy.

Join us for the 2026 Upper Beaconsfield Tower Run. With four events to choose from there's something for everyone. Early Bird registration open now!

**SELECT TEAM 'BUPS' FOR THE SCHOOLS'
CHANCE TO WIN \$500**

www.alpinetiming.com.au/registrations/rg622/



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