

# Beaconsfield Upper Primary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Upper Beaconsfield Primary School Community,

**It is with a mix of deep pride and a touch of sadness that I write my final newsletter entry as your Principal.**

After ten wonderful years leading Upper Beaconsfield Primary School, I am retiring at the end of this year.

Reflecting on my tenure, I am filled with immense gratitude for the privilege of serving this truly unique and remarkable school community.

I have been incredibly happy during my time here, and I have always deeply enjoyed my daily interactions with our wonderful students and dedicated staff. From the very moment I arrived, I was warmly welcomed into the Upper Beaconsfield family. That initial embrace set the tone for my entire decade here. I have been fortunate to be supported by an exceptionally active Parents and Friends Association (PFA) and a committed School Council. Your unwavering dedication, collaboration, and shared vision have been the backbone of my leadership from day one.

Together, we have navigated some very intense, challenging, and often frustrating times. From the unprecedented disruptions of COVID-19 and health challenges like whooping cough, to the high-stakes stress of multiple bushfire relocations, our resilience has been tested time and again. Yet, in moments of adversity, the true character of this community always shines through.

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| Term 3 Lunchtime Clubs | Monday    | Club 1 -             |
|                        | Tuesday   | Club 1 -             |
|                        | Wednesday | Club 1 -<br>Club 2 - |
|                        | Thursday  | Club 1 -<br>Club 2 - |
|                        | Friday    | Club 1 -             |

## Calendar of events

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| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -<br>Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>September | Grade 5/6 Camp-Sovereign Hill                                                                                                |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>September                                 | Exhibition of Learning - 9am<br>PFA Hot food footy day<br>Teachers V Students Footy Game<br>Last Day of Term - 2.30pm finish |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>October                                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Term 4                                                                                                |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup><br>October                                    | Assembly - 3pm                                                                                                               |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                                   | Grade 6 Graduation and family photo day                                                                                      |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>October                                   | Assembly - 3pm                                                                                                               |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup><br>October                                   | School Council - 7pm                                                                                                         |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>November                                  | Melbourne Cup Day - NO students at school                                                                                    |

### Upcoming Sick Bay Roster

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September - MacMeikan Family  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Maher Family  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October - McCrum Family  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Mepstead Family  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Nicholds Family



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

I am immensely proud of how we have transformed and improved our physical environment over the past ten years. We have revitalized our grounds and facilities with new playgrounds, durable astroturf, covered walkways, fresh paint, and new carpets throughout the school. Crucially, our Shelter-in-Place building stands safe and sound, and our OSHC building is now completely asbestos-free, ensuring a secure environment for everyone.

Alongside these structural improvements, our academic journey has been nothing short of outstanding. Our student results have consistently improved, culminating in this year's academic achievements, which stand proudly above State, Network, and Like School averages. With our school review successfully completed this year, our new four-year Strategic Plan is firmly in place, leaving Upper Beaconsfield perfectly positioned and ready for the next chapter of leadership.

As you look ahead, I gently ask that we continue to approach our leadership and staff with a spirit of partnership and understanding. School leadership requires navigating complex regulatory and policy frameworks daily. Seeking to understand the reasons behind decisions, protects the positive environment we all value. Our school is at its best when we listen to one another and move forward together.

As I step into retirement, I will fondly remember the many wonderful families I have had the privilege to get to know. I will deeply miss the laughter of the children and the camaraderie of our dedicated staff. However, I leave with absolute trust that this school will continue to grow, thrive, and enjoy new adventures together.

Thank you for the honor of being your Principal for the past ten years. I hope that I have made a positive difference in the lives of the students who have passed through our gates during this time.

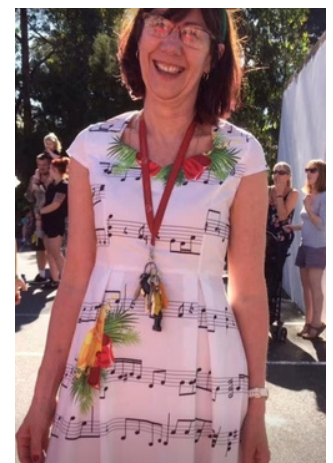
Thank you for everything, and stay safe.

Warm regards,  
Vicki Miles

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## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK MRS MILES

From all the school staff and community we wish you all the best in your retirement. Thank you for being an incredible and dedicated principal at BUPs for the last 10 years.



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## TERM 4 ACTING PRINCIPAL

Rachael Kimber will be joining BUPs as Acting Principal for Term 4. She brings over 10 years' experience in school leadership and a strong commitment to student learning, wellbeing and inclusion. Rachael is looking forward to getting to know our students, staff and families and being part of our school community.

# CONGRATULATIONS WILL!



On Tuesday Will travelled to Sydney to represent Victoria at the National Championships for Cross Country. He did a wonderful job and placed 15<sup>th</sup> in Australia.

Congratulations Will on this fantastic achievement! We are all very proud of you.

## YEAR LEVEL REPORTS

### PREP

No year level reports

### ONE/TWO

We have reached the final weeks of a truly action-packed term. The Grade 1/2 students have grown as readers, writers, mathematicians, performers and thoughtful members of our school community. We are incredibly proud of their effort and enthusiasm.

#### What We Are Learning

**Celebrating learning:** Throughout the term, students have explored different text types, strengthened their phonics and comprehension skills, and developed richer writing through carefully chosen vocabulary. They have also built confidence with addition, subtraction and location.

**Inquiry:** Our food inquiry has helped students understand where food comes from, how seasons affect produce and how balanced choices support healthy bodies. Students have worked together to research, create and explain their learning.

**Personal and social learning:** Through Positive Coping, Honesty and Risk Taking, students have practised managing emotions, solving problems, seeking support and approaching new challenges with courage and curiosity.

# YEAR LEVEL REPORTS CONT'D

## ONE/TWO CONT'D

### Dates for the Diary

#### Friday 18 September – Footy Day

Students are invited to wear their favourite team colours as we celebrate Footy Day together.

#### Friday 18 September – Exhibition of Learning

Families are warmly invited to visit the classrooms from 9am and see the wonderful work students have completed throughout Term 3.

#### Friday 18 September – Last Day of Term

We wish all of our Grade 1/2 families a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break. Don't forget that school finishes at 2:30pm on this day.

**Family Reminder:** Thank you to our families for your support with reading, costumes, special events and learning throughout the term. Your partnership makes a tremendous difference.

## THREE / FOUR

In Mathematics, students have been learning about probability and chance, exploring the likelihood of events occurring and using mathematical language such as certain, likely, unlikely and impossible to describe outcomes. We have investigated dependent and independent chance through the use of concrete materials and interactive games to understand how the chance of an outcome happening can change based on what actions we take.

In Reading, students have continued to develop and practise their skills with answering literal and inferential questions, summarising and making connections to *Crumbs* by Phil Cummings. They have also considered how different characters might experience the same event using their knowledge and understanding of points of view and perspective.

Our students have also been working very hard in Writing, where they have continued to research and construct their information reports on a topic of interest from our Inquiry unit. They have had a close focus on using their technical and topic-specific language skills to uplevel their writing.

Students should be extraordinarily proud of their efforts at last week's school production! The countless hours of practise, repetition, hard work and determination became worth it, seeing them all shine and enjoy themselves during their performances.

We are excited to welcome families back during our Exhibition of Learning this coming Friday, where we can showcase all of our other incredible efforts from throughout the term!

## FIVE / SIX

No year level reports

# Student Of The Week Friday 11th September 2026

| Grade      | Student                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Grade      | Student                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>OB</b>  | <b>Taylor C</b><br>Well done, Taylor for showing growing resilience. You are learning to keep trying when things feel challenging. Your growing confidence and positive attitude are something to be proud of. Keep going—you are doing a fantastic job!                                           | <b>OP</b>  | <b>Carter P</b><br>For taking risks with your writing and including adjectives to make it more interesting. Your pieces are becoming much more descriptive and well planned. Well done!                                                                                      |
| <b>OP</b>  | <b>Freya H</b><br>For your thoughtful reading responses and efforts during phonics. You are reading much more fluently and your writing about the texts we read as a class has been really thoughtful.                                                                                             | <b>01K</b> | <b>Elsie R</b><br>For your enthusiasm and positive attitude during production rehearsals and the concert. You worked so hard to learn your moves, joined in with such excitement and confidence. Well done Elsie!                                                            |
| <b>12A</b> | <b>Charlie L</b><br>For consistently demonstrating the value of friendship through your kindness, caring nature and respectful manners. You are always a wonderful role model to others, Charlie! Keep being the kind and thoughtful friend that you are!                                          | <b>12A</b> | <b>Benji M</b><br>For your enthusiasm during production rehearsals and the concert. You worked hard to learn your moves, joined in with such energy and excitement, and gave your very best on stage. Well done Benji!                                                       |
| <b>12G</b> | <b>Matilda B</b><br>It's terrific to see the effort that you have been putting into your literacy work, Matilda, especially your text responses. Your writing also shows that you are making an effort to include descriptive language.<br>Keep it up, Super Star! 🌟                               | <b>12G</b> | <b>Maverick C</b><br>It's fantastic to see the effort that you have been putting into your literacy work, Maverick, especially your reading. Your can-do attitude in Maths is outstanding, and you show great leadership during Maths Stations.<br>Keep it up, Super Star! 🌟 |
| <b>12J</b> | <b>1/2J</b><br>Well done, 1/2J on your amazing work for production. You have been so kind with all the interruptions to your learning and have been showing such positive attitudes. Your hard work and persistence with production is greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a superstar grade! | <b>34D</b> | <b>Archie R</b><br>Well done, Archie! You have been trying your best on all of your learning tasks. It was amazing to see your dedication during the production dances. You looked fantastic up on stage during the performances.                                            |

# Student Of The Week Friday 11th Sept 2026 Cont'd

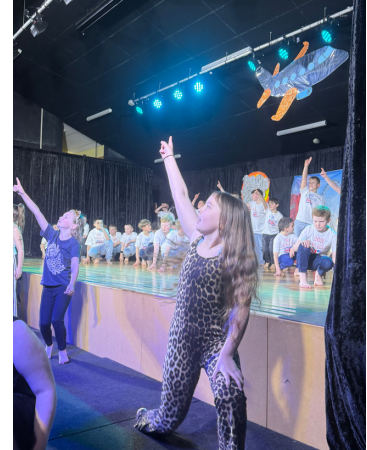
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| 34H   | <b>Harry D</b><br>For showing our BUPS learner profile of confidence. You have shown great commitment and confidence when learning and rehearsing our production dance, showing up as a wonderful role model for your peers.                                                                                                                                                | 34H   | <b>Dylan S</b><br>For showing our BUPS learner profile of resilience. You have demonstrated a strong ability to catch up in the classroom after some time away, including quickly learning our production dance. Keep up the amazing effort! |
| 34M   | <b>Ayden L</b><br>Well done, Ayden on the spectacular effort you have made to learn the dance and song for our Production this year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 34M   | <b>Mitchell S</b><br>Well done, Mitchell on the spectacular effort you have made to learn the dance and song for our Production this year.                                                                                                   |
| 34S   | <b>Harriet W</b><br>Congratulations, Harriet, on being such a wonderful role model of our class expectations! You consistently come to learning organised and ready to learn, transition efficiently between activities, and listen carefully to instructions. Your calm and responsible approach sets a great example for others in our class. Keep up the fantastic work! | 56B   | <b>Indianna H</b><br>Well done Indianna for the wonderful effort you have put into your inquiry pieces! You have created some fantastic work that showcases your knowledge and understanding of the Gold Rush.                               |
| 56B   | <b>5/6B</b><br>Well done 5/6B for the effort you put into production! You all rehearsed well, took on board feedback and applied this on the night. Keep it up, superstars!                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 56L   | <b>Bella D</b><br>For always showing kindness and consideration towards others. Your caring nature helps make our classroom a welcoming and supportive place for everyone.                                                                   |
| 56W   | <b>Lincoln M</b><br>Well done on your hard-working approach to writing. You have been following advice and feedback, and independently putting your best effort into your writing pieces. Keep up the great work!                                                                                                                                                           | 56W   | <b>Finn C</b><br>Well done, Finn on the awesome effort you have been putting into all of your work and for setting a great example in the classroom, showing respect and supporting others.                                                  |
| STEM  | <b>Ainsley O</b><br>For a consistent, mature and thoughtful approach to all her STEM work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

# PRODUCTION 2026

## WHERE'S BRADY?

Our wonderful students worked very hard to put on an amazing performance at last thursday's production of 'Where's Brady?'

A big thank you to all of our wonderful staff, students and community for all of the hard work and effort that goes into putting on our productions!



## TEMPORARY ROAD/CAR PARK CLOSURE

Access Road Closure (Refer below image)

19 September – 4 October (over the school holidays)

Main access road off Burton Road (required for critical civil works)

Alternative Access - Vehicle access remains available via the second Burton Road entry and around the oval perimeter.

### Car Parking Impacts

Most car parks around the school will remain open.

Parking along the main access road and spaces near the new pavilion will be closed.

### Site Safety

Expect significant construction activity onsite.

Temporary fencing will be erected to secure the work zone.

Please share this notice with your community and remind visitors to stay clear of the active work areas.

We apologise for the inconvenience as we approach completion of the new Upper Beaconsfield Community pavilion.



## CHICKENS IN THE HOLIDAYS

We are looking for volunteers to look after the chickens in the school holidays. Please call the office if you are able to assist. Any eggs are yours to keep.



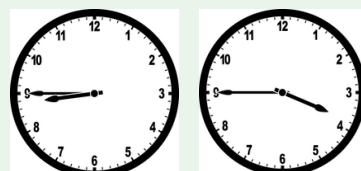
## School Policies

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

GO TEAM!

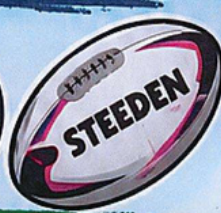
# FOOTY DAY

Friday 18th September

Dress in your favourite  
**'Football' team colours**

(can be AFL, AFLW, NRL, Soccer etc.)

\*not other sports or free dress\*



Grade 6 Students v Staff  
match at 12.45pm.



FOOTY  
BRINGS US  
TOGETHER

SAME  
GAME  
MORE  
PEOPLE  
♥

SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT!