

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 1

What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 2, 2020</u>	
Tuesday April 14	Staff Return to School
Wednesday April 15	Term 2 Begins for students
Wednesday April 22	School Council 7pm (cancelled)
Saturday April 25	ANZAC Day March (cancelled)
Tue May 12 – Thurs May 14	NAPLAN Testing (Cancelled)
Wednesday May 20	School Council 7pm via Webex
Monday June 8	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday June 17	School Council 7pm via Webex
Friday June 26	Last Day of Term 2



We hope you all enjoyed a happy Easter with family and loved ones.

If you need assistance with anything contact your classroom teacher during school hours on the phone or directly via email on:

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Welcome Mr Longwood

This week under very strange circumstances we welcomed Mr Josh Longwood to the staff at Beverford District Primary School

Josh joins us from St Mary's in Swan Hill where he was a classroom teacher and Information Technology teacher and staff coach.

Josh has quickly settled in and although he would love to build positive relationships with the students face to face, he will do this online over the next few weeks. We are fortunate that Josh was able to spend a morning in the Grade 3/4 classroom at the end of Term 1.



Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone as we transition to remote and online learning. As mentioned in the numerous pieces of correspondence these are unprecedented times and we are all learning together. To say the staff have been 'flat out' is an understatement and I cannot thank Abbey and Josh enough for their dedication to ensure we deliver high quality online teaching to the students at BDPS.

As long as the internet will stand up and everyone has access to Webex and Seesaw we will create a stimulating and successful learning environment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their understanding and patience as we embark on this journey of remote learning. We will get things right and we will get things wrong, but together we will learn the best way to engage our students in this unknown platform.

Tuesday was my first day of being the substantive Principal at BDPS. Even though I have been at the school for 18 months in the acting role, I feel very privileged to lead such an amazing school. Thank you very much for the positive comments, calls and messages since the announcement. I am firstly looking forward to leading the school through this unique term of remote learning and secondly consolidate and embed the wonderful culture of improvement and innovation at the school.

The School Council has a meeting scheduled for next Wednesday April 22. This has been cancelled, however we will have the May meeting online using the Webex Meeting program. By then we will hopefully be all quite confident with the program.

On the front page you will have noticed quite an empty school calendar. Due to the current learning arrangements for Term 2 all of our planned winter sports, cross country, leadership events, excursions and school camp have been cancelled. This is hugely disappointing, however we will endeavor to squeeze as much as we can in once we return to normal schooling. Late in Term 1 the Department of Education also announced that the NAPLAN testing scheduled for May has been cancelled. Grade 3 and 5 students will not be undertaking the testing this year.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathy is with the Ewart family after the tragic passing of Jordy Davis over Easter. Jordy was a student at Beverford and our heart goes out to his friends and family.

We congratulate the following students on their awards from the final week of Term 1.

Junior Student of the Week

W9: Allyrah Whiteman for being a responsible learner and always helping others.

Middle Student of the Week

W9: Breannah Burney for working hard to achieve her goals.

Senior Student of the Week

W9: Violet Jones for taking responsibility for her learning by always asking for help and seeking feedback.

Principal Award

W9: Tai Faasee for working very hard on his reading at school and at home.

Enjoy your Week,
Thanks, Phil



Week 8 & 9 Principal Awards: Darcy & Tai

Remote Learning Update

The online component of Remote Learning at Beverford begins this Monday (April 20) and will be broken into two key parts; flipped learning clips and video conferencing.

FLIPPED LEARNING ON SEESAW: The flipped learning clips will be short audio visual clips placed on the Seesaw App daily. These clips constructed by the classroom teachers will explain and teach the tasks students are to complete in reading, writing, mathematics and the remaining specialist subjects. The clips will be posted onto Seesaw before 9.00am every school day and can be accessed at any time that suits your family's schedule. Clips can be paused, replayed and revisited as often as needed. This method will ensure the necessary and prescribed curriculum will be taught, instead of just 'time filling' activities. Parents also have access to the Seesaw App, which allows everyone to view the clips and understand the learning.



VIDEO CONFERENCING ON WEBEX: The video conferencing which is similar to 'face time' will be hosted on the Webex. Students will have an opportunity to check in every morning with their peers and teacher at 9.00am – Grade 5/6, 9.15am – Grade 3/4 and 9.30am – Grade P-2. This will allow students to check in, reflect on the day before and find out through a live chat what is planned for the day ahead.

Students will also have a scheduled one on one Webex Meeting with their classroom teacher on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/ Thursday. The timetable is attached. During the one to one meeting students will have an opportunity to discuss and present their work and the teacher will give feedback and give targeted teaching.

Finally on Friday at 2.00pm, the school will conduct an online catch up through Webex Meetings. Some of the elements of our assembly will be covered in this weekly celebration. Families will only need one device for everyone during this catch up.



Webex Meetings

The Seesaw and Webex Meeting programs have been installed on the electronic devices. The iPad or netbook is to be collected along with other resources on Friday. Teachers will give parents and students a quick demonstration of how to access and use the programs during a scheduled collection time on Friday.

The necessary usernames, passwords and codes to access key programs have been attached to the devices. The student's books and other resources are located in a tub. We strongly suggest that this tub is used to store school materials, to keep them safe and ensure nothing is damaged or lost. A Device Loan Agreement is required to be signed before the device is borrowed.

	Grade P - 2	Grade 3 & 4		Grade 5 & 6	
	Mon & Wed	Mon & Wed	Tues & Thurs	Mon & Wed	Tues & Thurs
1:30pm	Allyrah			Tarley	Violet
1:45pm	Brydee	Breannah	Tillie	Charlotte	Billy
2:00pm	Ryan	Malika	Phoenix	Lukas	Lachlan
2:15pm	Ieasha	Tayla	Oscar C	Jackson	Ben
2:30pm	Kyarna	Darcy	Quordel	Kiara	Char
2:45pm	Oscar O	Aidan	Meg		
3:00pm	Kimberly	Tai	Emma		
3:15pm	Lachlan	Ella			

Teachers will be available via email during school hours. The individual teacher's email addresses are on the front page of this newsletter. The school will always have at least one staff member present at school to answer any questions on the phone.

Children who can learn from home must learn from home.

However if your child is deemed vulnerable or there is no possible way that they can be at home due to adults working in essential services please contact the school to discuss.

Attendance in Remote Learning marked daily.

The school is required to submit our attendance to the Department of Education daily in Term 2. If students are not engaging in at least some of the tasks on seesaw and at least the individual conferencing, they will be marked absent.

