

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 3

What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 2, 2020</u>	
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



The Grade 5/6 Senior Classroom enjoying telling their "Daggy Dad Joke" for check in during their daily Webex Meeting.

Webex and Seesaw

The introduction of the online platforms of Seesaw and Webex have been very successful considering this is the first time the school has used these programs.



We think we have all of the technical issues under control and we thank you all for your patience and understanding. Although it has been a steep learning curve for us all, the feedback from families around the two programs has been very positive. It does appear that Seesaw is better suited to iPads with an improved ability to take photos and attach them as an activity response.



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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Principal's Report

We thank our parents and carers for embracing this new way of learning and for your patience and understanding over the last few weeks, as our staff have adapted to a new way of teaching. We understand that every family's situation is different and acknowledge that many parents are trying to work from home, and/or care for several children, whilst supervising the learning of their children.

The online program is constantly evolving. This week the staff implemented some refinements/improvements to the remote learning program. We thank you for your feedback via the phone and email over past week and hope that you see we are responding to this to ensure all students and families are being catered for.

My message to parents and carers is to please just do the best you can do! Some points for consideration:

- It might be helpful to record a daily routine somewhere in the house that children and parents can refer to throughout the day. I know I've had a couple of parents tell me that they prefer to get the learning completed in the morning, when everyone is fresh, and then have more down time in the afternoons. Create a routine that works for your family.

- If your child is becoming frustrated by a learning task, it's ok to allow them to have a break and revisit the task at a later time, or even on another day. The same applies to adults – if your frustration levels are rising, it might be a good time to take a break.

The time we would expect each child to concentrate on a given task, can vary considerably. For some children, particularly younger children, 10 minutes might be the maximum period of time they can concentrate on a task. Break the day up and offer 'break activities' e.g. go outside and bounce a ball for a few minutes and then return to learning afterwards.

- Remember that academic skills are not the only important skills a child needs to be successful in life. This period provides opportunity for your children to develop life skills, patience, flexibility, self-regulation, resilience and responsibility.

I would again like to acknowledge the work of our dedicated teachers. The clips you are receiving daily are connected with the prescribed curriculum and take extra time to plan and film. It has been pleasing to share these practises with other schools who are interested in implementing flipped learning.

It was wonderful to hear that families still took time on ANZAC Day to remember those who have served our country. On Friday afternoon our school captains Billy and Violet visited the cenotaph in Swan Hill recited the ode and laid a wreath on behalf of our school community. Thank you to Tamara and Jodie who transported the students to the cenotaph and allowed the students to undertake one of the most important duties our captains undertake throughout the year.



Violet & Billy pictured in front of the cenotaph.

On Friday last week we conducted our first ever Remote Learning Assembly on webex. It was a huge success with 15 of our 19 families attending online. Congratulations to Ryan Burney (P-2), Quordel Thomas (3/4) and Charlotte Wolfe (5/6) who were awarded Student of the Week. Well done to Allyrah Whiteman who won the Principal's Award.

I encourage all families to attend the assembly this week on Friday at 2pm. It is a great way to see each other and stay connected.

Enjoy your Week,
Thanks, Phil

Children who can learn from home must learn from home.

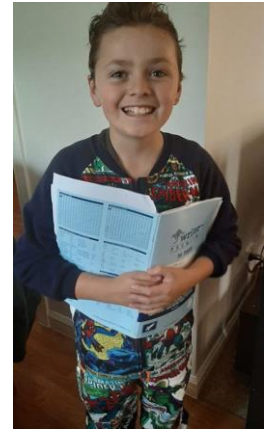
However if your child is deemed vulnerable or there is no possible way that they can be at home due to adults working in essential services please contact the school to discuss.

Attendance in Remote Learning is 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.



WHAT DOES REMOTE LEARNING LOOK LIKE AT BDPS?



***Please take a photo or two and email them to your teacher to show us what you are up to during Remote Learning.
Remember keep smiling, keep positive and we'll get through this together!***