

# Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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## Lion King a Rouring Success

Last night's concert was wonderful. The whole school production of the "Lion King" was very well performed by the entire school. Well done kids, you had the big crowd on the edge of their seats.

A big thank you to Mrs Blackmore for coordinating and directing the concert and to our whole staff for the countless hours of work they put in to allow such a great event.

Congratulations to all our award winners and thank you to those who assisted with the catering and cooking.

Thanks to everyone who attended and to families who contributed to the raffle with donations and ticket sales.



*Whole school performance of Aussie Jingle Bells*

**December 12, 2025**  
**Term 4, Week 10**

## What's On at BDPS?

<u>Term 4, 2025</u>	
Friday December 12	Gr 6 Celebration Day - Tooleybuc
Monday December 15	<b>Pupil Free – 2026 Staff Planning Day</b>
Tuesday December 16	P-6 Fun Day - Kerang Semester 2 Reports sent home
Tues Dec 16 – Thurs Dec 18	Phil away on leave
Thursday December 18	Bring Bathers – water play
Friday December 19	Clean Up Day – Free Dress <b>Term 4 Ends: 1.20pm finish</b>
<u>Term 1, 2026</u>	
Tuesday January 27	Teachers Return
Wednesday January 28	<b>Grade 1 – 6 Begin</b>
Thursday January 29	<b>Grade Prep Begin</b>
Wed Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25	Prep Term 1 Rest Days
Friday February 6	Meet & Greet Picnic & Leadership Induction Day
Monday February 16	School Photos Book Fair Begins
Wednesday March 4	Gr. 3-6 Summer Sports P-2 Fun Day
Monday March 9	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed Mar 11 to Fri Mar 13	NAPLAN Testing – Grade 3 & 5
Thursday April 2	Term 1 Ends (Easter Thursday)

**LAST DAY REMINDERS & LUNCH ORDERS**

The final day of school – Friday December 19 is a **1.20pm finish**. Students can bring \$4 for a "cook up" lunch using the remaining Lunch Order stock.

# Principal's Report

## Merry Christmas

What a wonderful school year it has been at Beverford District Primary School. This will be the final newsletter of the year and is being sent out on a Friday as I am on long service leave most of next week. On behalf of Lois, Mel, Chloe, Demi, Danielle, Kaiti, Tamika, Matika, Zach, Milla, Bruce, Kylie and myself I would like to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**.

Next Friday will be a bittersweet day for our **Grade 6 students**. They are excited about heading off to Swan Hill College & Mackillop in 2026 but know they will miss BDPS and can look back with great memories of their Primary School years. We wish our Grade 6's all the best and encourage them to drop in and visit us in the years to come. The Grade 6 students are celebrating today with a Fun Day and Lunch in Tooleybuc.

This year we **bid farewell to four families** from the Beverford school community. We thank Daren & Kirsty, Peter & Michelle, Lorinda and Nicholas and Ellen for their support over the years. We hope you stay in touch with us.

A big thanks to our **School Councilors** for their dedication, decision making and positive voice about the school. I encourage everyone to consider being on school council next year. A special mention to our School Council President Kayla for her work throughout 2025.

On Tuesday, our students participated in a **whole school transition "one up" day**. It was a great success and ran very smoothly. At this stage we will have ten Prep students with Miss Elford, twelve Grade 1-2 students with Mrs Cleeland / Miss Wren and seventeen Grade 3-6 students with Miss Pretty / Mrs Blackmore. We will run three classrooms in the mornings and reduce that to two for Specialist subjects in the afternoons.

Last week on Thursday December 4 **Grandparents and Friends Day** was a big success with a large crowd in attendance. Students asked questions about what it was like growing up for their grandparents and filled in a special book. Everyone enjoyed a delicious morning tea. A big thank you to everyone who attended, it means so much to the students.

A reminder that our **2026 School year begins** on Wednesday January 28 for Grade 1 to 6 and on Thursday January 29 for our new Grade Prep students. The school will be open on Tuesday January 27 and families are most welcome to purchase uniform on that day or anytime next week.

**Semester 2 reports** will be sent home Tuesday December 16. If you have any questions about your child's report please contact your classroom teacher or myself before the end of the school year.

A reminder that we have a **Pupil Free Day** on Monday December 15 to allow staff to plan for the beginning of 2026. Our final day on Friday December 19 is **Clean Up Day**, which ends at 1.20pm. Please adjust your pickup times by two hours.

Congratulations to our final weekly award winners for 2025.

### Mathematics Awards:

W9: Florence, Poppy & Knox

### Junior Student of the Week

W9: Imogen

### Middle Student of the Week

W9: Indi

### Senior Student of the Week

W9: Harrison

### Principal's Award

W9: Our prep students

Have a great week.  
Thanks Phil



Week 9 Principal's Award Winner – Our Preps (Will absent)

### IMPORTANT DATES

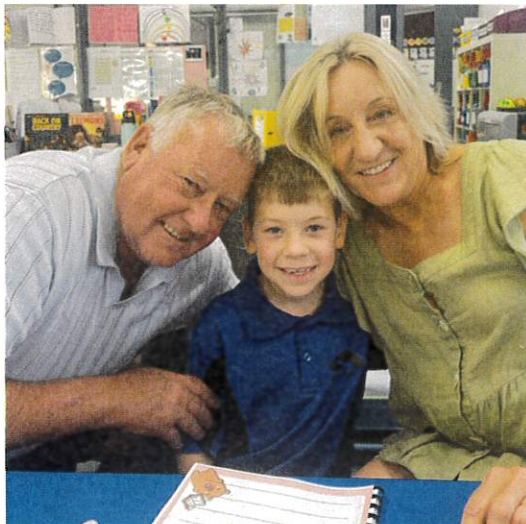
The calendar on the front page of the newsletter is full of important dates for the remainder of the year and Term 1, 2026. Please put them into your diary and calendar at home. We will be having our **Meet & Greet Picnic and Induction Ceremony** on Friday February 6 and **School Photos** on Monday February 16. Our prep students will have every Wednesday in February off as a Rest Day.

### WATER PLAY

The **annual school water fight** will be on the second last day of school – Thursday December 18. Students may bring water balloons and water pistols if they want. Students need to have bathers to change into and a towel. The final day of school on Friday December 19 will be a clean-up day, finishing at 1.20pm.



Week 9 Maths Winners: Poppy, Florence & Knox (absent)



Grandparents & Friends Day (Isaac with his grandparents)

### CONCERT RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Raffle drawn at the Concert. The prizes were outstanding, meaning the donations were very generous. We appreciate everyone who donated, bought and sold tickets. The prize winners were:

1. Amanda Chalmers
2. Vicki Smith
3. Leo McNamamra
4. Soni
5. Amie Graham
6. Peter Singleton
7. Mikayla NG

### END OF YEAR EXCURSION

On Tuesday December 16, the whole school will head to Kerang for a fun packed day at the **Kerang Pool**. The bus will leave at 9am sharp. Students will have access to the pools, waterslide and inflatables, returning to school at 3pm. Students can wear free dress but will need a bag with their bathers, towel and thongs. Students must wear a swimming shirt. As a reminder, all students need a packed lunch, snacks and refillable drink bottle.



Week 9 Student of the Week Winners: Indi, Harrison & Imogen



Miss Elford and 2026 prep students during transition.



*Grandparents & Friends Day*



*Grandparents & Friends Day*



*Whole School performance*



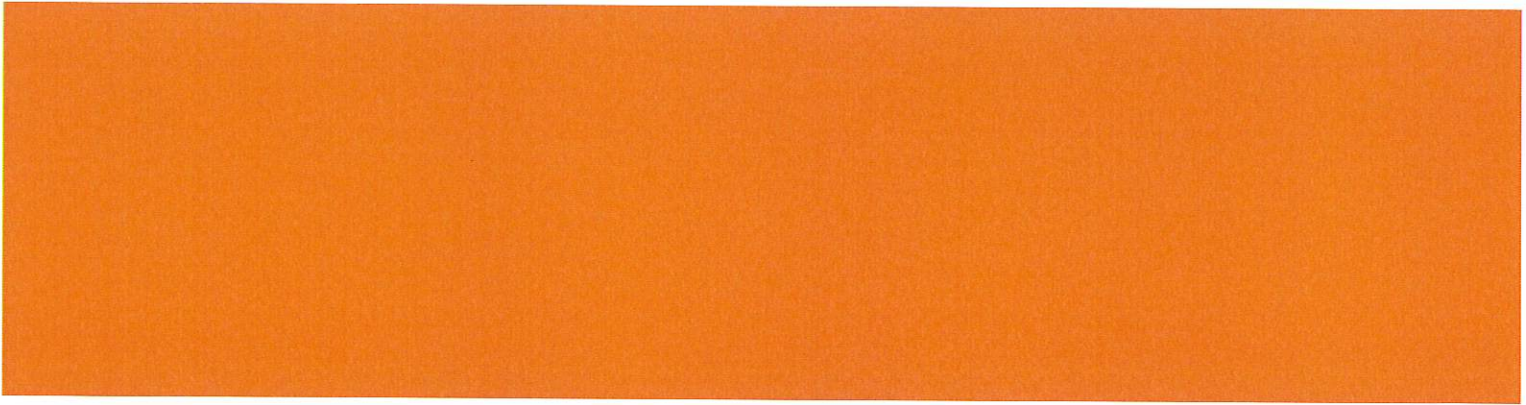
*There was a big crowd at the Concert.*



*SWPBS Class Awards: Felicity, Ella & Isaac*



*Grade 6 Graduating students: Ryan, Steff & Bailee*



SCHOOL CONCERT



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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
2025

# What's happening at Swan Hill Library these School Holidays...

Library activities are available 5 - 23 January 2026

To book, contact the library on 5036 2480. Check the Library's Facebook page or newsletter for more details.



## **Crafternoon - Friday, 9, 16 & 23**

**2 - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for primary school age children & youth**  
Get creative these school holidays with a fun-filled, Afternoon session! There'll be a range of exciting and engaging activities for children to enjoy, with something for every kind of creative mind. Each project is unique, full of personality and designed to inspire imagination and self-expression. All materials are provided just bring your creativity and let the fun begin!  
**No bookings required.**



## **Kids Create: Smoothies - Tuesday, 6**

**10:30 - 11:30am | FREE | Suitable for children ages 2 - 5**  
Join Tara from Swan Hill District Community Health for this healthy, hands-on activity. Children will enjoy listening to a beautiful children's story before making some yummy smoothies!  
**Bookings essential.**



## **Dream Catchers - Thursday, 8**

**2pm - 3pm | FREE | Suitable for children 7+**  
Get crafty with Trista from Bunnings Swan Hill! Dive into a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll design and decorate your very own magical dream catcher. Sparkly, colourful, feathery. Make it as unique as you are!  
**Bookings essential.**



## **Build-a-Bot: Micro:bit Adventures - a STEM activity - Tuesday 13**

**2:30 - 4:30pm | FREE | Suitable for children 12+**  
Build it, code it, make it move!  
Dive into STEM fun with the 32-in-1 micro:bit Wonder Building Kit. With endless ways to build and code, tech assistants will be on-hand to help with creating cool gadgets, silly machines, and so much more!  
**Limited places. Bookings essential.**



## **String Art - Thursday, 15**

**2pm - 3pm | FREE | Suitable for children 7+**  
Create a stunning string art star these school holidays with Trista from Bunnings! Kids will build a star by weaving colourful embroidery thread to bring their artwork to life.  
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Please note: Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

 - Youth friendly activities and workshops.

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## **Creation Station - All holidays**

**10am - 5.30pm | FREE | Suitable for children of all ages**  
Set up in the children's area of the library for the duration of the school holidays. Children can draw, cut, paste, construct, colour in, complete activity booklets and make all sorts of creations using recycled items including wool, material, coloured paper and more!



## **Deadly Aussie Animals Search & Find - All holidays**

**10am - 5.30pm | FREE | Suitable for children 5+**  
Search for and find all the 'Deadly Aussie Animals' posters in the library these school holidays. Receive a reward and go into the draw for a chance to win a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card! The winner will be drawn on Monday, 2 February 2026.  
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## **Minecraft / VR / Nintendo Switch - Monday, 5, 12 & 19**

**1pm - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for children 5+**  
Join us for an action-packed afternoon of gaming fun! Dive into Minecraft, step into new worlds with PlayStation VR, and be among the first to try out our brand-new Nintendo Switch. Just drop in and play. No booking needed!



## **Lego - Wednesday, 7, 14 & 21**

**2pm - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for children 3+**  
Come along and enjoy the fun with our free Lego @ the Library sessions these school holidays! Complete one of the many challenges or enjoy free-play using your imagination to make a fantastic creation.



## **Loom Bands - Wednesday, 7, 14 & 21**

**2pm - 4pm | FREE | Suitable for children 7+**  
Have you just discovered loom bands? Or are you already an expert at making all sorts of creative things with them? Come along to our free loom band sessions throughout the school holidays. Loom bands, boards and hooks will be supplied to make a range of fantastic jewellery and craft!

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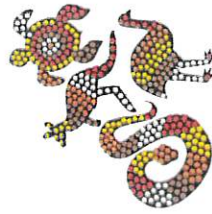
**Bird Houses with the Swan Hill Woodworkers – Tuesday, 20**  
 10:30 - 11:30am | \$10 | Suitable for children 7+  
 Join the Swan Hill Woodworkers Club for an awesome hands-on adventure! Build your very own birdhouse to take home. The perfect hangout for native birds in your backyard. Let's hammer, create, and have fun!  
**Cash only. Booking essential.**



**Potpourri Boxes - Tuesday, 20**  
 2 - 3pm | FREE | Suitable for children ages 5+  
 Create your own Potpourri Box! Join us for a hands-on crafting adventure where you'll decorate a special box to fill with your special treasures or some sweet-smelling goodies.  
**Bookings essential.**



**Under the Gum Tree Twilight Tales - Wednesday, 21**  
 7pm - 8pm | FREE | Suitable for families  
 Join us for a cosy Aussie-bush Storytime adventure! Slip into your comfiest PJs and get ready for brilliant bush stories, lively action rhymes, and hands-on crafts. Then finish the night with a tasty slice of pizzal! A fun evening for the whole family.  
**Bookings preferred.**

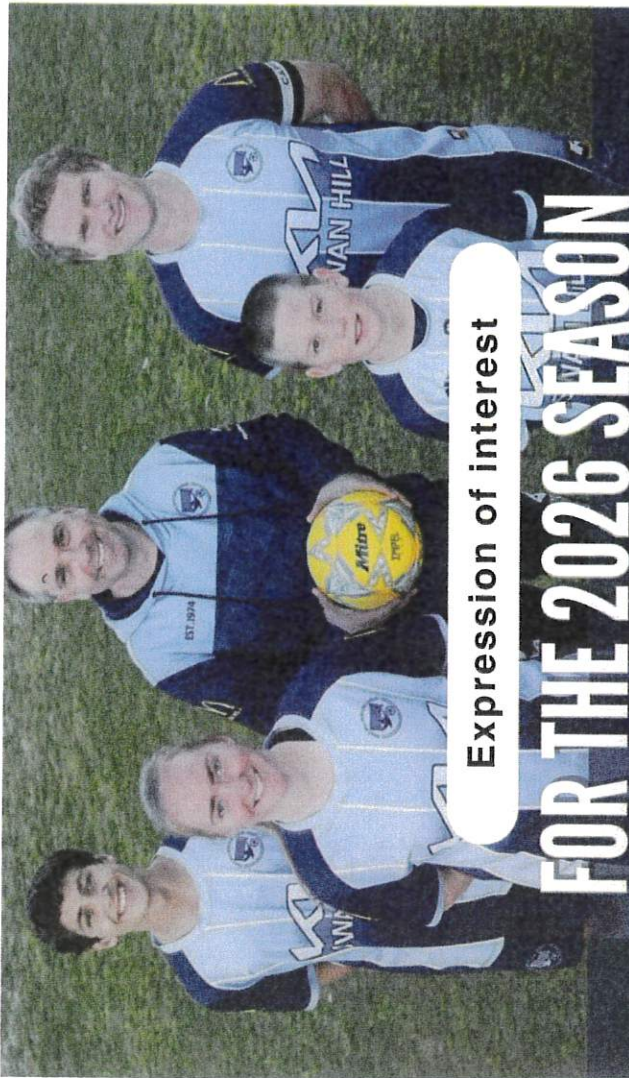


**Aussie Foam Mosaics - Thursday, 22**  
 2pm - 3pm | FREE | Suitable for children 7+  
 Create a vibrant Aussie Foam Mosaic these school holidays with Trista from Bunnings! Kids will design their very own Australian-themed artwork using colourful Indigenous inspired designs made from foam pieces in the shape of our favourite Aussie animals!  
**Bookings essential.**



**BIG Summer Read - Friday, 1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026**  
**FREE** For children 5- 18  
 Join the BIG Summer Read and read your way through the summer holidays! Receive some awesome incentives and to go into the prize draw for a chance to win a fantastic prize! See our website for more details <http://readbooks.au/bsr>. Join us for the prize draw on Friday, 6 February 2026 at 4pm.

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Expression of interest

# FOR THE 2026 SEASON



If you're looking to get back into playing, joining us for another season or would like to give the sport a try, please follow the link below and complete our Expression of Interest form.

