

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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December 13, 2023
Term 4, Week 11

What's On at BDPS?

Calendar Term 4, 2023	
Wednesday December 13	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner 6.30pm
Thursday December 14	Grade 6 Fun Day Semester 2 Reports sent home
Friday December 15	Locker Clean Up - student books sent home
Monday December 18	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday December 19	Whole School Clean Up Day
Wednesday December 20	Last Day of School Year (1.20pm finish) Free Dress Christmas Movie (PG rated)
Calendar Term 1, 2024	
Monday January 29	Teachers Return
Tuesday January 30	Term 1 Begins: Students Return
Wed Jan 31, Feb 7, 21 & 28	Prep Rest Days
Friday February 9	Meet & Greet / Induction Day Picnic Lunch
Thursday February 15	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Monday February 26	School Photos
Tuesday March 5	Student Conferences
Wednesday March 6	Summer Sports (Gr. 3-6) Fun Day at SHCC (P-2)
Monday March 11	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Mon Mar 13 – Fri Mar 15	NAPLAN Testing – Gr. 3 & 5

Wizard of Oz

Last night's concert was wonderful. The whole school production of "The Wizard of Oz" 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 production 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. The weather was relatively kind to us also.

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



Congratulations to our graduating Grade 6's

IMPORTANT REMINDER
If your child is going to be absent in the next week or finish the year early, please contact the school to assist with staffing and supervision.

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. On behalf of Lois, Kristy, Chloe, Demi, Danielle, Kaiti, Tamika, Kylie and myself I would like to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**.

A reminder that during my absence in Term 1, David Gracia will be the **Acting Principal**. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Gracia at the school for the beginning of the year as he brings a wealth of knowledge to the role.

Next Wednesday will be a bittersweet day for our **Grade 6 students**. They are excited about heading off to Swan Hill College in 2024 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 have a **Graduation Dinner** this evening and their Fun Day on Thursday December 14.

This year we **bid farewell to quite a few families** from the Beverford school community. Many have been in for the long haul at the school. We thank Tim & Loretta, Rohan & Sophie, Michelle, Olivia & Russel, Sara, Gary & Yvette, Brett & Kristin, Craig & Bec and John & Kelly 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 strongly encourage everyone to consider being on school council next year. A special mention to our outgoing School Council President Sophie for her work throughout 2023.

Last Friday all our students participated in a **whole school transition day**. It was a great success and ran very smoothly. At this stage we will have seven Prep students with Mrs Summerhayes, sixteen Grade 1-3 students with Miss Salau and seven Grade 4-6 students with Miss Elford. We will run three classrooms in the mornings and reduce that to two for Specialist subjects in the afternoons.

Our final **Aussie of the Month** was awarded at our whole school assembly. Congratulations to Grade 1 student Knox Smith who is our November Aussie of the Month. Knox is a friendly, positive and hard-working students who always strives to do his best. Well done, Knox!

A reminder we have a **Pupil Free Day** on Monday December 18 to allow staff to plan for the beginning of 2024. Our final day on Wednesday December 20 is a **Free Dress Day** and will include a G or PG rated Christmas movie. The school year ends at 1.20pm. Please adjust your pickup times by two hours.

If your child is going to be **absent** in the next week or finish the year early, please contact the school to assist with staffing and supervision.

Congratulations to our final weekly award winners for 2023.

Junior Student of the Week

W10: Poppy Duffy

Middle Student of the Week

W10: Steff Singleton

Senior Student of the Week

W10: Meg Van Liessum

Maths Awards

W10: Oscar Coates, Bailee Riordan & Cleo Mason

Principal Award:

W10: Mia Rodwell



Week 10 Principal Award Winner – Mia Rodwell

Enjoy your Week,
Thanks, Phil

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Semester 2 reports will be sent home tomorrow Thursday December 14. If you have any questions about your child's report please contact your classroom teacher or myself before the end of the school year.



Week 10 Students of the Week Winners: Steff, Meg & Poppy.



Week 10 Maths Award Winners: Oscar, Bailee & Cleo



Thanks to everyone who attended the concert



November Aussie of the Month: Knox Smith

January School Holiday Program - Swan Hill Library

Creation Station

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!

When: All of January

For: All ages



BIG Summer Read Search & Find

Search for and find all the BIG Summer Read posters in the library these school holidays to receive a prize and to go into the draw for a chance to win a \$50 Swan Hill Gift Card!

The winner will be drawn on Thursday, 1 February 2024 at 4 pm.

When: All of January

For: Children 5+



Lego

Come along and enjoy the fun with our special 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.

When: Wednesday, 3, 10, 17 & 24 January

Time: 2pm - 4pm

For: Children 3+

Cost: Free



Safari Binoculars

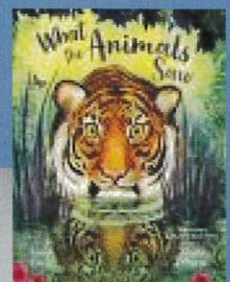
Join Bella from Bunnings Swan Hill for a fun and creative school holiday activity. We're going on safari! After sharing the story, *What the Animals Saw*, we will make our very own binoculars to use for spotting animals in the wild. Also included is a take-home Search & Find.

When: Friday, 5 January

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

For: Children 4+

Cost: Free



Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.

Minecraft

Join us for an afternoon of 3D blocking fun! Play in Survival or Creative mode, explore, experiment, create or break apart, it's all up to you!

When: Monday, 8, 15 & 22 January

Time: 1pm - 5pm

For: Children 5+

Cost: FREE



Virtual Reality

Have some out-of-this-world fun with our PlayStation virtual reality headset! Virtual Reality (VR) is a computer-generated environment with scenes and objects that appear to be real, making the user feel they are immersed in their surroundings.

When: Monday, 8, 15 & 22 January

Time: 1pm - 5pm

For: Children 12+

Cost: FREE



Bricks 4 kidz

Spend 90 minutes building awesome motorised technic Lego Ferris Wheels and create amazing mosaic artworks on Lego baseplates using stud Lego bricks. There will be templates from Harry Potter, Minions and Amusement parks.

When: Thursday, 11 January

Time: 10.30 am

For: Children 5-11 years

Cost: \$21 per child. Payment on booking.

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.



Sand Art

Join Bella from Bunnings Join Bella from Bunnings Swan Hill for a simple, fun and creative children's activity!

Create a unique picture using coloured sand, sticky paper and your imagination!

When: Friday, 12 January

Time: 1.30 pm

For: Children 5+

Cost: FREE

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.



Note: Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Special Storytime: A Big Blue Boat

Join children's author Susea Spray for a special Storytime these school holidays. Susea will share her picture book 'A Big Blue Boat', along with songs and a fun craft. Children will love joining in with the fun wording and rhymes in this award winning story about a boat, a girl and the sea.

When: Monday, 15 January

Time: 10.30 am

For: Children of all ages

Cost: FREE

Bookings are preferred. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.

Spheros

Join in this fun tech session with the Sphero SPRK+.

Children will navigate a maze using simple code to make the Sphero talk, move and change colours!

When: Tuesday, 16 January

Time: 3pm - 4pm

Where: Swan Hill Library

For: Children 10+

Cost: FREE

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.

Twilight Tales

Come along to our special evening Storytime! Pop on your pyjamas, grab a teddy and join us for some fun! We will enjoy stories and action rhymes followed by some delicious pizza!

When: Wednesday, 17 January

Time: 7pm

Where: Swan Hill Library

For: Children of all ages

Cost: Free

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.

Mosaic Tiles

Join Bella from Bunnings Swan Hill for a fun and creative school holiday activity. Using a rainbow of glass tiles, we will make a colourful mosaic tile. These fun tiles make a great coaster or art piece!

All materials required will be supplied to help you create your unique design.

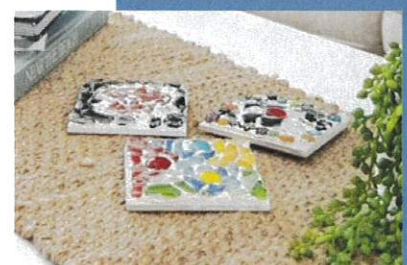
When: Friday, 19 January

Time: 1.30pm

For: 4+

Cost: FREE

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.



DIY Worm Farm

Join Natalie from Good Grove Garden's for this fun hands-on activity!
Worm farms can be great for children to learn about natural processes and protecting the environment. Children will make their own worm farm and learn about how small creatures can have a big impact!

When: Tuesday, 23 January

Time: 2pm

For: 6+

Cost: \$6 per child

Bookings are essential. Contact 5036 2480 to reserve your place.



Games Galore

Monopoly, Scrabble, Guess Who?, Line-up-4, UNO, Mr Potato Head Pals, Go Fish, Chess, Snakes and Ladders and more!

Play with a friend or start a group game - either way there is lots of fun to be had and loads of different games to try.

When: All of January

For: All ages

Cost: FREE



Libby the Outreach Vehicle

Super Hero Summertime

Come and make a splash! Dress as your favourite super hero for a chance to win a prize! Join in the super fun with Libby for a special Storytime, lawn bowls, a StoryWalk and more!

Bring your super hero friends and share a picnic by the pool.

Manangatang:

When: Thursday, 11 January from 11am - 1pm

Where: Manangatang Pool

For: All ages

Cost: FREE (pool entry fees may apply)

Nyah:

When: Wednesday, 24 January from 10am - 12pm

Where: Nyah Pool

For: All ages

Cost: FREE

BYO water, sunscreen and hat.

