

# Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 9



## What's On at BDPS?

<u>Calendar Term 3, 2020</u>	
Wednesday December 2	Grade 5/6 Personal Development Session 2
Thursday December 3	Whole School Excursion to Mildura.
Friday December 4	2021 Prep Transition Program
Monday December 7	School Captain Election 9.20am
Friday December 11	Whole School 2021 Transition - BDPS
Monday December 14	Semester 1 Reports Sent Home
Tuesday December 15	Concert 6.30pm picnic & 7pm start School Council 8.15pm
Wednesday December 16	Pupil Free Day – Curriculum Planning
Thursday December 17	Grade 6 Graduation Fun Day Grade 6 Grad Dinner @ 6.30pm
Friday December 18	<b>Last Day of School – 1.20pm finish</b>



### IMPORTANT REMINDER

**School Concert – Tuesday December 15 (7pm start)**

**PUPIL FREE DAY – Wednesday December 16**

## Cyber Safety Talk

Last week Mr Andrew Downes from the Swan Hill Police visited the school to talk to the students in Grade 4 -6 about being safe online.

Some of the key messages from Andrew included that age guidelines should be followed on all social media platforms.

Users should not message or chat with people you do not know. Never give out personal details or send pictures of yourself to people online.

If you are being harassed or something is sent to you that makes you feel uncomfortable, block them immediately and inform an adult.

Everything you upload or write on the internet stays there forever and can be traced back to you.

If you make threats online, impersonate others online, the Police can question and investigate you.

Create strong passwords and keep them a secret.

Each person should have 5 people they trust and can turn to. It could be a parent, grandparent, friend, coach, neighbor or teacher.

# Principal's Report

Welcome to December! Although it has been a very challenging year with COVID-19, the year seems to have flown. Like all school years, the final few weeks are full to the brim and very busy for all involved.

It has been nice to be able to have visitors to the school and see parents face to face. All of the bubblers have been turned back on including the refrigerated tap and bubbler inside. Please ensure your child still has a refillable bottle at school every day.

The Swimming Program was very successful with all students demonstrating improvements in stroke technique and water safety.

Prep Transition has continued and we are looking forward to our whole school transition day on Friday December 11. It is likely we will have new students not just in Prep on that day, which is very pleasing. Mrs Summerhayes will join the staff for that day to take the Junior classroom, with Mr Longwood running the Middle Room and I will be with the Senior students.

We are delighted that we will be having our annual End of Year Christmas Concert set for the final Tuesday December 15. The concert will be shorter than past years due to a very short timeline to prepare. However, I am sure the students will wow you with their talents. We will be unable to cater, instead ask families to bring a picnic to eat at 6.30pm, before the concert begins at 7.00pm. We are hoping for a special visitor around 8.00pm also.

It is very important that students are attending everyday up until the concert unless unwell. Please ensure students are on time as we will be working right through to the end of the term to make up for some lost time during remote learning. Students will also be practicing for the concert every day and when they are absent this effects the whole performance. If your child is going to be away or finish early during Week 11, please ensure the school is informed in advance if possible.



2020 Swimming Program

Students in Grade 5 & 6 have participated in two Personal Development sessions this week. Carol Elliott, a Department of Education School Nurse based in Sea Lake, conducted the sessions. Information has been sent home to guide further conversations in the future.

The Semester 2 Reports will be sent home on the final Monday of the school year on December 14. If you have any questions about your child's report please contact your teacher or myself at school during the final week.

We congratulate the following students on their awards.

## Junior Student of the Week

W8: Allyrah Whiteman

W9: Oscar O'Bree

## Middle Student of the Week

W8: Tillie Shadbolt

W9: Oscar Coates

## Senior Student of the Week

W8: Tarley Ewart

W9: Billy Matthews

Enjoy your Week,  
Thanks, Phil



Week 9 Student of the Week Winners: Oscar O, Oscar C & Billy

## Pupil Free Day

Following the school concert will be a Pupil Free Day on Wednesday December 16. This has been approved by the School Council Executive. Please make arrangements for your children to be looked after on this day. Staff will be at school planning and organising for the 2021 school year.



Week 8 Student of the Week Winners: Allyrah, Tarley & Tillie

## School Council

Although the school council has exceeded the minimum number of meeting for the calendar year, it is likely that we will have a very short meeting after the concert on Tuesday December 15 to tie up any loose ends before the end of the year. More information will be communicated closer to the date.

## Parent Opinion Survey

We have received our Parent Opinion Survey results. They are wonderfully positive and it is great to see that families are valuing our increased communication and therefore stronger partnerships between home and school. The positive response rate percentage has improved dramatically since I arrived in October 2018.

I will unpack the results with School Council at our next meeting and then they will form an important part of the 2020 Annual Report presented early next year.

DOMAIN: STUDENT COGNITIVE ENGAGEMENT			
Framework Factor	Beverford District Primary School		
	% Positive	% Neutral	% Negative
<b>High expectation for success</b>	100%	0%	0%
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his/her best	100%	0%	0%
This school celebrates student achievements in all areas	100%	0%	0%
<b>Student motivation and support</b>	100%	0%	0%
My child gets extra help with learning from teachers when needed	100%	0%	0%
My child feels motivated by his/her teachers to learn	100%	0%	0%
<b>Stimulating learning environment</b>	100%	0%	0%
This school provides diverse programs for my child's interests and abilities	100%	0%	0%
The academic standards at this school provide adequate challenge for my child	100%	0%	0%
The teachers are very good at making learning engaging	100%	0%	0%
<b>Effective teaching</b>	95%	5%	0%
Teachers are enthusiastic and positive about teaching	100%	0%	0%
Teachers provide useful feedback and respond to the learning needs of my child	100%	0%	0%
My child can explore their own interests when it is related to their class work	100%	0%	0%
I understand how my child is assessed	80%	20%	0%



Home Reading Award Winners: Week 9 - Tarley & Aidan and Week 8 – Meg & Tillie

## Excursion to Mildura

Our excursion on tomorrow (Thursday December 3) to Mildura is all set. Students need to arrive at school before 8.00am as we need to leave on time to ensure we can attend all of the activities at the scheduled times. It is a jammed pack day. Students **may bring up to \$5 each to spend at the Gem Shop**. If you would like this money to be collected and held by your classroom teacher, please label it and hand to the teacher on Thursday morning.

All of the necessary information has been sent home, but please contact me at school if you have any questions. We are scheduled to arrive back at 6.30pm, again please be on time to collect your child. Students are to be in school uniform but require a backpack with their bathers, lunch box and drinker.



School Concert preparation has begun

### Last Day of School

The last day of the school year is Friday December 18. This day will be a clean-up day, getting ready for the cleaners to have a whole school clean over the holiday period. School will be dismissed two hours early at 1.20pm on this day.

### Staffing for 2021

Due to increased funding for 2021, the school has employed another teacher for four days a week. A previous Swan Hill local Demi Salau will join the BDPS team and primarily work in the senior room and teach specialist subjects. We are absolutely spoilt with the calibre of teachers we will have at the school and how teacher ratios will allow for a very personalised approach.

The school will be structured into three classrooms in the mornings for Literacy and Numeracy and then into two classrooms after lunch for Specialist subjects. To say we are excited with what we will be able to do is an understatement. The classroom teachers will be P-2: Kristy Summerhayes, 3-4: Josh Longwood and 5-6: Demi Salau & Phil Cox. Kylie Leahy will continue in the Marc Van and Danielle Pretty & Kaiti Blackmore will run Intervention Programs. Lois Caelli will continue as the Business Manager and Mariette Menzel will work casually to replace absent teachers.



*Welcome to Demi Salau – 2021 BDPS teacher.*



*Welcome to Kristy Summerhayes – 2021 BDPS teacher.*

### School Leaders Elections

The School Captain and Vice-Captain Elections will take place after the 9.00am Monday morning Assembly on December 7. Current Grade 5 students have been invited to make a speech on this morning and then students will vote anonymously. Parents of the Grade 5 students making a speech are welcome to attend the assembly and election process. The Junior School Council representatives from each of the three grades will be elected in the first few weeks of next year along with the Bus Captains.

### Grade 6 Graduation Fun Day & Dinner

The Grade 6 Graduation Fun Day and Dinner is set for Thursday December 17. The Grade 6 students will head into Swan Hill with Mr Cox and view a movie at the cinema and have a swim.

In the evening at 6.30pm parents/carers are invited to attend Murray Downs for a meal to celebrate the end of the student's primary school years.

## **STOP THE PRESS**

Just received the news our Grant Submission for **\$220,000** to install brand new play equipment at the school has been successful. Watch this space !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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