

# Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 9

## What's On at BDPS?

<b>Calendar: Term 4, 2019</b>	
Tues Dec 3 – Wed Dec 11	Somers Camp (6 Gr 5/6 students away)
Wednesday December 4	Forest of Xmas Trees Excursion (1.50pm – 3.00pm) Principal Network Meeting – Phil out
Thursday December 5	Forest of Xmas Trees Auction – 6.30pm Stradbroke Hall.
Thursday December 12	Secondary College's Transition Day
Friday December 13	Whole School Transition Day Secondary College's Transition Day
Monday December 16	Semester 2 Reports Sent Home
Tuesday December 17	School Concert (6pm BBQ and Display of Work, 7pm Concert begins)
Wednesday December 18	Grade 6 Graduation Day & Dinner
Friday December 20	Last Day of School (1.20pm finish)
<b>Calendar: Term 1, 2020</b>	
Tuesday January 28	Teachers Return to School
Wednesday January 29	<b>Students (P-6) Begin the 2020 School Year</b>



## 2020 School Leaders elected

Congratulations to all of our Grade 5 students who made election speeches last Thursday. All four speeches were of a very high standard and outlined what it meant to be an effective leader at our school.

In a very close vote count, Billy Matthews was elected the 2020 School Captain and Violet Jones the 2020 Vice-Captain. Billy and Violet (pictured below) will make great leaders along with the other 2020 Grade 6 students Jackson, Kiara and Char.

We are also looking forward to forming a Junior School Council next year to further increase student voice and the leadership opportunities at the school for all students.



**LUNCH ORDERS THIS FRIDAY**

**Remember to read and fill out the Home Reading Diary**

# Principal's Report

## *Monday equals Fun Day!*

That's right! Monday was a Fun Day! We set off at 9am for our final Golf Clinic with Shane McHenry at Murray Downs. This was awesome with a mini golf set up on the putting green and then some long hits on the driving range. We had a snack and a play at riverside park before heading to Showbiz Cinema to watch 'Playing with Fire', which was a great movie. When then headed to the Leisure Centre for a swim. We were booked into the Outdoor Pool but due to the chilly conditions we decided to head inside. The students were a pleasure to take out for the day. We again thank the Swan Hill Specialist School for allowing us to borrow their bus for the cost of fuel only.

The newsletter is going out a day early this week as I am away all day Wednesday at a Principal's network meeting and an information session around the exciting new Speech in Schools program we are enrolled in for 2020.

Today (Tuesday) our six adventurers headed off on Somers Camp after being picked up in Swan Hill at 6.00am. They were very excited when they jumped on the bus with other kids from the Swan Hill district. We look forward to hearing from Billy, Violet, Lukas, Zach, Eden and Liam whilst they are away until December 11. It is fantastic opportunity and one they will thoroughly enjoy. Families have an opportunity to visit the students on Sunday, if you plan to attend please contact me at school.

Funky Feet Day on Friday was also a fun day, promoting a healthy lifestyle through exercise and healthy eating. Matt Toohey from Swan Hill Hospital Health Promotions spoke to students about making healthy choices and also presented students with prizes for the funkiest feet. Congratulations to Allyrah who won a scooter for being judged the winner. After the parade and photo shoot, the students enjoyed some yummy fruit platters donated by Tripodi & Taverna in Swan Hill. Thank you to families for decorating shoes and getting involved in this great day.

Home Reading will continue until the Monday of the final week of term. However, please check for any school books that may be lying around the house and return them to school.

This week we congratulate the following students on their awards.

### **Junior Student of the Week**

Oscar Coates – For excellent effort in class.

### **Senior Student of the Week**

Charlotte Wolfe – For showing great commitment during concert practice.

### **Principal Award**

Quordel Thomas – For having a very positive attitude to his learning and being an outstanding community member.

Enjoy your Week,  
Thanks, Phil



*Principal Award Winner: Quordel Thomas*

### Forest of Christmas Trees

Tomorrow (Wednesday) the students will be visiting the Forest of Xmas Trees, where around 80 decorated trees will be on display at Stradbroke Hall.

The school has decorated a tree (pictured) that looks wonderful. The auction will take place on Thursday at 6.30pm, it would be great to have as many students and families attend the event as we are the beneficiaries of the event this year.



### End of Year Concert

The End of Year Concert is on Tuesday December 17 and with 6 students away for the next week and a half it will be a rushed preparation. We have a great line up organised with some fun Christmas Carols, skits and musical pieces. The evening will start at 6pm with a barbecue and demonstration of the students Inquiry work for this term. The concert will begin at 7pm and the night will conclude by 8.30pm. A note will go home soon to outline what costumes, if any, your child will need.

### Reports

The Semester 2 reports are currently been drafted by teachers. Reports will be sent home at the beginning of the final week on Monday December 16. This will allow families if necessary, time to ask any questions or meet about the reports in the final week before the Summer Holidays.



Home reading award winner: Kiara



Student of the Week Awards: Charlotte & Oscar

### Whole School Transition

Our whole school transition day will be held next Friday December 13. Our current Grade 6 students will be at Secondary School that day, so all students will experience a 'One Up Day'.

We will be running a Grade P-2 with Miss Fairley, Grade 3-4 with Mrs Blackmore and Grade 5-6 with Mr Cox. If student numbers remain as predicted, we will be able to run three classrooms in the morning and two in the afternoon during 2020. We are hoping to welcome one or two new families to the school in 2020, which is exciting.

### 2020-2023 Strategic Plan

The draft 2020-2023 Strategic Plan has been submitted to Graeme Scoberg our SEIL from the Department of Education. Thank you to the families and School Council members who had input to our Vision & Values. It is great to seek input and feedback from the whole school community.

The plan will be signed off by Graeme if he agrees with its content before finally being ticked off by Sophie in her role as School Council President. Once this has occurred the 2020 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) will be developed to map out specific focuses and targets related to the strategic plan for next year.

### Tavern Raffle

The Tavern raffle is on this Friday December 6. Please contact me if you can run the raffle. Your help is very much appreciated.

# SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

All school accounts must be paid on full before the end of the school year!

Current statements were sent home last week.

Thanks in advance



## FUNKY FEET DAY



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