

Beverford District Primary School Newsletter

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February 12, 2026
Term 1, Week 3

What's On at BDPS?

<u>Term 1, 2026</u>	
Wed Feb 18 & 25	Prep Term 1 Rest Days
Mon Feb 9 to Fri Feb 27	Pre-Service Teacher – Sarah Mason
Monday February 16	School Photos Book Fair Begins (Mon – Fri 8.30am – 4.00pm) Divisional Swimming – Swan Hill
Wednesday February 18	School Council
Friday February 27	Gr 5/6 Open Water Program – Lake Boga
Monday March 2	Student Conferences (12pm – 5pm)
Tuesday March 3	Principal Forum – Mildura (Phil away)
Wednesday March 4	Gr. 3-6 Summer Sports & P-2 Fun Day
Friday March 6	School Nurse visit – Prep Health Assessments
Monday March 9	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed Mar 11 to Fri Mar 13	NAPLAN Testing – Grade 3 & 5
Monday March 23	Harmony Day
Wednesday March 25	School Council AGM & General Meeting
Tuesday March 31	Divisional Summer Sports
Wednesday April 1	Easter Hat Parade
Thursday April 2	Term 1 Ends (Easter Thursday)
<u>Term 2, 2026</u>	
Monday April 20	Term 2 Begins
Saturday April 25	Anzac Day (March in Swan Hill)

LUNCH ORDERS BEGIN tomorrow (Fri Feb 13)
All students must have a Drink Bottle each day at school.

Cyber Safety & Bus Safety Talks

Last Thursday we welcomed Senior Constable Tania Peters to the school to discuss some very important safety topics with the students.

Tania met with the Senior Classroom to inform students how to keep themselves safe when online. Tania was impressed with the knowledge and strategies the students already understood.

The whole school then spoke about road & bus safety including how to best travel on the bus, but also the safest way to enter, exit and wait for the bus.

We learnt about "Stop, Look, Listen & Think".



Senior Constable Tania Peters teaching students about Bus Safety.

Principal's Report

Leaders Inducted at BDPS!

It has been a **great two and a half weeks** of the school year at BDPS! Students have settled into their classroom routines and learning and growth has already been visible, which is fantastic!

Last Friday our **Meet and Greet Picnic**, which included the Induction Ceremony for Student Leaders was very well attended. We congratulate our newly inducted student leaders and wish them all the very best in their roles. Thank you to our Mayor Stuart King for presenting the badges to our emerging leaders. A big thanks also to everyone who attended, it was a great catch up and celebration of a wonderful start to the school year.

The school will be entering a tee-ball and cricket team into the **District Summer Sports** on Wednesday March 4. This will be held at Ken Harrison Reserve for Grade 3-6 students. The P-2 students will be enjoying a **Fun Activities Day** at the Swan Hill Christian School on that day also. This will be attended by Nyah District, Lake Boga, Manang P-12, Woorinen District and Swan Hill Christian School.

It is important that our records of **addresses, phone numbers, medical details, emergency contacts**, etc. are kept up to date. If you have changed your details over the holidays please be sure to make contact and notify us of these changes. Parents with children that have medical issues eg. Asthma, allergies and medical conditions need to let the school know, so that we can update our info. Anyone with asthma or a significant allergy needs to give the School a copy of their Asthma and/or Allergy Plan.

A note was sent home this week about **Student Conferences** scheduled for Monday March 2. Please fill in the slip and return asap. It is an expectation that all students have a conference, they are a compulsory component of our assessment and reporting program. School will run as normal on this day, with parents/carers popping into the school for the 10-15 minute meeting either during or after school. Students may go home with parents/carers after their meeting if this suits best.

A reminder to make sure your child's **school uniform** is clearly named with a permanent marker. If it is labeled and found in the yard it can be quickly returned to the owner.

Our **weekly assembly** will take place on Friday afternoons at 3.00pm in the Lounge. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

We congratulate the following students on their recent awards:

Mathematics Awards:

W2: Hunter, Sienna & Mikayla

Junior Student of the Week

W2: Cecilia

Middle Student of the Week

W2: Riley

Senior Student of the Week

W2: Onyx

Principal Award

W2: Cohen Colombo

Thanks Phil



Week 2 Principal Award: Cohen

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for our Grade 3 and 5 students will be conducted on March 11 to 13 and also during the following week if any 'catch up' tests are required. Information has been sent home to families.

School Council

As a reminder to our current school council members, we have a meeting next Wednesday February 18 at 7pm. Please contact the school if you are an apology for this meeting. The new School Council for 2026 will be formed after nominations close next Friday.

School Council Elections

We thank members of our School Council for their time, effort, and contributions. The following councilors' term ends in March this year – Amanda Chalmers, Jenae Notting, Justin O'Bree, Nikki Hauser. We sincerely thank you for your efforts! Nominations are now open for vacancies on our School Council and will close on Friday 20th February. Members ending their tenure are welcome to re-nominate.

The School Council generally meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm. School councilors assist in developing the broad direction and vision of the school and arranging the supply of various goods, services, facilities, materials, and equipment as well as the provision of programs. The School Council also exercises a general oversight of the school's buildings and grounds and considers any views of the school community when making decisions regarding the school and students.

To be a member of our School Council, candidates must complete a self-nomination form or can nominate someone else. If we receive more nominations than we have vacancies, we will conduct a ballot. If you would like to know more about School Council, please contact Phil at school.



The Preps and their buddies are presented with a platypus gift.

Bookfair

The school is holding its bi-annual bookfair this term beginning on Monday February 16. The bookfair runs for one week and will be open before and after school in the library area (8.30am – 4.00pm). It is a great opportunity to purchase quality books and raise some money for school. Due to the bookfair, there will be no Bookclub catalogue sent home this term.

Annual Privacy Statement Reminder 2026

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy available on the school website describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use programs safely at school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using online programs please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#).

School Uniform

The students have looked wonderful in their uniform over the past few days. A reminder that it is compulsory to wear correct School Uniform to school every day. We have uniform in stock, if you wish to purchase a shirt (\$25), jacket (\$45) or hat (\$10) please come into the school and organise this.

PREP BUDDY PROGRAM

Our Prep Buddy Program has been very successful, which has helped our new students to transition into Primary School very smoothly.

Eddie – Charli	Maggie – Ally
Freddie – Knox	Cecilia – Ella
Oliver – Byron	Layne – Cohen
Tyson – Oscar	Hunter – Onyx
Lenny – Harrison	Raphael – Jack

Primary School Nurse Program

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, with the Department of Education, will be visiting our school on March 6th this year.

Prep Grade Health Assessments: All parents/guardians of Prep Grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire online, before February 25th. An envelope containing information about the Primary School Nursing Program, including how to access and complete questionnaire, will be sent home soon. **If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse**, please go online, register, and indicate the non-consent.

Referrals (Grades 1-6): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to February 25th. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year.



Week 2 Maths Awards: Mikayla, Sienna & Hunter.



Week 2 Student of the Week Awards: Cecilia, Onyx & Riley.



2026 Junior School Council with Mayor Stuart King



Mayor Stuart King with Captains Ella & Oscar



Sports Captains Jack & Byron at the Induction Ceremony



Bus Captains Onyx and Mikayla with Mayor Stuart King

Meet our 2026 Teaching Team

MR COX
PRINCIPAL & SPORT

MISS PRETTY
GRADE 3-6 TEACHER & ART

MRS BLACKMORE
GRADE 3-6 & SPECIALIST TEACHER

MRS CLEELAND
GRADE 1-2 TEACHER & LEARNING SPECIALIST

MISS WREN
GRADE 1-2 TEACHER & DISABILITY INCLUSION

MISS ELFORD
PREP TEACHER & INQUIRY

MISS SALAU
TUTOR & SCIENCE

Meet our 2026 Education Support

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BUSINESS MANAGER

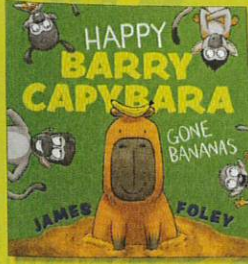
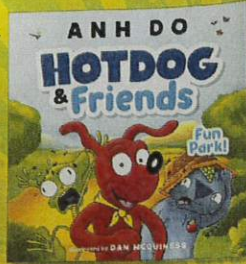
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EDUCATION SUPPORT

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EDUCATION SUPPORT

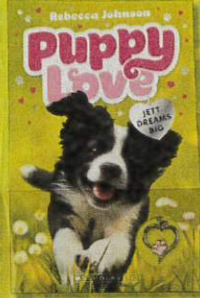
ZAC
EDUCATION SUPPORT

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC **Book Fair**

THE #1 BOOK FAIR



Find these books and much more at the Fair!



Date 16.02.2026 Time 8.30am - 4.30pm
Place BEVERFORD SCHOOL

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL





WELLBEING



with Mrs Blackmore

Hey everyone, welcome back!

Welcome to a brand new school year! Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome back – it is so lovely to be returning in my role as Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader. This is a role I am incredibly passionate about, and I look forward to continuing the important work of supporting the wellbeing of our students, staff and families across our school community. I am available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and encourage parents and carers to reach out if you would like to discuss any wellbeing matters, seek support, or access helpful resources. Please feel free to pop in for a chat or contact me via the school phone or email.



MHiPS
Mental Health in Primary Schools

SWPBS
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support



Introducing 'Pip'

SWPBS

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a fantastic program we use at our school to teach a broad range of skills that support positive social behaviour and strong learning outcomes, while also helping to prevent problem behaviour. Our school values – Respect, Responsibility and Resilience – sit at the heart of everything we do and are explicitly taught to all students throughout the year during wellbeing lessons.

These values are broken down into clear, age-appropriate expectations across different areas of the school. At the end of last year, our SWPBS Behaviour Matrix was revamped, with some areas condensed and new areas added. This review was a collaborative process, with both students and staff sharing their voice about what was working well, what could be removed, and what needed to be added to better reflect our school community.

For 2026, our key matrix areas are Always, Outside, Bus, Toilets and Devices. The inclusion of Devices is a new and important addition, reflecting the growing role technology plays in students' lives and the need to explicitly teach safe, responsible and respectful device use. Our learning community statements for each area are displayed around the school and referred to regularly in classrooms and during wellbeing lessons. Students are recognised and rewarded when they are seen demonstrating our school values, earning a tick on their chart. Once students collect five ticks, they receive a corresponding wristband to proudly wear.

A copy of our updated SWPBS Behaviour Matrix is attached to this newsletter for your reference. We would love to hear parent and carer feedback as we continue to refine and strengthen this work. If you would like to share your thoughts or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

We are excited to introduce our brand new SWPBS mascot, Pip the Platypus! SWPBS mascots play an important role in schools by representing core values, reinforcing expected behaviours, and helping to build a positive and engaging school culture. Pip will be used in assemblies, on reward certificates, and as part of our wellbeing lessons to help teach positive social behaviours. Pip was designed using AI by senior student Charli, as part of a whole-school process last year where all senior students designed an animal mascot. The wider school community – students and staff – then voted, with Charli's design being the clear favourite. Charli chose a platypus as a meaningful mascot for Beverford, as the platypus is our local First Nations totem. Our middle room students then helped select possible names, before the whole school voted on the winning name – Pip. Pip is already very loved by students and staff, with soft Pip toys going home with every new Prep student and a Pip in every classroom to cuddle and play with. You will definitely be seeing more Pips popping up around the school this year!



WELLBEING



with Mrs Blackmore

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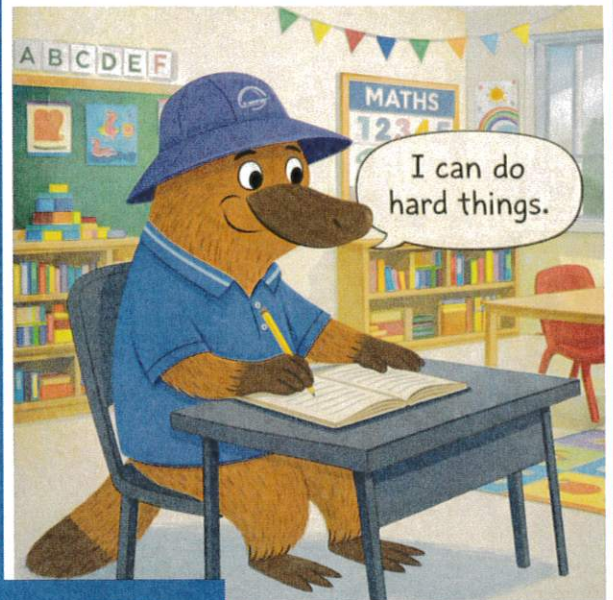
Respectful



We are....



Resilient



We are....






Responsible



Beverford District Primary Schools Positive Behaviour Matrix

We are a learning community that is...

	Always	Outside	Bus	Toilets	Devices
Respectful 	<p>Speak to and about others kindly</p> <p>Use our manners</p> <p>Listen respectfully to others</p> <p>Move safely</p> <p>Allow others to learn</p> <p>Include everyone</p>	<p>Take turns</p> <p>Share the space and equipment</p> <p>Finish eating before we go to play</p> <p>Walk slowly on the deck</p> <p>Use the deck for sitting and eating</p> <p>Agree on and follow the rules of the game</p>	<p>Listen to the bus driver and follow their instructions</p> <p>Use our inside voices</p>	<p>Keep the walls, floors and stalls clean</p> <p>Are mindful of others privacy</p> <p>Use the toilet for its correct purpose</p> <p>Talk quietly</p> <p>Keep our eyes and body in our own cubical</p>	<p>Keep communication positive</p> <p>Get permission before posting online</p>
Responsible 	<p>Takes turns and follow all instructions</p> <p>Keep all areas clean and tidy</p> <p>Respect the personal space of others</p> <p>Focus on our own work</p> <p>Help others</p> <p>Use equipment correctly and carefully</p> <p>Complete our classwork and homework</p> <p>Participate to the best of our ability</p>	<p>Pack up when the music starts playing</p> <p>Make sure games are fair and fun for everyone</p> <p>Put our rubbish in the bin</p> <p>Stay seated when we are eating</p> <p>Wear our hat (Term 1 & 4)</p> <p>Stay within the school boundary</p>	<p>Are safe on the bus and don't distract the driver</p> <p>Stay seated when the bus is moving</p> <p>Wear our seatbelts</p> <p>Sit in our assigned seats</p>	<p>Wash our hands with soap</p> <p>Flush the toilet</p> <p>Allow one person at a time in the cubical</p>	<p>Use it, return it and charge it</p> <p>Report concerns to a trusted adult</p> <p>Take care of our devices</p> <p>Protect private information</p> <p>Use ICT in a supervised area</p>
Resilient 	<p>Tell the truth</p> <p>Apologise if needed</p> <p>Own our mistakes and choices and try to learn from them</p> <p>Accept that accidents happen</p> <p>Use a growth mindset</p> <p>Identify and manage our emotions</p> <p>Build and look after friendships</p> <p>Work together as a team</p> <p>Wait patiently</p> <p>Use strategies to solve our problems</p> <p>Celebrate the success of others</p> <p>Be an upstander</p>	<p>Show good sportsmanship and include others in our play</p> <p>Try and solve our problems before seeing a yard duty teacher</p>	<p>Accept and follow the seating plan</p>	<p>Use the toilets during break time</p>	<p>Wait patiently when something went wrong</p> <p>Try to solve technical issues before seeing a teacher</p>